

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 Section 3-413 as follows:

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

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-125)

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

12 (a) Registration plates or digital registration plates
13 issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, autocycle,
14 trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or
15 apportioned truck shall be attached thereto, one in the
16 frontmost and one in the rearmost. The registration plate or
17 digital registration plate issued for a motorcycle, autocycle,
18 trailer or semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and
19 any apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions
20 of this Code shall be attached to the rearmost thereof. The
21 registration plate or digital registration plate issued for a
22 truck-tractor or an apportioned truck required to be
23 registered hereunder shall be attached to the frontmost

1 thereof.

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

24 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code
25 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
26 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit

1 is affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit
2 shall be void and of no effect.

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

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

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

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

26 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration

1 plate or digital registration plate cover. A violation of this
2 subsection (h) is a business offense.

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

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

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

25 (l) No person shall affix to any registration plate,
26 temporary registration plate, digital registration plate,

1 registration sticker, or other evidence of registration issued
2 by the Secretary any medallion, insignia, sticker, or other
3 object not issued or approved by the Secretary. No person
4 shall alter, manipulate, apply, or otherwise manipulate any
5 evidence of registration issued by the Secretary in any manner
6 from the original condition as was received when issued by the
7 Secretary. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle that displays
8 evidence of registration altered in any manner or displaying
9 any medallion, insignia, sticker, or other object as
10 prescribed in this subsection.

11 (Source: P.A. 103-706, eff. 1-1-25.)

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15 obscures a registration plate.

16 (m) A motor vehicle dealer in this State may, at the
17 request of the purchaser, install a front registration plate
18 mounting bracket on a motor vehicle that requires a front
19 registration plate under Section 3-413. Any such installation
20 shall be performed in accordance with the vehicle
21 manufacturer's instructions or recommended procedures. A motor
22 vehicle dealer who installs a front registration plate
23 mounting bracket in accordance with the manufacturer's
24 instructions or recommended procedures shall not be liable for
25 any damage to the vehicle resulting from the installation, and
26 such installation shall not constitute a modification that

1 voids or otherwise affects any manufacturer warranty
2 applicable to the vehicle. As used in this subsection, "motor
3 vehicle dealer" means dealers subject to Section 5-101, 5-102,
4 or 5-102.8.

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

6 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
7 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
8 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
9 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
10 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
11 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
12 Public Act.