

1 AN ACT in relation to physician assistants and advance  
2 practice nurses.

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
4 represented in the General Assembly:

5 Section 5. The Illinois Identification Card Act is  
6 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

7 (15 ILCS 335/4) (from Ch. 124, par. 24)

8 Sec. 4. Identification Card.

9 (a) The Secretary of State shall issue a standard  
10 Illinois Identification Card to any natural person who is a  
11 resident of the State of Illinois who applies for such card,  
12 or renewal thereof, or who applies for a standard Illinois  
13 Identification Card upon release as a committed person on  
14 parole, mandatory supervised release, final discharge, or  
15 pardon from the Department of Corrections by submitting an  
16 identification card issued by the Department of Corrections  
17 under Section 3-14-1 of the Unified Code of Corrections,  
18 together with the prescribed fees. The card shall be  
19 prepared and supplied by the Secretary of State and shall  
20 include a photograph of the applicant. The applicant, upon  
21 receipt of a card and prior to its use for any purpose, shall  
22 affix his signature thereon in the space provided therefor.  
23 The Illinois Identification Card may be used for  
24 identification purposes in any lawful situation only by the  
25 person to whom it was issued. As used in this Act,  
26 "photograph" means any color photograph or digitally produced  
27 and captured image of an applicant for an identification  
28 card. As used in this Act, "signature" means the name of a  
29 person as written by that person and captured in a manner  
30 acceptable to the Secretary of State.

31 (b) The Secretary of State shall issue a special

1 Illinois Identification Card, which shall be known as an  
2 Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card, to any natural  
3 person who is a resident of the State of Illinois, who is a  
4 disabled person as defined in Section 4A of this Act, who  
5 applies for such card, or renewal thereof. The Secretary of  
6 State shall charge no fee to issue such card. The card shall  
7 be prepared and supplied by the Secretary of State, and shall  
8 include a photograph of the applicant, a designation  
9 indicating that the card is an Illinois Disabled Person  
10 Identification Card, and shall include a comprehensible  
11 designation of the type and classification of the applicant's  
12 disability as set out in Section 4A of this Act. If the  
13 applicant so requests, the card shall include a description  
14 of the applicant's disability and any information about the  
15 applicant's disability or medical history which the Secretary  
16 determines would be helpful to the applicant in securing  
17 emergency medical care. The applicant, upon receipt of such  
18 a card and prior to its use for any purpose, shall have  
19 affixed thereon in the space provided therefor his signature  
20 or mark. If a mark is used in lieu of a signature, such mark  
21 shall be affixed to the card in the presence of two witnesses  
22 who attest to the authenticity of the mark. The Illinois  
23 Disabled Person Identification Card may be used for  
24 identification purposes in any lawful situation by the person  
25 to whom it was issued.

26 The Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card may be  
27 used as adequate documentation of disability in lieu of a  
28 physician's determination of disability, a determination of  
29 disability from a physician assistant who has been delegated  
30 the authority to make this determination by his or her  
31 supervising physician, a determination of disability from an  
32 advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative  
33 agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the  
34 advanced practice nurse to make this determination, or any

1 other documentation of disability whenever any State law  
2 requires that a disabled person provide such documentation of  
3 disability, however an Illinois Disabled Person  
4 Identification Card shall not qualify the cardholder to  
5 participate in any program or to receive any benefit which is  
6 not available to all persons with like disabilities.  
7 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, an Illinois  
8 Disabled Person Identification Card, or evidence that the  
9 Secretary of State has issued an Illinois Disabled Person  
10 Identification Card, shall not be used by any person other  
11 than the person named on such card to prove that the person  
12 named on such card is a disabled person or for any other  
13 purpose unless the card is used for the benefit of the person  
14 named on such card, and the person named on such card  
15 consents to such use at the time the card is so used.

16 When medical information is contained on an Illinois  
17 Disabled Person Identification Card, the Office of the  
18 Secretary of State shall not be liable for any actions taken  
19 based upon that medical information.

