



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB6157

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-125.5 new

625 ILCS 5/3-413

625 ILCS 5/3-804.4 new

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "high-end vehicle" as a vehicle having an estimated value of more than \$50,000 at the time of initial registration. Provides that an owner of a high-end vehicle may choose to register the vehicle as a high-end vehicle for a fee twice the current standard registration fee. Provides that a high-end vehicle registration exempts the owner from placing a front license plate on the high-end vehicle.

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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 3-413 and by adding Sections 1-125.5 and 3-804.4 as
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-125.5 new)

8 Sec. 1-125.5. High-end vehicle. Any motor vehicle having an
9 estimated value of more than \$50,000 at the time of initial
10 registration.

11 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

12 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration
13 stickers, and drive-away permits; registration plate covers.

14 (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other
15 than a high-end vehicle with an appropriate rear license plate
16 designation, motorcycle, autocycle, trailer, semitrailer,
17 truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be
18 attached thereto, one in the front and one in the rear. The
19 registration plate issued for a high-end vehicle, motorcycle,
20 autocycle, trailer or semitrailer required to be registered
21 hereunder and any apportionment plate issued to a bus under the
22 provisions of this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof.

1 The registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an
2 apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder shall be
3 attached to the front thereof.

4 (b) Except for vehicles with rear loaded motorized
5 forklifts, every registration plate shall at all times be
6 securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for
7 which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and
8 at a height of not less than 5 inches from the ground,
9 measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and
10 position to be clearly visible and shall be maintained in a
11 condition to be clearly legible, free from any materials that
12 would obstruct the visibility of the plate. A registration
13 plate on a motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it
14 is otherwise clearly visible. Registration stickers issued as
15 evidence of renewed annual registration shall be attached to
16 registration plates as required by the Secretary of State, and
17 be clearly visible at all times. For those vehicles with rear
18 loaded motorized forklifts, if the rear plate is securely
19 fastened in a horizontal position as prescribed, the plate and
20 registration sticker shall not be required to be clearly
21 visible at all times as a result of the rear mounted motorized
22 forklift obstructing the view.

23 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code
24 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
25 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is
26 affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall

1 be void and of no effect.

2 (d) The Illinois prorate decal issued to a foreign
3 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with
4 Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and
5 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as an
6 Illinois registration plate.

7 (e) The registration plate issued for a camper body mounted
8 on a truck displaying registration plates shall be attached to
9 the rear of the camper body.

10 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the
11 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois
12 registration plate, plates or registration stickers, except as
13 provided for in subsection (b) of Section 3-701 of this Code,
14 after the termination of the registration period for which
15 issued or after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections
16 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

17 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is
18 equipped with registration plate covers. A violation of this
19 subsection (g) or a similar provision of a local ordinance is
20 an offense against laws and ordinances regulating the movement
21 of traffic.

22 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration
23 plate cover. A violation of this subsection (h) is a business
24 offense.

25 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of promoting
26 the sale of registration plate covers. A violation of this

1 subsection (i) is a business offense.

2 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's
3 mounting location of the rear registration plate on any vehicle
4 so as to conceal the registration or to knowingly cause it to
5 be obstructed in an effort to hinder a peace officer from
6 obtaining the registration for the enforcement of a violation
7 of this Code, Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning
8 toll evasion, or any municipal ordinance. Modifications
9 prohibited by this subsection (j) include but are not limited
10 to the use of an electronic device. A violation of this
11 subsection (j) is a Class A misdemeanor.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-777, eff. 1-1-15; 98-1103, eff. 1-1-15; 99-68,
13 eff. 1-1-16; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)

14 (625 ILCS 5/3-804.4 new)

15 Sec. 3-804.4. High-end vehicles. An owner of a high-end
16 vehicle, as defined under Section 1-125.5, may register the
17 vehicle as a high-end motor vehicle for twice the current
18 annual registration fee amount under Section 3-806 and shall
19 receive a special plate designation. This designation shall
20 exempt the vehicle from the front license plate requirement
21 under subsection (a) of Section 3-413. The Secretary may, in
22 the Secretary's discretion, prescribe that the plates be issued
23 for a definite or indefinite term, corresponding to the term of
24 registration plates issued generally under Section 3-414.1.