1   AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

2   Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3   represented in the General Assembly:

4   Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5   Section 5.545 as follows:

6   (30 ILCS 105/5.545 new)
7   Sec. 5.545. The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

8   Section 10.   The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
9   adding Section 3-648 as follows:

10   (625 ILCS 5/3-648 new)
11   Sec. 3-648. U.S. Marine Corps license plates.
12   (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
13   Secretary,   upon   receipt   of   all applicable fees and
14   applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
15   State, may issue special registration plates designated as
16   U.S. Marine Corps license plates to residents of Illinois who
17   meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of
18   State. The special plate issued under this Section shall be
19   affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
20   motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
21   8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by Section
22   1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section shall
23   expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure
24   established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.
25   (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
26   wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State,
27   except that the U.S. Marine Corps emblem shall appear on the
28   plates.   The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow
29   the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in

1   accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are

2   not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in

3   subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary

4   shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or

5   her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or

6   decals as provided under Section 3-412.

7   (c) An applicant shall be charged a $20 fee for original

8   issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.   Of

9   this additional fee, $15   shall   be   deposited   into   the

10   Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and $5 shall be

11   deposited into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. For each

12   registration renewal period, a $20 fee, in addition to the

13   appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this

14   additional fee, $2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of

15   State Special License Plate Fund and $18 shall be deposited

16   into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

17   (d) The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund is created as a

18   special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Marine

19   Corps Scholarship Fund shall, subject to appropriation by the

20   General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, be used by

21   the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a recognized

22   charitable organization that meets the requirements of Title

23   26, Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code, to provide

24   grants for scholarships for higher education. The scholarship

25   recipients must be the children of current or former members

26   of the United States Marine Corps who meet the academic,

27   financial, and other requirements established by the Marine

28   Corps Scholarship Foundation. In addition, the recipients

29   must be Illinois residents and must attend a college or

30   university located within the State of Illinois.

31   The State Treasurer shall require the Marine Corps

32   Scholarship Foundation to establish a separate account for

33   receipt of the proceeds of the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

34   That account shall be subject to audit either annually or at

1   another   interval,   as   determined   by   the   State Treasurer.

2   Proceeds from the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund shall be

3   transferred   on   a   quarterly   basis by the State Treasurer's

4   office to this separate account.