

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 State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.719 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.719 new)

7 Sec. 5.719. The Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding
9 Section 3-684 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-684 new)

11 Sec. 3-684. U.S. Coast Guard license plates.

12 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
13 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications
14 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
15 issue special registration plates designated as U.S. Coast
16 Guard license plates to residents of Illinois who meet
17 eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State.
18 The special plate issued under this Section shall be affixed
19 only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motor
20 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000
21 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by Section 1-169

1 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
2 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established by
3 Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

4 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
5 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State, except
6 that the U.S. Coast Guard emblem shall appear on the plates.
7 The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates
8 to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance
9 with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required
10 to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
11 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
12 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
13 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
14 under Section 3-412.

15 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$20 fee for original
16 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of
17 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary
18 of State Special License Plate Fund and \$5 shall be deposited
19 into the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund. For each
20 registration renewal period, a \$20 fee, in addition to the
21 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this
22 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of
23 State Special License Plate Fund and \$18 shall be deposited
24 into the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund.

25 (d) The Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund is created as a
26 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Coast

1 Guard Mutual Assistance Fund shall, subject to appropriation by
2 the General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, be used as
3 grants for charitable purposes and financial assistance
4 programs sponsored by Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, Inc., a
5 recognized charitable organization that meets the requirements
6 of Title 26, Section 501(c) (3) of the United States Code.