

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 3-634 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-634)

7 Sec. 3-634. Illinois Fire Fighters' License Plate.

8 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in  
9 the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue  
10 special registration plates designated to be Illinois Fire  
11 Fighters' Memorial license plates. The special plates issued  
12 under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles  
13 of the first division, motorcycles, motor vehicles of the  
14 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds, or  
15 recreational vehicles as defined in Section 1-169 of this Code,  
16 and subject to the staggered registration system. Plates issued  
17 under this Section shall expire according to the multi-year  
18 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

19 (b) The design and color of the plates shall be wholly  
20 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary  
21 of State may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be  
22 issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with  
23 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to

1 designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of  
2 Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary of State shall  
3 prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.  
4 The Secretary must issue a version of the special registration  
5 plates authorized under this Section in a form appropriate for  
6 motorcycles.

7 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$27 fee for original  
8 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of  
9 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary  
10 of State Special License Plate Fund and \$12 shall be deposited  
11 into the Illinois Fire Fighters' Memorial Fund. For each  
12 registration renewal period, a \$17 fee, in addition to the  
13 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this fee, \$2  
14 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License  
15 Plate Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Illinois Fire  
16 Fighters' Memorial Fund.

17 (d) In addition to the purpose specified in Section  
18 2-119(n), moneys in the Illinois Fire Fighters' Memorial Fund  
19 shall, except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) and  
20 subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and  
21 distribution by the Secretary, be used exclusively for the  
22 following purposes:

23 (1) maintaining the Illinois Fire Fighters' Memorial;

24 (2) holding an annual memorial commemoration and Medal  
25 of Honor ceremony and related activities; and

26 (3) providing scholarships, for graduate study,

1           undergraduate study, or both, to children and spouses of  
2           fire fighters killed in the line of duty.

3           (e) No more than 10% of the annual proceeds of the Illinois  
4           Fire Fighters' Memorial Fund may, subject to appropriation by  
5           the General Assembly and distribution by the Secretary, be used  
6           for exhibits for and the maintenance of the Illinois Fire  
7           Fighter Museum, except that the 10% limit may be exceeded to  
8           pay for emergency repairs related to the structural stability  
9           of the Illinois Fire Fighter Museum. Prior to exceeding the 10%  
10          limit, the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall obtain the  
11          approval of a majority of the members of the Illinois Fire  
12          Fighters Memorial Foundation.

13          (Source: P.A. 97-409, eff. 1-1-12; 97-755, eff. 1-1-13.)