

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section 3-698 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/3-698)

Sec. 3-698. U.S. Air Force License Plates.

(a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue special registration plates designated as U.S. Air Force license plates to residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special plate issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according to the multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

(b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State, except that the U.S. Air Force emblem shall appear on the plates. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be

issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.

(c) An applicant shall be charged a \$20 fee for original issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$5 shall be deposited into the Octave Chanute Aerospace Heritage Fund. For each registration renewal period, a \$20 fee, in addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$18 shall be deposited into the Octave Chanute Aerospace Heritage Fund.

(d) The Octave Chanute Aerospace Heritage Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Octave Chanute Aerospace Heritage Fund shall be paid, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, as grants to the Rantoul Historical Society and Museum, or any other charitable foundation responsible for the former exhibits and collections of the Chanute Air Museum, ~~Octave Chanute Aerospace Heritage Foundation of Illinois~~ for operational and program expenses of the Chanute Air Museum and

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any other structure housing exhibits and collections of the Chanute Air Museum.

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