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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-171	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-171
625 ILCS 5/3-412	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412
625 ILCS 5/3-413	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning with the next registration year after the effective date, the Secretary of State shall issue one registration plate (instead of 2) for newly registered motor vehicles and the registration plate shall be attached to the rear (instead of front and rear) of the motor vehicle.

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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
5 changing Sections 1-171, 3-412, and 3-413 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/1-171) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-171)

7 Sec. 1-171. Registration - Registration Sticker.
8 Registration. The registration certificate or certificates,
9 registration plates and registration stickers issued under the
10 laws of this State pertaining to the registration of vehicles.

11 Registration Sticker or Stickers. A device or devices to
12 be attached to a rear registration plate that will renew the
13 registration and registration plate or plates for a
14 pre-determined period not to exceed one registration year
15 except as provided in subsection (1) of Section 3-414 of this
16 Code. Should the Secretary of State determine it is advisable
17 to require a registration sticker to be attached to a front
18 registration plate, he may require such action and provide the
19 necessary additional sticker. Such determination shall be
20 publicly announced at least 30 days in advance of a new annual
21 registration year.

22 "Registration" and "registration sticker or stickers"
23 includes digital registration plates and digital registration

1 stickers issued by the Secretary of State under Section
2 3-401.5.

3 Beginning with the next registration year after the
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
5 Assembly, any reference to "plates" in the plural number in
6 any law or rule shall be deemed to be a reference to the single
7 registration plate required to be furnished and displayed in
8 accordance with this amendatory Act of the 104th General
9 Assembly.

10 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

12 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates or digital registration
13 plates and registration stickers or digital registration
14 stickers to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

15 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle
16 subject to annual registration for the first time shall issue
17 or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration plate
18 or digital registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer,
19 semitrailer, moped, autocycle, or truck-tractor, 2
20 registration plates, or a digital registration plate and metal
21 plate as set forth in Section 3-401.5, for other motor
22 vehicles and, where applicable, current registration stickers
23 or digital registration stickers for motor vehicles of the
24 first division. Beginning with the next registration year
25 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th

1 General Assembly, the Secretary of State, upon registering a
2 vehicle subject to annual registration for the first time,
3 shall issue or shall cause to be issued to the owner one
4 registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer,
5 motorized pedalcycle, or truck-tractor, one registration plate
6 for other motor vehicles, and, when applicable, current
7 registration stickers for motor vehicles of the first
8 division.

9 The provisions of this Section may be made applicable to
10 such vehicles of the second division, as the Secretary of
11 State may, from time to time, in his discretion designate. On
12 subsequent annual registrations during the term of the
13 registration plate or digital registration plate as provided
14 in Section 3-414.1, the Secretary shall issue or cause to be
15 issued registration stickers or digital registration stickers
16 as evidence of current registration. However, the issuance of
17 annual registration stickers or digital registration stickers
18 to vehicles registered under the provisions of Sections
19 3-402.1 and 3-405.3 of this Code may not be required if the
20 Secretary deems the issuance unnecessary.

21 (b) Every registration plate or digital registration plate
22 shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned
23 to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of this State,
24 which may be abbreviated, the year number for which it was
25 issued, which may be abbreviated, the phrase "Land of Lincoln"
26 (except as otherwise provided in this Code), and such other

1 letters or numbers as the Secretary may prescribe. However,
2 for apportionment plates issued to vehicles registered under
3 Section 3-402.1 and fleet plates issued to vehicles registered
4 under Section 3-405.3, the phrase "Land of Lincoln" may be
5 omitted to allow for the word "apportioned", the word "fleet",
6 or other similar language to be displayed. Registration plates
7 or digital registration plates issued to a vehicle registered
8 as a fleet vehicle may display a designation determined by the
9 Secretary.

10 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that letters
11 be used as prefixes only on registration plates or digital
12 registration plates issued to vehicles of the first division
13 which are registered under this Code and only as suffixes on
14 registration plates or digital registration plates issued to
15 other vehicles. Every registration sticker or digital
16 registration sticker issued as evidence of current
17 registration shall designate the year number for which it is
18 issued and such other letters or numbers as the Secretary may
19 prescribe and shall be of a contrasting color with the
20 registration plates or digital registration plates and
21 registration stickers or digital registration stickers of the
22 previous year.

23 (c) Each registration plate or digital registration plate
24 and the required letters and numerals thereon, except the year
25 number for which issued, shall be of sufficient size to be
26 plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight,

1 and shall be coated with reflectorizing material. The
2 dimensions of the plate issued to vehicles of the first
3 division shall be 6 by 12 inches.

4 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
5 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
6 registration plates or digital registration plates as the type
7 of plates issued for a private passenger vehicle.

8 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
9 car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive registration
10 plates or digital registration plates.

11 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every
12 motorcycle distinctive registration plates or digital
13 registration plates distinguishing between motorcycles having
14 150 or more cubic centimeters piston displacement, or having
15 less than 150 cubic centimeter piston displacement.

16 (g) Registration plates or digital registration plates
17 issued to vehicles for-hire may display a designation as
18 determined by the Secretary that such vehicles are for-hire.

19 (h) (Blank).

20 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public
21 and private ambulance registration plates or digital
22 registration plates identifying the vehicle as an ambulance.
23 The Secretary shall forward to the Department of Healthcare
24 and Family Services registration information for the purpose
25 of verification of claims filed with the Department by
26 ambulance owners for payment for services to public assistance

1 recipients.