20 (c) Beginning January 1, 1986, the Secretary of State  
21 shall provide that each original or renewal Illinois  
22 Identification Card or Illinois Disabled Person  
23 Identification Card issued to a person under the age of 21,  
24 shall be of a distinct nature from those Illinois  
25 Identification Cards or Illinois Disabled Person  
26 Identification Cards issued to individuals 21 years of age or  
27 older. The color designated for Illinois Identification Cards  
28 or Illinois Disabled Person Identification Cards for persons  
29 under the age of 21 shall be at the discretion of the  
30 Secretary of State.

31 (c-1) Beginning January 1, 2003, each original or  
32 renewal Illinois Identification Card or Illinois Disabled  
33 Person Identification Card issued to a person under the age  
34 of 21 shall display the date upon which the person becomes 18

1 years of age and the date upon which the person becomes 21  
2 years of age.

3 (d) The Secretary of State may issue a Senior Citizen  
4 discount card, to any natural person who is a resident of the  
5 State of Illinois who is 60 years of age or older and who  
6 applies for such a card or renewal thereof. The Secretary of  
7 State shall charge no fee to issue such card. The card shall  
8 be issued in every county and applications shall be made  
9 available at, but not limited to, nutrition sites, senior  
10 citizen centers and Area Agencies on Aging. The applicant,  
11 upon receipt of such card and prior to its use for any  
12 purpose, shall have affixed thereon in the space provided  
13 therefor his signature or mark.

14 (Source: P.A. 92-240, eff. 1-1-02; 92-689, eff. 1-1-03.)

15 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
16 changing Sections 1-159.1 and 3-616 as follows:

17 (625 ILCS 5/1-159.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-159.1)

18 Sec. 1-159.1. Person with disabilities. A natural person  
19 who, as determined by a licensed physician, by a physician  
20 assistant who has been delegated the authority to make this  
21 determination by his or her supervising physician, or by an  
22 advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative  
23 agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the  
24 advanced practice nurse to make this determination: (1)  
25 cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace,  
26 cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair,  
27 or other assistive device; (2) is restricted by lung disease  
28 to such an extent that his or her forced (respiratory)  
29 expiratory volume for one second, when measured by  
30 spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen  
31 tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest; (3) uses  
32 portable oxygen; (4) has a cardiac condition to the extent

1 that the person's functional limitations are classified in  
2 severity as Class III or Class IV, according to standards set  
3 by the American Heart Association; (5) is severely limited in  
4 the person's ability to walk due to an arthritic,  
5 neurological, or orthopedic condition; or (6) cannot walk 200  
6 feet without stopping to rest because of one of the above 5  
7 conditions.

8 (Source: P.A. 92-411, eff. 1-1-02.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/3-616) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-616)

10 Sec. 3-616. Person with disabilities license plates.

11 (a) Upon receiving an application for a certificate of  
12 registration for a motor vehicle of the first division or for  
13 a motor vehicle of the second division weighing no more than  
14 8,000 pounds, accompanied with payment of the registration  
15 fees required under this Code from a person with disabilities  
16 or a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, the Secretary of  
17 State, if so requested, shall issue to such person  
18 registration plates as provided for in Section 3-611,  
19 provided that the person with disabilities or person who is  
20 deaf or hard of hearing must not be disqualified from  
21 obtaining a driver's license under subsection 8 of Section  
22 6-103 of this Code, and further provided that any person  
23 making such a request must submit a statement, certified by a  
24 licensed physician, by a physician assistant who has been  
25 delegated the authority to make this certification by his or  
26 her supervising physician, or by an advanced practice nurse  
27 who has a written collaborative agreement with a  
28 collaborating physician that authorizes the advanced practice  
29 nurse to make this certification, to the effect that such  
30 person is a person with disabilities as defined by Section  
31 1-159.1 of this Code, or alternatively provide adequate  
32 documentation that such person has a Class 1A, Class 2A or  
33 Type Four disability under the provisions of Section 4A of

1 the Illinois Identification Card Act. For purposes of this  
2 Section, an Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card  
3 issued pursuant to the Illinois Identification Card Act  
4 indicating that the person thereon named has a disability  
5 shall be adequate documentation of such a disability.

