



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

**HB4491**

by Rep. Norine Hammond

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-623

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person eligible to be issued Purple Heart plates may display the plates on one vehicle without the payment of any registration or registration renewal fee. Provides that for a person who has been issued Purple Heart plates for an additional vehicle and who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, the annual fee for the registration of the vehicle shall be \$24.

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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 Section 3-623 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)

7 Sec. 3-623. Purple Heart Plates.

8 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in  
9 the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue to  
10 recipients awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the armed  
11 forces of the United States who reside in Illinois, special  
12 registration plates. The Secretary, upon receipt of the proper  
13 application, may also issue these special registration plates  
14 to an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person  
15 who was awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the armed  
16 forces of the United States. The special plates issued pursuant  
17 to this Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of  
18 the 1st division, including motorcycles, or motor vehicles of  
19 the 2nd division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The  
20 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be  
21 issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with  
22 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of State must make  
23 a version of the special registration plates authorized under

1 this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles.

2 (b) The design and color of such plates shall be wholly  
3 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate  
4 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the  
5 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application,  
6 except:

7 (1) a person eligible to be issued Purple Heart plates  
8 may display the plates on one vehicle without the payment  
9 of any registration or registration renewal fee; and

10 (2). ~~However,~~ for an individual who has been issued  
11 Purple Heart plates for an additional ~~a~~ vehicle and who has  
12 been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and  
13 Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, the annual fee  
14 for the registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in  
15 Section 3-806.3 of this Code.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-1101, eff. 1-1-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)