

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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
5 changing Sections 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-624, 3-625,
6 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-648 as added by
7 Public Act 92-79, and 3-648 as added by Public Act 92-467 as
8 follows:

9 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609.1)

10 Sec. 3-609.1. Congressional Medal of Honor plates}. Any
11 resident of the State of Illinois who has been awarded the
12 Congressional Medal of Honor may make application for the
13 registration of a motor vehicle owned solely or in part by
14 such recipient, to the Secretary of State without the payment
15 of any registration fee. Registration shall be for a
16 multi-year period effective from issuance. The Secretary of
17 State shall furnish at his office at no cost to such
18 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, plates bearing up to
19 3 letters designating the recipient's initials followed by
20 the letters C M H signifying the Congressional Medal of
21 Honor. The plate shall be suitable for attachment to a motor
22 vehicle or motorcycle, registered under this Code.

23 (Source: P.A. 82-117.)

24 (625 ILCS 5/3-620) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-620)

25 Sec. 3-620. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
26 application made on the form prescribed by the Secretary of
27 State, may issue special registration plates to United
28 States citizens, who are present or former members of the
29 United States armed forces or any of its allies, and who were
30 prisoners of war of World War I, World War II, the Korean

1 Conflict, and the Vietnamese conflict, or to the widowed
2 spouse of a former member of the United States armed forces,
3 providing that widowed spouse was married to the POW at the
4 time of death, and is a single person at the time of
5 application. The special plates issued pursuant to this
6 Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the
7 first division or motorcycles, subject to the staggered
8 registration system and vehicles of the second division
9 having a gross weight of 8,000 ~~8000~~ pounds or less and shall
10 be issued without charge. Only one set of plates may be
11 issued at no fee.

12 The design and color of the prisoner of war plates shall
13 be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

14 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/3-621) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621)

16 Sec. 3-621. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
17 application, made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
18 State, may issue to members of the Illinois National Guard,
19 special registration plates. The special plates issued
20 pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only to passenger
21 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, or motor
22 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000
23 pounds subject to the staggered registration system.

24 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
25 within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

26 (Source: P.A. 84-986.)

27 (625 ILCS 5/3-622) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-622)

28 Sec. 3-622. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
29 application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
30 State, may issue to members of the United States Armed Forces
31 Reserves who reside in Illinois, special registration plates.
32 The special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be

1 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division or
2 motor vehicles of the second division, motorcycles, weighing
3 not more than 8,000 pounds subject to the staggered
4 registration system. The design and color of such plates
5 shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of
6 State.

7 (Source: P.A. 84-986.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/3-624) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-624)

9 Sec. 3-624. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
10 application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
11 State, may issue to retired members of the United States
12 Armed Forces who reside in Illinois, special registration
13 plates. The special plates issued pursuant to this Section
14 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first
15 division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second
16 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds and subject to
17 the staggered registration system. The design and color of
18 such plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the
19 Secretary of State.

20 (Source: P.A. 86-165.)

21 (625 ILCS 5/3-625) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-625)

22 Sec. 3-625. Pearl Harbor Plates. The Secretary, upon
23 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the
24 Secretary of State, may issue special registration plates to
25 any Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces
26 of the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl
27 Harbor on December 7, 1941, or to the widowed spouse of any
28 Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces of
29 the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl Harbor
30 on December 7, 1941, provided that the widowed spouse was
31 married to the battle of Pearl Harbor participant at the time
32 of the participant's death and is a single person at the time

1 of application. The special plates issued pursuant to this
2 Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the
3 1st division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd
4 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

5 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
6 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
7 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
8 standard registration fee shall accompany the application.

9 (Source: P.A. 89-571, eff. 7-26-96; 89-620, eff. 1-1-97.)

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-626)

11 Sec. 3-626. Korean War Veteran license plates.

12 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
13 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
14 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
15 State, may issue special registration plates designated as
16 Korean War Veteran license plates to residents of Illinois
17 who participated in the United States Armed Forces during the
18 Korean War. The special plate issued under this Section
19 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first
20 division, motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division
21 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational
22 vehicles as defined by Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates
23 issued under this Section shall expire according to the
24 staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1
25 of this Code.

26 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
27 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
28 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
29 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
30 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
31 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
32 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
33 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,

1 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
2 under Section 3-412.

3 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
4 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of
5 this additional fee, \$13 shall be deposited into the
6 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$2 shall be
7 deposited into the Korean War Memorial Construction Fund.
8 For each registration renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition
9 to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged and
10 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special
11 License Plate Fund.

12 (d) The Korean War Memorial Construction Fund is created
13 as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the
14 Korean War Memorial Construction Fund shall, subject to
15 appropriation, be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs
16 to provide grants for construction of the Korean War Memorial
17 to be located at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois.
18 Upon the completion of the Memorial, the Department of
19 Veteran Affairs shall certify to the State Treasurer that the
20 construction of the Memorial has been completed. Upon the
21 certification by the Department of Veteran Affairs, the State
22 Treasurer shall transfer all moneys in the Fund and any
23 future deposits into the Fund into the Secretary of State
24 Special License Plate Fund.

