

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 changing
5 Section 3-699.14 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.14)

7 Sec. 3-699.14. Universal special license plates.

8 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
9 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications
10 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue
11 Universal special license plates to residents of Illinois on
12 behalf of organizations that have been authorized by the
13 General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special license
14 plates. Appropriate documentation, as determined by the
15 Secretary, shall accompany each application. Authorized
16 organizations shall be designated by amendment to this Section.
17 When applying for a Universal special license plate the
18 applicant shall inform the Secretary of the name of the
19 authorized organization from which the applicant will obtain a
20 decal to place on the plate. The Secretary shall make a record
21 of that organization and that organization shall remain
22 affiliated with that plate until the plate is surrendered,
23 revoked, or otherwise cancelled. The authorized organization

1 may charge a fee to offset the cost of producing and
2 distributing the decal, but that fee shall be retained by the
3 authorized organization and shall be separate and distinct from
4 any registration fees charged by the Secretary. No decal,
5 sticker, or other material may be affixed to a Universal
6 special license plate other than a decal authorized by the
7 General Assembly in this Section or a registration renewal
8 sticker. The special plates issued under this Section shall be
9 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
10 including motorcycles and autocycles, or motor vehicles of the
11 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates
12 issued under this Section shall expire according to the
13 multi-year procedure under Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

14 (b) The design, color, and format of the Universal special
15 license plate shall be wholly within the discretion of the
16 Secretary. Universal special license plates are not required to
17 designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of
18 Section 3-412 of this Code. The design shall allow for the
19 application of a decal to the plate. Organizations authorized
20 by the General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special
21 license plates shall comply with rules adopted by the Secretary
22 governing the requirements for and approval of Universal
23 special license plate decals. The Secretary may, in his or her
24 discretion, allow Universal special license plates to be issued
25 as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section
26 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of State must make a

1 version of the special registration plates authorized under
2 this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles and
3 autocycles.

4 (c) When authorizing a Universal special license plate, the
5 General Assembly shall set forth whether an additional fee is
6 to be charged for the plate and, if a fee is to be charged, the
7 amount of the fee and how the fee is to be distributed. When
8 necessary, the authorizing language shall create a special fund
9 in the State treasury into which fees may be deposited for an
10 authorized Universal special license plate. Additional fees
11 may only be charged if the fee is to be paid over to a State
12 agency or to a charitable entity that is in compliance with the
13 registration and reporting requirements of the Charitable
14 Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act. Any charitable
15 entity receiving fees for the sale of Universal special license
16 plates shall annually provide the Secretary of State a letter
17 of compliance issued by the Attorney General verifying that the
18 entity is in compliance with the Charitable Trust Act and the
19 Solicitation for Charity Act.

20 (d) Upon original issuance and for each registration
21 renewal period, in addition to the appropriate registration
22 fee, if applicable, the Secretary shall collect any additional
23 fees, if required, for issuance of Universal special license
24 plates. The fees shall be collected on behalf of the
25 organization designated by the applicant when applying for the
26 plate. All fees collected shall be transferred to the State

1 agency on whose behalf the fees were collected, or paid into
2 the special fund designated in the law authorizing the
3 organization to issue decals for Universal special license
4 plates. All money in the designated fund shall be distributed
5 by the Secretary subject to appropriation by the General
6 Assembly.

7 (e) The following organizations may issue decals for
8 Universal special license plates with the original and renewal
9 fees and fee distribution as follows:

10 (1) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

11 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the
12 Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund and \$15 to the Secretary
13 of State Special Plate Fund.

14 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Roadside Monarch
15 Habitat Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special
16 Plate Fund.

17 (2) ~~(1)~~ Illinois Veterans' Homes.

18 (A) Original issuance: \$26, which shall be
19 deposited into the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

20 (B) Renewal: \$26, which shall be deposited into the
21 Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

22 (3) The Illinois Department of Human Services for
23 volunteerism decals.

24 (A) Original issuance: \$25, which shall be
25 deposited into the Secretary of State Special Plate
26 Fund.

1 (B) Renewal: \$25, which shall be deposited into the
2 Secretary of State Special Plate Fund.

3 (f) The following funds are created as special funds in the
4 State treasury:

5 (1) The Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund. All moneys to be
6 paid as grants to the Illinois Department of Natural
7 Resources to fund roadside monarch and other pollinator
8 habitat development, enhancement, and restoration projects
9 in this State.

10 (Source: P.A. 99-483, eff. 7-1-16; 99-723, eff. 8-5-16; 99-814,
11 eff. 1-1-17; revised 9-12-16.)