

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 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-609.3, 3-620, 3-623, and
6 3-806.2 and by adding Section 3-609.4 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)

8 Sec. 3-609. Plates for veterans with disabilities.

9 (a) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
10 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
11 Affairs, and who has obtained certification from a licensed
12 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice
13 registered nurse that the service-connected disability
14 qualifies the veteran for issuance of registration plates or
15 digital registration plates or decals to a person with
16 disabilities in accordance with Section 3-616, may, without
17 the payment of any registration fee, make application to the
18 Secretary of State for up to 2 sets of license plates for
19 veterans with disabilities displaying the international symbol
20 of access, for the registration of a ~~one~~ motor vehicle of the
21 first division, ~~one~~ motorcycle, or ~~one~~ motor vehicle of the
22 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

23 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected

1 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
2 Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to
3 be 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the
4 veteran for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities
5 under Section 3-616, may, without the payment of any
6 registration fee, make application to the Secretary for up to
7 2 sets of ~~a~~ special registration plates ~~plate~~ or digital
8 registration plates ~~plate~~ without the international symbol of
9 access for the registration of a ~~one~~ motor vehicle of the first
10 division, ~~one~~ motorcycle, or ~~one~~ motor vehicle of the second
11 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

12 (c) Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with
13 documentation for eligibility of registration without fee
14 unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability,
15 and such registration plates or digital registration plates
16 may not be issued to any person not eligible therefor. The
17 Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs may assist in
18 providing the documentation of disability.

19 (d) The design and color of the plates shall be within the
20 discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates issued
21 under subsection (b) of this Section shall not contain the
22 international symbol of access. The Secretary may, in his or
23 her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
24 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
25 Code. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be
26 issued staggered registration.

1 (e) Any person eligible to receive license plates under
2 this Section who has been approved for benefits under the
3 Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax
4 Relief Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under that
5 Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise
6 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard
7 multi-year registration plates or digital registration plates
8 issued under Section 3-414.1, for motor vehicles registered at
9 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), or for
10 recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
11 Section 3-815(b), for a second set of plates under this
12 Section.

13 (f) With respect to the supporting documentation required
14 to obtain a plate under this Section, the Secretary shall
15 allow an applicant to redact information on the documentation
16 that pertains to the nature of the applicant's health issue,
17 unless that information is necessary to confirm that the
18 applicant's disability is service-connected or to establish
19 the degree of the applicant's service-connected disability.

20 (Source: P.A. 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

21 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609.1)

22 Sec. 3-609.1. Medal of Honor plates. Any resident of the
23 State of Illinois who has been awarded the Medal of Honor, or
24 an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person
25 who was awarded the Medal of Honor, may make application for

1 the registration for up to 2 motor vehicles ~~of a motor vehicle~~
2 owned solely or in part by such recipient, to the Secretary of
3 State without the payment of any registration fee.
4 Registration shall be for a multi-year period effective from
5 issuance. The Secretary of State shall furnish at his or her
6 office at no cost to such Medal of Honor recipients, plates
7 bearing up to 3 letters designating the recipient's initials
8 followed by the letters M O H signifying the Medal of Honor.
9 The plate shall be suitable for attachment to a motor vehicle
10 or motorcycle registered under this Code.
11 (Source: P.A. 101-262, eff. 1-1-20.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.3)

13 Sec. 3-609.3. Military series registration plates for
14 veterans with disabilities. In lieu of receiving registration
15 plates without the payment of a fee under Section 3-609, any
16 veteran who holds proof of a 50% or greater service-connected
17 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
18 Affairs may apply for a military series registration plate in
19 the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State. Upon the
20 veteran showing proof of the disability, up to 2 sets of a
21 military series registration plates ~~plate~~ may be issued to the
22 veteran without fee for the registration of a ~~one~~ motor
23 vehicle of the first division or ~~one~~ motor vehicle of the
24 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Any
25 additional fee collected for the issuance and renewal of the

1 military series registration plate, as may be specified in the
2 provision authorizing the issuance of that special plate,
3 shall not be included in the fee waiver authorized under this
4 Section.

5 (Source: P.A. 104-230, eff. 1-1-26.)

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.4 new)

7 Sec. 3-609.4. Second set of no-fee military plates. A
8 person eligible to receive special plates under Section 3-609,
9 3-609.1, 3-609.3, 3-620, or 3-623 is entitled to receive, upon
10 application to the Secretary of State, a second set of the
11 special plates under the same terms and conditions as the
12 first set of special plates.

13 (625 ILCS 5/3-620) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-620)

14 Sec. 3-620. The Secretary, upon receipt of an application
15 made on the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
16 issue special registration plates to United States citizens,
17 who are present or former members of the United States armed
18 forces or any of its allies, and who were prisoners of war of
19 World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the
20 Vietnamese conflict, or to the widowed spouse of a former
21 member of the United States armed forces, providing that
22 widowed spouse was married to the POW at the time of death, and
23 is a single person at the time of application. The special
24 plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only

1 to passenger vehicles of the first division subject to the
2 staggered registration system, motorcycles, and vehicles of
3 the second division having a gross weight of 8,000 pounds or
4 less and shall be issued without charge. Only 2 sets ~~one set~~ of
5 plates may be issued at no fee.

6 The design and color of the prisoner of war plates shall be
7 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
8 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be
9 issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with
10 Section 3-405.1 of this Code.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-353, eff. 1-1-08.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)

13 Sec. 3-623. Purple Heart Plates.

14 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in
15 the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue to
16 recipients awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the armed
17 forces of the United States who reside in Illinois, special
18 registration plates. The Secretary, upon receipt of the proper
19 application, may also issue these special registration plates
20 to an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person
21 who was awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the armed
22 forces of the United States. The special plates issued
23 pursuant to this Section should be affixed only to passenger
24 vehicles of the 1st division, including motorcycles, or motor
25 vehicles of the 2nd division weighing not more than 8,000

1 pounds. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the
2 plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in
3 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of
4 State must make a version of the special registration plates
5 authorized under this Section in a form appropriate for
6 motorcycles.

7 (b) The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
8 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
9 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
10 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application,
11 except:

12 (1) a person eligible to be issued Purple Heart plates
13 may display the plates on up to 2 vehicles ~~one vehicle~~
14 without the payment of any registration or registration
15 renewal fee; and

16 (2) for an individual who has been issued Purple Heart
17 plates for an additional vehicle and who has been approved
18 for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Persons with
19 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, the annual fee for
20 the registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in
21 Section 3-806.3 of this Code.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-902, eff. 1-1-15; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

23 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.2) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.2)

24 Sec. 3-806.2. Limitations on no-fee plates. Except as
25 provided in Section 3-609.4, no ~~No~~ individual shall be issued

1 more than one pair of plates of any category for which no fee
2 is required. The Secretary of State may issue additional pairs
3 of plates of any such category upon receiving the required
4 application and registration fees.

5 (Source: P.A. 88-517.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
7 2027.