

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 Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Sections 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-624, 3-625,  
6 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-648 as added by  
7 Public Act 92-79, and 3-648 as added by Public Act 92-467 as  
8 follows:

9 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609.1)

10 Sec. 3-609.1. Congressional Medal of Honor plates}. Any  
11 resident of the State of Illinois who has been awarded the  
12 Congressional Medal of Honor may make application for the  
13 registration of a motor vehicle owned solely or in part by  
14 such recipient, to the Secretary of State without the payment  
15 of any registration fee. Registration shall be for a  
16 multi-year period effective from issuance. The Secretary of  
17 State shall furnish at his office at no cost to such  
18 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, plates bearing up to  
19 3 letters designating the recipient's initials followed by  
20 the letters C M H signifying the Congressional Medal of  
21 Honor. The plate shall be suitable for attachment to a motor  
22 vehicle or motorcycle registered under this Code.

23 (Source: P.A. 82-117.)

24 (625 ILCS 5/3-620) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-620)

25 Sec. 3-620. The Secretary, upon receipt of an  
26 application made on the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
27 State, may issue special registration plates to United  
28 States citizens, who are present or former members of the  
29 United States armed forces or any of its allies, and who were  
30 prisoners of war of World War I, World War II, the Korean

1 Conflict, and the Vietnamese conflict, or to the widowed  
2 spouse of a former member of the United States armed forces,  
3 providing that widowed spouse was married to the POW at the  
4 time of death, and is a single person at the time of  
5 application. The special plates issued pursuant to this  
6 Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the  
7 first division subject to the staggered registration system,  
8 motorcycles, and vehicles of the second division having a  
9 gross weight of 8,000 8000 pounds or less and shall be issued  
10 without charge. Only one set of plates may be issued at no  
11 fee.

12 The design and color of the prisoner of war plates shall  
13 be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

14 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/3-621) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621)

16 Sec. 3-621. The Secretary, upon receipt of an  
17 application, made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
18 State, may issue to members of the Illinois National Guard,  
19 special registration plates. The special plates issued  
20 pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only to passenger  
21 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, or motor  
22 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000  
23 pounds subject to the staggered registration system.

24 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly  
25 within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

26 (Source: P.A. 84-986.)

27 (625 ILCS 5/3-622) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-622)

28 Sec. 3-622. The Secretary, upon receipt of an  
29 application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
30 State, may issue to members of the United States Armed Forces  
31 Reserves who reside in Illinois, special registration plates.  
32 The special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be

1 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
2 motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division  
3 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds subject to the staggered  
4 registration system. The design and color of such plates  
5 shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of  
6 State.

7 (Source: P.A. 84-986.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/3-624) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-624)

9 Sec. 3-624. The Secretary, upon receipt of an  
10 application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
11 State, may issue to retired members of the United States  
12 Armed Forces who reside in Illinois, special registration  
13 plates. The special plates issued pursuant to this Section  
14 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first  
15 division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second  
16 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds and subject to  
17 the staggered registration system. The design and color of  
18 such plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the  
19 Secretary of State.

20 (Source: P.A. 86-165.)

21 (625 ILCS 5/3-625) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-625)

22 Sec. 3-625. Pearl Harbor Plates. The Secretary, upon  
23 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the  
24 Secretary of State, may issue special registration plates to  
25 any Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces  
26 of the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl  
27 Harbor on December 7, 1941, or to the widowed spouse of any  
28 Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces of  
29 the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl Harbor  
30 on December 7, 1941, provided that the widowed spouse was  
31 married to the battle of Pearl Harbor participant at the time  
32 of the participant's death and is a single person at the time

1 of application. The special plates issued pursuant to this  
2 Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the  
3 1st division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd  
4 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

5 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly  
6 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate  
7 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the  
8 standard registration fee shall accompany the application.

9 (Source: P.A. 89-571, eff. 7-26-96; 89-620, eff. 1-1-97.)

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-626)

11 Sec. 3-626. Korean War Veteran 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 Korean War Veteran license plates to residents of Illinois  
17 who participated in the United States Armed Forces during the  
18 Korean War. The special plate issued under this Section  
19 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first  
20 division, motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division  
21 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational  
22 vehicles as defined by Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates  
23 issued under this Section shall expire according to the  
24 staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1  
25 of this Code.

