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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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625 ILCS 5/3-609
from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning Disabled Veterans' Plates.
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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 3-609 as follows:
(625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)
Sec. 3-609. Disabled Veterans' Plates. Any veteran may make application for the the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds to the Secretary of State without the payment of any registration fee if (i) the veteran holds proof of a service-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and (ii) a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse has certified in accordance with Section 3-616 that because of the service-connected disability the veteran qualifies for issuance of registration plates or decals to a person with disabilities. 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. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be issued staggered registration.

Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with
documentation for eligibility of registration without fee unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability, and such registration plates may not be issued to any person not eligible therefor.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs may assist in providing the documentation of disability.

Commencing with the 2009 registration year, any person eligible to receive license plates under this Section who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under that Act, shall pay a fee of $\$ 24$ instead of the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1, for motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), or for recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b), for a second set of plates under this Section.
(Source: P.A. 95-157, eff. 1-1-08; 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 95-353, eff. 1-1-08; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10.)

