

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 3-415 and 3-806.7 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/3-415) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-415)

Sec. 3-415. Application for and renewal of registration.

(a) Calendar year. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered on a calendar registration year, not later than December 1 of each year, upon proper application and by payment of the registration fee and tax for such vehicle, as provided by law except that application for renewal of a vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be registered on a staggered calendar year basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(b) Fiscal year. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered on a fiscal registration year, not later than June 1 of each year, upon proper application and by payment of the registration fee and tax for such vehicle as provided by law, except that application for renewal of a

vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be registered on a staggered fiscal year basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(c) Two calendar years. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 2 calendar years, not later than December 1 of the year preceding commencement of the 2-year registration period, except that application for renewal of a vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 2 years on a staggered registration basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(d) Two fiscal years. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 2 fiscal years, not later than June 1 immediately preceding commencement of the 2-year registration period, except that application for renewal of a vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 2 fiscal years on a staggered registration basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(d-5) Three calendar years. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 3 calendar years, not later than December 1 of the year preceding commencement of the

3-year registration period.

(e) Time of application. The Secretary of State may receive applications for renewal of registration and grant the same and issue new registration cards and plates or registration stickers at any time prior to expiration of registration. No person shall display upon a vehicle, the new registration plates or registration stickers prior to the dates the Secretary of State in his discretion may select.

(f) Verification. The Secretary of State may further require, as to vehicles for-hire, that applications be accompanied by verification that fees due under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law, as amended, have been paid.

(g) (Blank).

(h) Returning combat mission veterans. Beginning in registration year 2017, the application for renewal, and subsequent fees, of a vehicle registration for a member of the active-duty or reserve component of the United States Armed Forces returning from a combat mission shall not be required for that service member's next scheduled renewal. Proof of combat mission service shall come from the service member's hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay documentation received any time in the 12 months preceding the registration renewal. Nothing in this subsection is applicable to the additional fees incurred by specialty, personalized, or vanity license plates.

(Source: P.A. 98-539, eff. 1-1-14; 98-787, eff. 7-25-14.)

(625 ILCS 5/3-806.7)

Sec. 3-806.7. Registration fees for active duty military personnel.

(a) Beginning with the 2011 registration year, the standard registration fee set forth in Section 3-806 of this Code for passenger motor vehicles of the first division and motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds and registered under Section 3-815 of this Code, shall be reduced by 50% for any Illinois vehicle owner who was on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and stationed outside of the United States for a period of 90 days or longer during the preceding registration year.

(b) Illinois residents who are members of the Armed Forces of the United States and who have been stationed outside of the United States for a period of 6 months or longer, and who placed their registered motor vehicle in storage during the time they served abroad, shall be entitled to credit for the unused portion of that registration when they renew the registration of that vehicle upon their return to the United States. For each month or part thereof that the vehicle was in storage and had current registration, the member of the armed forces shall receive one month of registration without charge.

(c) Beginning with the 2017 registration year, the standard registration fee set forth in Section 3-806 of this Code for passenger motor vehicles of the first division and motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000

pounds and registered under Section 3-815 of this Code, shall be waived for the year following the return of any Illinois vehicle owner who is a member of the active-duty or reserve component of the United States Armed Forces who can provide proof of serving in a combat mission. Nothing in this subsection is applicable to the additional fees incurred by specialty, personalized, or vanity license plates.

(Source: P.A. 96-747, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)

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