26 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
27 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
28 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to  
29 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with  
30 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
31 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
32 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe  
33 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,

1 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
2 under Section 3-412.

3 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
4 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of  
5 this additional fee, \$13 shall be deposited into the  
6 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$2 shall be  
7 deposited into the Korean War Memorial Construction Fund.  
8 For each registration renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition  
9 to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged and  
10 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special  
11 License Plate Fund.

12 (d) The Korean War Memorial Construction Fund is created  
13 as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the  
14 Korean War Memorial Construction Fund shall, subject to  
15 appropriation, be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs  
16 to provide grants for construction of the Korean War Memorial  
17 to be located at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois.  
18 Upon the completion of the Memorial, the Department of  
19 Veteran Affairs shall certify to the State Treasurer that the  
20 construction of the Memorial has been completed. Upon the  
21 certification by the Department of Veteran Affairs, the State  
22 Treasurer shall transfer all moneys in the Fund and any  
23 future deposits into the Fund into the Secretary of State  
24 Special License Plate Fund.

25 (e) An individual who has been issued Korean War Veteran  
26 license plates for a vehicle and who has claimed and received  
27 a grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons  
28 Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act shall  
29 pay the original issuance and the regular annual fee for the  
30 registration of the vehicle as provided in Section 3-806.3 of  
31 this Code in addition to the fees specified in subsection (c)  
32 of this Section.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-679, eff. 1-26-00.)

1 (625 ILCS 5/3-628)

2 Sec. 3-628. Bronze Star plates.

3 (a) Beginning January 1, 1996, in addition to any other  
4 special license plate, the Secretary, upon receipt of all  
5 applicable fees and applications made in the form prescribed  
6 by the Secretary of State, may issue special registration  
7 plates to residents of Illinois who have been awarded the  
8 Bronze Star by the United States Armed Forces. The special  
9 plate issued under this Section shall be affixed only to  
10 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, or  
11 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than  
12 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire  
13 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established  
14 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

15 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
16 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
17 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to  
18 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with  
19 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
20 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
21 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe  
22 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,  
23 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
24 under Section 3-412.

25 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
26 issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee.

27 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary  
28 of State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration  
29 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate  
30 registration fee, shall be charged and deposited into the  
31 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

32 (Source: P.A. 88-589, eff. 8-14-94; 89-282, eff. 8-10-95.)

33 (625 ILCS 5/3-638)

1           Sec. 3-638. U.S. Veteran License Plates.

2           (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
3 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
4 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
5 State, may issue U.S. Veteran license plates to residents of  
6 Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the  
7 Secretary of State. The special U.S. Veteran plate issued  
8 under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger  
9 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor  
10 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000  
11 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire  
12 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established  
13 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

14           (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
15 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
16 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to  
17 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with  
18 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
19 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
20 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe  
21 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,  
22 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
23 under Section 3-412.

24           (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
25 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.  
26 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
27 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration  
28 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate  
29 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited  
30 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

31 (Source: P.A. 89-639, eff. 1-1-97; 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)

32           (625 ILCS 5/3-642)

33           Sec. 3-642. Silver Star plates.

1           (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees  
2 and applications made in the form prescribed by the  
3 Secretary, may issue special registration plates to residents  
4 of Illinois who have been awarded the Silver Star by the  
5 United States Armed Forces. The special plate issued under  
6 this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of  
7 the first division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the  
8 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates  
9 issued under this Section shall expire according to the  
10 staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1  
11 of this Code.

12           (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
13 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary  
14 may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued  
15 as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with Section  
16 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
17 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
18 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe  
19 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,  
20 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
21 under Section 3-412.

22           (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
23 issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee.