6 (b) The Secretary shall issue plates under this Section  
7 to a parent or legal guardian of a person with disabilities  
8 if the person with disabilities has a Class 1A or Class 2A  
9 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois  
10 Identification Card Act or is a person with disabilities as  
11 defined by Section 1-159.1 of this Code, and does not possess  
12 a vehicle registered in his or her name, provided that the  
13 person with disabilities relies frequently on the parent or  
14 legal guardian for transportation. Only one vehicle per  
15 family may be registered under this subsection, unless the  
16 applicant can justify in writing the need for one additional  
17 set of plates. Any person requesting special plates under  
18 this subsection shall submit such documentation or such  
19 physician's, physician assistant's, or advanced practice  
20 nurse's statement as is required in subsection (a) and a  
21 statement describing the circumstances qualifying for  
22 issuance of special plates under this subsection.

23 (c) The Secretary may issue a person with disabilities  
24 parking decal or device to a person with disabilities as  
25 defined by Section 1-159.1 without regard to qualification of  
26 such person with disabilities for a driver's license or  
27 registration of a vehicle by such person with disabilities or  
28 such person's immediate family, provided such person with  
29 disabilities making such a request has been issued a Disabled  
30 Person Identification Card indicating that the person named  
31 thereon has a Class 1A or Class 2A disability, or  
32 alternatively, submits a statement certified by a licensed  
33 physician, or by a physician assistant or an advanced  
34 practice nurse as provided in subsection (a), to the effect

1 that such person is a person with disabilities as defined by  
2 Section 1-159.1.

3 (d) The Secretary shall prescribe by rules and  
4 regulations procedures to certify or re-certify as necessary  
5 the eligibility of persons whose disabilities are other than  
6 permanent for special plates or person with disabilities  
7 parking decals or devices issued under subsections (a), (b)  
8 and (c). Except as provided under subsection (f) of this  
9 Section, no such special plates, decals or devices shall be  
10 issued by the Secretary of State to or on behalf of any  
11 person with disabilities unless such person is certified as  
12 meeting the definition of a person with disabilities pursuant  
13 to Section 1-159.1 or meeting the requirement of a Type Four  
14 disability as provided under Section 4A of the Illinois  
15 Identification Card Act for the period of time that the  
16 physician, or the physician assistant or advanced practice  
17 nurse as provided in subsection (a), determines the applicant  
18 will have the disability, but not to exceed 6 months from the  
19 date of certification or recertification.

20 (e) Any person requesting special plates under this  
21 Section may also apply to have the special plates  
22 personalized, as provided under Section 3-405.1.

23 (f) The Secretary of State, upon application, shall  
24 issue person with disabilities registration plates or a  
25 person with disabilities parking decal to corporations,  
26 school districts, State or municipal agencies, limited  
27 liability companies, nursing homes, convalescent homes, or  
28 special education cooperatives which will transport persons  
29 with disabilities. The Secretary shall prescribe by rule a  
30 means to certify or re-certify the eligibility of  
31 organizations to receive person with disabilities plates or  
32 decals and to designate which of the 2 person with  
33 disabilities emblems shall be placed on qualifying vehicles.

34 (g) The Secretary of State, or his designee, may enter

1 into agreements with other jurisdictions, including foreign  
2 jurisdictions, on behalf of this State relating to the  
3 extension of parking privileges by such jurisdictions to  
4 permanently disabled residents of this State who display a  
5 special license plate or parking device that contains the  
6 International symbol of access on his or her motor vehicle,  
7 and to recognize such plates or devices issued by such other  
8 jurisdictions. This State shall grant the same parking  
9 privileges which are granted to disabled residents of this  
10 State to any non-resident whose motor vehicle is licensed in  
11 another state, district, territory or foreign country if such  
12 vehicle displays the international symbol of access or a  
13 distinguishing insignia on license plates or parking device  
14 issued in accordance with the laws of the non-resident's  
15 state, district, territory or foreign country.

16 (Source: P.A. 91-769, eff. 6-9-00; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01;  
17 92-411, eff. 1-1-02; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.