98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 SB2724

Introduced 1/28/2014, by Sen. Karen McConnaughay

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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625 ILCS 5/3-413
from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413
625 ILCS 5/3-804.01
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Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that antique vehicles and expanded-use antique vehicles are required to display registration plates on the rear of the vehicle only. Provides that expanded-use antique vehicles may be operated year round with no restriction on destination or purpose.

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 Sections 3-413 and 3-804.01 as follows:
(625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)
Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration stickers, and drive-away permits; registration plate covers.
(a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other than an antique vehicle, expanded-use antique vehicle, $a$ motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be attached thereto, one in the front and one in the rear. The registration plate issued for an antique vehicle, expanded-use antique vehicle, $\quad$ motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and any apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof. The registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder shall be attached to the front thereof.
(b) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a
height of not less than 5 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible, free from any materials that would obstruct the visibility of the plate. A registration plate on a motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it is otherwise clearly visible. Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual registration shall be attached to registration plates as required by the Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times.
(c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall be void and of no effect.
(d) The Illinois prorate decal issued to a foreign registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as an Illinois registration plate.
(e) The registration plate issued for a camper body mounted on a truck displaying registration plates shall be attached to the rear of the camper body.
(f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois registration plate, plates or registration stickers after the
termination of the registration period for which issued or after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.
(g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is equipped with registration plate covers. A violation of this subsection (g) or a similar provision of a local ordinance is an offense against laws and ordinances regulating the movement of traffic.
(h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration plate cover. A violation of this subsection (h) is a business offense.
(i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of promoting the sale of registration plate covers. A violation of this subsection (i) is a business offense.
(j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's mounting location of the rear registration plate on any vehicle so as to conceal the registration or to knowingly cause it to be obstructed in an effort to hinder a peace officer from obtaining the registration for the enforcement of a violation of this Code, Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning toll evasion, or any municipal ordinance. Modifications prohibited by this subsection (j) include but are not limited to the use of an electronic device. A violation of this subsection (j) is a Class A misdemeanor.
(Source: P.A. 97-743, eff. 1-1-13.)
(625 ILCS 5/3-804.01)
Sec. 3-804.01. Expanded-use antique vehicles.
(a) The owner of a motor vehicle that is more than 25 years of age or a bona fide replica thereof may register the vehicle as an expanded-use antique vehicle. In addition to the appropriate registration and renewal fees, the fee for expanded-use antique vehicle registration and renewal shall be $\$ 45$ per year. The application for registration must be accompanied by an affirmation of the owner that:
(1) (blank); from January 1 through Mareh 31 and from November 1 through December 31, the vehicle will be driven on the highwy only for the purpose of going to and returning from an antique auto show or an exhibition, or for servicing or demonstration; and
(2) the mechanical condition, physical condition, brakes, lights, glass, and appearance of such vehicle is the same or as safe as originally equipped.

From April 1 through oetor 31, a vehiele registered as an expanded use antique vehiele may be driven on the highwys without being subject to the restrictions set forth in subdivision (1). The Secretary may prescribe, in the secetary disetion, that expanded-use antique vehicle plates be issued for a definite or an indefinite term, such term to correspond to the term of registration plates issued generally, as provided in Section 3-414.1. Any person requesting expanded-use antique vehicle plates under this

Section may also apply to have vanity or personalized plates as provided under Section 3-405.1.
(b) Any person who is the registered owner of an expanded-use antique vehicle may display a historical license plate from or representing the model year of the vehicle, furnished by such person, in lieu of the current and valid Illinois expanded-use antique vehicle plates issued thereto, provided that the valid and current Illinois expanded-use antique vehicle plates and registration card issued to the expanded-use antique vehicle are simultaneously carried within the vehicle and are available for inspection.
(c) The Secretary may credit a pro-rated portion of a fee previously paid for an antique vehicle registration under Section 3-804 to an owner who applies to have that vehicle registered as an expanded-use antique vehicle instead of an antique vehicle.
(Source: P.A. 97-412, eff. 1-1-12.)