24           This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary  
25 of State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration  
26 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate  
27 registration fee, shall be charged and deposited into the  
28 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

29           (Source: P.A. 90-533, eff. 11-14-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)

30           (625 ILCS 5/3-645)

31           Sec. 3-645. Vietnam Veteran License Plates.

32           (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
33 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and



1 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
2 State, may issue Vietnam Veteran license plates to residents  
3 of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by  
4 the Secretary of State. The special Vietnam Veteran plate  
5 issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger  
6 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor  
7 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000  
8 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire  
9 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established  
10 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

11 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
12 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
13 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to  
14 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with  
15 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
16 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
17 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe  
18 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,  
19 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
20 under Section 3-412.

21 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
22 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.  
23 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
24 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration  
25 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate  
26 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited  
27 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

28 (Source: P.A. 91-805, eff. 1-1-01.)

29 (625 ILCS 5/3-647)

30 Sec. 3-647. World War II Veteran License Plates.

31 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
32 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
33 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of

1 State, may issue World War II Veteran license plates to  
2 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements  
3 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special World War  
4 II Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be affixed  
5 only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
6 motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division  
7 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this  
8 Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year  
9 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

10 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
11 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
12 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to  
13 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with  
14 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
15 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
16 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe  
17 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,  
18 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
19 under Section 3-412.

20 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
21 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.  
22 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
23 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration  
24 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate  
25 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited  
26 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

27 (Source: P.A. 91-805, eff. 1-1-01.)

28 (625 ILCS 5/3-650)

29 Sec. 3-650. ~~3-648~~. Army Combat Veteran license plates.

30 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
31 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
32 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
33 State, may issue Army Combat Veteran license plates to

1 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements  
2 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special Army  
3 Combat Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be  
4 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
5 motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division  
6 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this  
7 Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year  
8 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

9 (b) The plates shall display the Army Combat Infantry  
10 Badge. In all other respects, the design, color, and format  
11 of the plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary  
12 of State. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow  
13 the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in  
14 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are  
15 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in  
16 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary  
17 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or  
18 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or  
19 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

20 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
21 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.  
22 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
23 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration  
24 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate  
25 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited  
26 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

27 (Source: P.A. 92-79, eff. 1-1-02; revised 10-17-01.)

28 (625 ILCS 5/3-651)

29 Sec. 3-651. ~~3-648~~ U.S. Marine Corps license plates.

30 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
31 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
32 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
33 State, may issue special registration plates designated as

1 U.S. Marine Corps license plates to residents of Illinois who  
2 meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of  
3 State. The special plate issued under this Section shall be  
4 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
5 motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division weighing  
6 not more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as  
7 defined by Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under  
8 this Section shall expire according to the staggered  
9 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this  
10 Code.

11 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
12 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State,  
13 except that the U.S. Marine Corps emblem shall appear on the  
14 plates. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow  
15 the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in  
16 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are  
17 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in  
18 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary  
19 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or  
20 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or  
21 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

22 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$20 fee for original  
23 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of  
24 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the  
25 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$5 shall be  
26 deposited into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. For each  
27 registration renewal period, a \$20 fee, in addition to the  
28 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this  
29 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
30 State Special License Plate Fund and \$18 shall be deposited  
31 into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

32 (d) The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund is created as a  
33 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Marine  
34 Corps Scholarship Fund shall, subject to appropriation by the

1 General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, be used by  
2 the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a recognized  
3 charitable organization that meets the requirements of Title  
4 26, Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code, to provide  
5 grants for scholarships for higher education. The scholarship  
6 recipients must be the children of current or former members  
7 of the United States Marine Corps who meet the academic,  
8 financial, and other requirements established by the Marine  
9 Corps Scholarship Foundation. In addition, the recipients  
10 must be Illinois residents and must attend a college or  
11 university located within the State of Illinois.

12 The State Treasurer shall require the Marine Corps  
13 Scholarship Foundation to establish a separate account for  
14 receipt of the proceeds of the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.  
15 That account shall be subject to audit either annually or at  
16 another interval, as determined by the State Treasurer.  
17 Proceeds from the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund shall be  
18 transferred on a quarterly basis by the State Treasurer's  
19 office to this separate account.

20 (Source: P.A. 92-467, eff. 1-1-02; revised 10-17-01.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.