

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding Section 5.675 as follows:

(30 ILCS 105/5.675 new)

Sec. 5.675. The Autism Awareness Fund.

Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding Section 3-664 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/3-664 new)

Sec. 3-664. Autism Awareness license plates.

(a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special registration plates designated as Autism Awareness license plates. The special plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division and motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. 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 and color of the plates is wholly within the

discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary, in his or her discretion, may allow the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates under Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412 of this Code.

(c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a \$40 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee. Of this fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the Autism Awareness Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund, to be used by the Secretary to help defray the administrative processing costs.

For each registration renewal period, a \$27 fee, in addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the Autism Awareness Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(d) The Autism Awareness Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Autism Awareness Fund shall be paid, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, to the Illinois Department of Human Services for the purpose of grants for research, education, and awareness regarding autism and autism spectrum disorders.