2 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public
3 and private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery
4 registration plates or digital registration plates displaying
5 numbers within ranges of numbers reserved respectively for
6 medical carriers and rescue vehicles. The Secretary shall
7 forward to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
8 registration information for the purpose of verification of
9 claims filed with the Department by owners of medical carriers
10 or rescue vehicles for payment for services to public
11 assistance recipients.

12 (k) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive license
13 plates or digital registration plates or distinctive license
14 plate stickers or digital registration stickers for every
15 vehicle exempted from subsections (a) and (a-5) of Section
16 12-503 by subsection (g) of that Section, and by subsection
17 (g-5) of that Section before its deletion by this amendatory
18 Act of the 95th General Assembly. The Secretary shall issue
19 these plates or stickers immediately upon receiving the
20 physician's certification required under subsection (g) of
21 Section 12-503. New plates or stickers shall also be issued
22 when the certification is renewed as provided in that
23 subsection.

24 (l) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
25 registration plates or digital registration plates for
26 low-speed vehicles.

1 (m) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
2 registration plates or digital registration plates for
3 autocycles. The dimensions of the plate issued to autocycles
4 shall be 4 by 7 inches.

5 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

7 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates or digital
8 registration plates, registration stickers or digital
9 registration stickers, and drive-away permits; registration
10 plate or digital registration plate covers.

11 (a) Registration plates or digital registration plates
12 issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, autocycle,
13 trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or
14 apportioned truck shall be attached thereto, one in the
15 frontmost and one in the rearmost. Beginning with the next
16 registration year after the effective date of this amendatory
17 Act of the 104th General Assembly, the registration plate
18 issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer,
19 semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned
20 truck shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle. The
21 registration plate or digital registration plate issued for a
22 motorcycle, autocycle, trailer or semitrailer required to be
23 registered hereunder and any apportionment plate issued to a
24 bus under the provisions of this Code shall be attached to the
25 rearmost thereof. The registration plate or digital

1 registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an
2 apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder shall be
3 attached to the frontmost thereof.

4 (b) Except for vehicles with rear loaded motorized
5 forklifts, every registration plate or digital registration
6 plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal
7 position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent
8 the plate from swinging and at a height of not less than 5
9 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such
10 plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall
11 be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible, free from
12 any materials that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.
13 A registration plate or digital registration plate on a
14 motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it is
15 otherwise clearly visible. Registration stickers or digital
16 registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual
17 registration shall be attached to registration plates or
18 displayed on digital registration plates as required by the
19 Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times and
20 displayed as prescribed in subsection (k). For those vehicles
21 with rear loaded motorized forklifts, if the rear plate is
22 securely fastened in a horizontal position as prescribed, the
23 plate and registration sticker shall not be required to be
24 clearly visible at all times as a result of the rear mounted
25 motorized forklift obstructing the view.

26 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code

1 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
2 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit
3 is affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit
4 shall be void and of no effect.

5 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign
6 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned
7 with Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate or
8 digital registration plate and displayed on the frontmost of
9 such vehicle in the same manner as an Illinois registration
10 plate or digital registration plate.

11 (e) The registration plate or digital registration plate
12 issued for a camper body mounted on a truck displaying
13 registration plates or digital registration plates shall be
14 attached to the rearmost of the camper body.

15 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the
16 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois
17 registration plate or plates or digital registration plate or
18 plates or registration stickers or digital registration
19 stickers, except as provided for in subsection (b) of Section
20 3-701 of this Code, after the termination of the registration
21 period for which issued or after the expiration date set
22 pursuant to Sections 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

23 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is
24 equipped with registration plate or digital registration plate
25 covers. A violation of this subsection (g) or a similar
26 provision of a local ordinance is an offense against laws and

1 ordinances regulating the movement of traffic.

2 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration
3 plate or digital registration plate cover. A violation of this
4 subsection (h) is a business offense.

5 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of
6 promoting the sale of registration plate or digital
7 registration plate covers. A violation of this subsection (i)
8 is a business offense.

9 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's
10 mounting location of the rear registration plate or digital
11 registration plate on any vehicle so as to conceal the
12 registration or to knowingly cause it to be obstructed in an
13 effort to hinder a peace officer from obtaining the
14 registration for the enforcement of a violation of this Code,
15 Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning toll evasion,
16 or any municipal ordinance. Modifications prohibited by this
17 subsection (j) include but are not limited to the use of an
18 electronic device. A violation of this subsection (j) is a
19 Class A misdemeanor.

20 (k) Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed
21 registration by the Secretary shall be displayed on the upper
22 right corner of the rear registration plate or in a manner
23 otherwise provided by the Secretary. However, registration
24 stickers issued to truck-tractors shall be displayed on the
25 upper right corner of the front registration plate or in a
26 manner otherwise provided by the Secretary.

1 (1) No person shall affix to any registration plate,
2 temporary registration plate, digital registration plate,
3 registration sticker, or other evidence of registration issued
4 by the Secretary any medallion, insignia, sticker, tape, or
5 other object not issued or approved by the Secretary. No
6 person shall alter, manipulate, apply, or otherwise manipulate
7 any evidence of registration issued by the Secretary in any
8 manner from the original condition as was received when issued
9 by the Secretary. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle that
10 (i) displays evidence of registration altered in any manner or
11 displaying any medallion, insignia, sticker, tape, or other
12 object as prescribed in this subsection or (ii) is equipped
13 with a manual, electronic, or mechanical device that hides or
14 obscures a registration plate.

15 (Source: P.A. 103-706, eff. 1-1-25; 104-125, eff. 1-1-26.)