

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.)