

SB1531



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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 in which the Secretary of State distributes newly designed standard registration plates for motor vehicles, 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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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 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 be
12 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 Beginning with the next registration year after the
23 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General

1 Assembly in which the Secretary of State distributes newly
2 designed standard registration plates for motor vehicles, any
3 reference to "plates" in the plural number in any law or rule
4 shall be deemed to be a reference to the single registration
5 plate required to be furnished and displayed in accordance with
6 this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly.

7 (Source: P.A. 80-1185.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

9 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates and registration stickers
10 to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

11 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle
12 subject to annual registration for the first time shall issue
13 or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration plate
14 for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, moped, autocytle, or
15 truck-tractor, 2 registration plates for other motor vehicles
16 and, where applicable, current registration stickers for motor
17 vehicles of the first division. Beginning with the next
18 registration year after the effective date of this amendatory
19 Act of the 101st General Assembly in which the Secretary of
20 State distributes newly designed standard registration plates
21 for motor vehicles, the Secretary of State upon registering a
22 vehicle subject to annual registration for the first time shall
23 issue or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration
24 plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, motorized
25 pedalcycle or truck-tractor, one registration plate for other

1 motor vehicles and, when applicable, current registration
2 stickers for motor vehicles of the first division.

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

14 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it
15 the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is
16 issued, the name of this State, which may be abbreviated, the
17 year number for which it was issued, which may be abbreviated,
18 the phrase "Land of Lincoln" (except as otherwise provided in
19 this Code), and such other letters or numbers as the Secretary
20 may prescribe. However, for apportionment plates issued to
21 vehicles registered under Section 3-402.1 and fleet plates
22 issued to vehicles registered under Section 3-405.3, the phrase
23 "Land of Lincoln" may be omitted to allow for the word
24 "apportioned", the word "fleet", or other similar language to
25 be displayed. Registration plates issued to a vehicle
26 registered as a fleet vehicle may display a designation

1 determined by the Secretary.

2 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that letters
3 be used as prefixes only on registration plates issued to
4 vehicles of the first division which are registered under this
5 Code and only as suffixes on registration plates issued to
6 other vehicles. Every registration sticker issued as evidence
7 of current registration shall designate the year number for
8 which it is issued and such other letters or numbers as the
9 Secretary may prescribe and shall be of a contrasting color
10 with the registration plates and registration stickers of the
11 previous year.

12 (c) Each registration plate and the required letters and
13 numerals thereon, except the year number for which issued,
14 shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a
15 distance of 100 feet during daylight, and shall be coated with
16 reflectorizing material. The dimensions of the plate issued to
17 vehicles of the first division shall be 6 by 12 inches.

18 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
19 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
20 registration plates as the type of plates issued for a private
21 passenger vehicle.

22 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
23 car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive registration
24 plates.

25 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every motorcycle
26 distinctive registration plates distinguishing between

1 motorcycles having 150 or more cubic centimeters piston
2 displacement, or having less than 150 cubic centimeter piston
3 displacement.

4 (g) Registration plates issued to vehicles for-hire may
5 display a designation as determined by the Secretary that such
6 vehicles are for-hire.

7 (h) (Blank).

8 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
9 private ambulance registration plates identifying the vehicle
10 as an ambulance. The Secretary shall forward to the Department
11 of Healthcare and Family Services registration information for
12 the purpose of verification of claims filed with the Department
13 by ambulance owners for payment for services to public
14 assistance recipients.

15 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
16 private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery registration
17 plates displaying numbers within ranges of numbers reserved
18 respectively for medical carriers and rescue vehicles. The
19 Secretary shall forward to the Department of Healthcare and
20 Family Services registration information for the purpose of
21 verification of claims filed with the Department by owners of
22 medical carriers or rescue vehicles for payment for services to
23 public assistance recipients.

24 (k) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive license
25 plates or distinctive license plate stickers for every vehicle
26 exempted from subsections (a) and (a-5) of Section 12-503 by

1 subsection (g) of that Section, and by subsection (g-5) of that
2 Section before its deletion by this amendatory Act of the 95th
3 General Assembly. The Secretary shall issue these plates or
4 stickers immediately upon receiving the physician's
5 certification required under subsection (g) of Section 12-503.
6 New plates or stickers shall also be issued when the
7 certification is renewed as provided in that subsection.

8 (l) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
9 registration plates for low-speed vehicles.

10 (m) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
11 registration plates for autocycles. The dimensions of the plate
12 issued to autocycles shall be 4 by 7 inches.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-777, eff. 1-1-15.)

14 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

15 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration
16 stickers, and drive-away permits; registration plate covers.

17 (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other
18 than a motorcycle, autocycle, trailer, semitrailer,
19 truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be
20 attached thereto, one in the front and one in the rear.
21 Beginning with the next registration year after the effective
22 date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly in
23 which the Secretary of State distributes newly designed
24 standard registration plates for motor vehicles, the
25 registration plate issued for a motor vehicle other than a

1 motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned
2 bus, or apportioned truck shall be attached to the rear of the
3 vehicle.

4 The registration plate issued for a motorcycle, autocycle,
5 trailer or semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and
6 any apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of
7 this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof.

8 The registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an
9 apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder shall be
10 attached to the front thereof.

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

1 registration sticker shall not be required to be clearly
2 visible at all times as a result of the rear mounted motorized
3 forklift obstructing the view.

4 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code
5 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
6 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is
7 affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall
8 be void and of no effect.

9 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign
10 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with
11 Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and
12 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as an
13 Illinois registration plate.

14 (e) The registration plate issued for a camper body mounted
15 on a truck displaying registration plates shall be attached to
16 the rear of the camper body.

17 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the
18 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois
19 registration plate, plates or registration stickers, except as
20 provided for in subsection (b) of Section 3-701 of this Code,
21 after the termination of the registration period for which
22 issued or after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections
23 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

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

1 an offense against laws and ordinances regulating the movement
2 of traffic.

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

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

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

19 (Source: P.A. 98-777, eff. 1-1-15; 98-1103, eff. 1-1-15; 99-68,
20 eff. 1-1-16; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)