AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 3-606.1 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/3-606.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-606.1)

Sec. 3-606.1. Retired members of the General Assembly. Upon receipt of a request from a retired member of the General Assembly, accompanied by the appropriate application and fee, the Secretary of State shall issue to such retired member plates bearing appropriate wording or abbreviations indicating that the holder is a retired member of the General Assembly. Such plates may be issued for a 2 year period beginning January 1st of each odd-numbered year and ending December 31st of the subsequent even-numbered year. Upon the death of a retired member who has been issued a retired member of the General Assembly plate, that member's surviving spouse shall be entitled to retain the plate so long as the surviving spouse is a resident of Illinois and transfers the registration to his or her name within 90 days of the death of the retired member.

"Retired member" means any individual who (a) has served as a member of the General Assembly for a minimum of 6 years, or (b) is 62 or older, has served as a member of the General Assembly for a minimum of 4 years, and retired prior to the convening of the 83rd General Assembly.

The fees and procedures relating to such plates for retired members of the General Assembly shall be the same as the fees and procedures applicable to personalized plates issued under this Code.

(Source: P.A. 85-413.)

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