# 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 <br> HB2543 

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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625 ILCS 5/3-600
from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-600
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Makes a technical change in a Section regarding special license plates.
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AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section $3-600$ as follows:
(625 ILCS 5/3-600) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-600)
Sec. 3-600. Requirements for issuance of special plates.
(a) The the Secretary of State shall issue only special plates that have been authorized by the General Assembly. The Secretary of State shall not issue a series of special plates unless applications, as prescribed by the Secretary, have been received for 10,000 plates of that series; except that the Secretary of State may prescribe some other required number of applications if that number is sufficient to pay for the total cost of designing, manufacturing and issuing the special license plate. Where a special plate is authorized by law to raise funds for a specific civic group, charitable entity, or other identified organization, and where the Secretary of State has not received the required number of applications to issue that special plate within 2 years of the effective date of the Public Act authorizing the special plate, the Secretary of State's authority to issue the special plate is nullified.
(b) The Secretary of State, upon issuing a new series of
special license plates, shall notify all law enforcement officials of the design, color and other special features of the special license plate series.
(c) This Section shall not apply to the Secretary of State's discretion as established in Section 3-611.
(d) If a law authorizing a special license plate provides that the sponsoring organization is to designate a charitable entity as the recipient of the funds from the sale of that license plate, the designated charitable entity must be in compliance with the registration and reporting requirements of the Charitable Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act. In addition, the charitable entity must annually provide the Secretary of State's office a letter of compliance issued by the Illinois Attorney General's office verifying the entity is in compliance with the Acts.

In the case of a law in effect before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97 th General Assembly, the name of the charitable entity which is to receive the funds shall be provided to the Secretary of State within one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97 th General Assembly. In the case of a law that takes effect on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97 th General Assembly, the name of the charitable entity which is to receive the funds shall be provided to the Secretary of State within one year after the law takes effect. If the organization fails to designate an appropriate charitable entity within the
one-year period, or if the designated charitable entity fails to annually provide the Secretary of State a letter of compliance issued by the Illinois Attorney General's office, any funds collected from the sale of plates authorized for that organization and not previously disbursed shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund, and the special plates shall be discontinued.
(e) If fewer than 1,000 sets of any special license plate authorized by law and issued by the Secretary of State are actively registered for 2 consecutive calendar years, the Secretary of State may discontinue the issuance of that special license plate.
(f) Where special license plates have been discontinued pursuant to subsection (d) or (e) of this Section, all previously issued plates of that type shall be recalled. Owners of vehicles which were registered with recalled plates shall not be charged a reclassification or registration sticker replacement plate fee upon the issuance of new plates for those vehicles.
(Source: P.A. 97-409, eff. 1-1-12.)

