

# HB0407



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB0407

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-699.14

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to allow for the issuance of In God We Trust special license plate decals by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. Provides for the original and renewal fees and fee distribution for the In God We Trust decals issued by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 changing  
5 Section 3-699.14 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.14)

7 Sec. 3-699.14. Universal special license plates.

8 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
9 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications  
10 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue  
11 Universal special license plates to residents of Illinois on  
12 behalf of organizations that have been authorized by the  
13 General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special license  
14 plates. Appropriate documentation, as determined by the  
15 Secretary, shall accompany each application. Authorized  
16 organizations shall be designated by amendment to this Section.  
17 When applying for a Universal special license plate the  
18 applicant shall inform the Secretary of the name of the  
19 authorized organization from which the applicant will obtain a  
20 decal to place on the plate. The Secretary shall make a record  
21 of that organization and that organization shall remain  
22 affiliated with that plate until the plate is surrendered,  
23 revoked, or otherwise cancelled. The authorized organization

1 may charge a fee to offset the cost of producing and  
2 distributing the decal, but that fee shall be retained by the  
3 authorized organization and shall be separate and distinct from  
4 any registration fees charged by the Secretary. No decal,  
5 sticker, or other material may be affixed to a Universal  
6 special license plate other than a decal authorized by the  
7 General Assembly in this Section or a registration renewal  
8 sticker. The special plates issued under this Section shall be  
9 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
10 including motorcycles and autocycles, or motor vehicles of the  
11 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates  
12 issued under this Section shall expire according to the  
13 multi-year procedure under Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

14 (b) The design, color, and format of the Universal special  
15 license plate shall be wholly within the discretion of the  
16 Secretary. Universal special license plates are not required to  
17 designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of  
18 Section 3-412 of this Code. The design shall allow for the  
19 application of a decal to the plate. Organizations authorized  
20 by the General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special  
21 license plates shall comply with rules adopted by the Secretary  
22 governing the requirements for and approval of Universal  
23 special license plate decals. The Secretary may, in his or her  
24 discretion, allow Universal special license plates to be issued  
25 as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section  
26 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of State must make a

1 version of the special registration plates authorized under  
2 this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles and  
3 autocycles.

4 (c) When authorizing a Universal special license plate, the  
5 General Assembly shall set forth whether an additional fee is  
6 to be charged for the plate and, if a fee is to be charged, the  
7 amount of the fee and how the fee is to be distributed. When  
8 necessary, the authorizing language shall create a special fund  
9 in the State treasury into which fees may be deposited for an  
10 authorized Universal special license plate. Additional fees  
11 may only be charged if the fee is to be paid over to a State  
12 agency or to a charitable entity that is in compliance with the  
13 registration and reporting requirements of the Charitable  
14 Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act. Any charitable  
15 entity receiving fees for the sale of Universal special license  
16 plates shall annually provide the Secretary of State a letter  
17 of compliance issued by the Attorney General verifying that the  
18 entity is in compliance with the Charitable Trust Act and the  
19 Solicitation for Charity Act.

20 (d) Upon original issuance and for each registration  
21 renewal period, in addition to the appropriate registration  
22 fee, if applicable, the Secretary shall collect any additional  
23 fees, if required, for issuance of Universal special license  
24 plates. The fees shall be collected on behalf of the  
25 organization designated by the applicant when applying for the  
26 plate. All fees collected shall be transferred to the State

1 agency on whose behalf the fees were collected, or paid into  
2 the special fund designated in the law authorizing the  
3 organization to issue decals for Universal special license  
4 plates. All money in the designated fund shall be distributed  
5 by the Secretary subject to appropriation by the General  
6 Assembly.

7 (e) The following organizations may issue decals for  
8 Universal special license plates with the original and renewal  
9 fees and fee distribution as follows:

10 (1) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

11 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the  
12 Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund and \$15 to the Secretary  
13 of State Special Plate Fund.

14 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Roadside Monarch  
15 Habitat Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special  
16 Plate Fund.

17 (2) ~~(1)~~ Illinois Veterans' Homes.

18 (A) Original issuance: \$26, which shall be  
19 deposited into the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

20 (B) Renewal: \$26, which shall be deposited into the  
21 Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

22 (3) The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs for In  
23 God We Trust decals.

24 (A) Original issuance: \$26; with \$11 to the  
25 Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund and \$15 to the Secretary  
26 of State Special Plate Fund.

1                   (B) Renewal: \$26; with \$24 to the Illinois  
2                   Veterans' Homes Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State  
3                   Special Plate Fund.

4           (f) The following funds are created as special funds in the  
5 State treasury:

6           (1) The Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund. All moneys to be  
7           paid as grants to the Illinois Department of Natural  
8           Resources to fund roadside monarch and other pollinator  
9           habitat development, enhancement, and restoration projects  
10          in this State.

11          (Source: P.A. 99-483, eff. 7-1-16; 99-723, eff. 8-5-16; 99-814,  
12          eff. 1-1-17; revised 9-12-16.)