

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 3-651 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-651)

7 Sec. 3-651. U.S. Marine Corps 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 of State, may  
11 issue special registration plates designated as U.S. Marine  
12 Corps license plates to residents of Illinois who meet  
13 eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State.  
14 The special plate issued under this Section shall be affixed  
15 only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles,  
16 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than  
17 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by Section  
18 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section shall  
19 expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure  
20 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

21 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
22 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State, except  
23 that the U.S. Marine Corps emblem shall appear on the plates.

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

9 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$5 fee for original  
10 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. This  
11 additional fee shall be deposited into the Marine Corps  
12 Scholarship Fund. For each registration renewal period, an \$18  
13 fee, in addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be  
14 charged. This additional fee shall be deposited into the Marine  
15 Corps Scholarship Fund.

16 (d) The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund is created as a  
17 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Marine  
18 Corps Scholarship Fund shall, subject to appropriation by the  
19 General Assembly and distribution by the Secretary, be used by  
20 the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Illinois, Inc.  
21 ~~Scholarship Foundation, Inc.~~, a recognized charitable  
22 organization that meets the requirements of Title 26, Section  
23 501(c)(3) of the United States Code, to provide grants for  
24 scholarships for higher education. The scholarship recipients  
25 must be the children of current or former members of the United  
26 States Marine Corps who meet the academic, financial, and other

1 requirements established by the Marine Corps Scholarship  
2 Foundation. In addition, the recipients must be Illinois  
3 residents and must attend a college or university located  
4 within the State of Illinois.

5 (e) In addition, the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of  
6 Illinois is authorized to provide grants to the Marine Corps  
7 Scholarship Foundation, the Young Marine National Foundation,  
8 the Women Marines Association, and to any local chapter of the  
9 Marine Corps League that is located in Illinois. Any grant  
10 money paid from the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund shall be used  
11 for scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, and career and  
12 technical education and certification, financial assistance,  
13 or monetary awards to veterans or veterans' families that are  
14 located within the State of Illinois.

15 (Source: P.A. 97-306, eff. 1-1-12; 97-409; eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,  
16 eff. 7-13-12.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
18 2019.