25 (e) An individual who has been issued Korean War Veteran
26 license plates for a vehicle and who has claimed and received
27 a grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons
28 Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act shall
29 pay the original issuance and the regular annual fee for the
30 registration of the vehicle as provided in Section 3-806.3 of
31 this Code in addition to the fees specified in subsection (c)
32 of this Section.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-679, eff. 1-26-00.)

1 (625 ILCS 5/3-628)

2 Sec. 3-628. Bronze Star plates.

3 (a) Beginning January 1, 1996, in addition to any other
4 special license plate, the Secretary, upon receipt of all
5 applicable fees and applications made in the form prescribed
6 by the Secretary of State, may issue special registration
7 plates to residents of Illinois who have been awarded the
8 Bronze Star by the United States Armed Forces. The special
9 plate issued under this Section shall be affixed only to
10 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, or
11 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
12 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
13 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established
14 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

15 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
16 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
17 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
18 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
19 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
20 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
21 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
22 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
23 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
24 under Section 3-412.

25 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
26 issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee.

27 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary
28 of State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration
29 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate
30 registration fee, shall be charged and deposited into the
31 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

32 (Source: P.A. 88-589, eff. 8-14-94; 89-282, eff. 8-10-95.)

33 (625 ILCS 5/3-638)

1 Sec. 3-638. U.S. Veteran License Plates.

2 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
3 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
4 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
5 State, may issue U.S. Veteran license plates to residents of
6 Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the
7 Secretary of State. The special U.S. Veteran plate issued
8 under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger
9 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor
10 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000
11 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
12 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established
13 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

14 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
15 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
16 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
17 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
18 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
19 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
20 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
21 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
22 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
23 under Section 3-412.

24 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
25 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.
26 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of
27 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration
28 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate
29 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited
30 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

31 (Source: P.A. 89-639, eff. 1-1-97; 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)

32 (625 ILCS 5/3-642)

33 Sec. 3-642. Silver Star plates.

1 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees
2 and applications made in the form prescribed by the
3 Secretary, may issue special registration plates to residents
4 of Illinois who have been awarded the Silver Star by the
5 United States Armed Forces. The special plate issued under
6 this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of
7 the first division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the
8 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates
9 issued under this Section shall expire according to the
10 staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1
11 of this Code.

12 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
13 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary
14 may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued
15 as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with Section
16 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
17 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
18 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
19 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
20 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
21 under Section 3-412.

22 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
23 issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee.

24 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary
25 of State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration
26 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate
27 registration fee, shall be charged and deposited into the
28 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

29 (Source: P.A. 90-533, eff. 11-14-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)

30 (625 ILCS 5/3-645)

31 Sec. 3-645. Vietnam Veteran License Plates.

32 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
33 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and

1 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
2 State, may issue Vietnam Veteran license plates to residents
3 of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by
4 the Secretary of State. The special Vietnam Veteran plate
5 issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger
6 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor
7 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000
8 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
9 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established
10 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

11 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
12 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
13 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
14 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
15 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
16 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
17 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
18 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
19 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
20 under Section 3-412.

21 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
22 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.
23 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of
24 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration
25 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate
26 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited
27 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

28 (Source: P.A. 91-805, eff. 1-1-01.)

29 (625 ILCS 5/3-647)

30 Sec. 3-647. World War II Veteran License Plates.

31 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
32 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
33 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of

1 State, may issue World War II Veteran license plates to
2 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements
3 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special World War
4 II Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be affixed
5 only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
6 motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division
7 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this
8 Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year
9 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

10 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
11 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
12 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
13 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
14 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
15 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
16 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
17 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
18 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
19 under Section 3-412.

20 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
21 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.
22 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of
23 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration
24 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate
25 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited
26 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

27 (Source: P.A. 91-805, eff. 1-1-01.)

28 (625 ILCS 5/3-650)

29 Sec. 3-650. ~~3-648~~. Army Combat Veteran license plates.

30 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
31 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
32 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
33 State, may issue Army Combat Veteran license plates to

1 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements
2 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special Army
3 Combat Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be
4 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
5 motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division
6 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this
7 Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year
8 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

9 (b) The plates shall display the Army Combat Infantry
10 Badge. In all other respects, the design, color, and format
11 of the plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary
12 of State. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow
13 the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in
14 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are
15 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in
16 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary
17 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or
18 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or
19 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

20 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
21 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.
22 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of
23 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration
24 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate
25 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited
26 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

27 (Source: P.A. 92-79, eff. 1-1-02; revised 10-17-01.)

28 (625 ILCS 5/3-651)

29 Sec. 3-651. ~~3-648~~ U.S. Marine Corps license plates.

30 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
31 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
32 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
33 State, may issue special registration plates designated as

1 U.S. Marine Corps license plates to residents of Illinois who
2 meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of
3 State. The special plate issued under this Section shall be
4 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
5 motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division weighing
6 not more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as
7 defined by Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under
8 this Section shall expire according to the staggered
9 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this
10 Code.

11 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
12 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State,
13 except that the U.S. Marine Corps emblem shall appear on the
14 plates. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow
15 the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in
16 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are
17 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in
18 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary
19 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or
20 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or
21 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

22 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$20 fee for original
23 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of
24 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the
25 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$5 shall be
26 deposited into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. For each
27 registration renewal period, a \$20 fee, in addition to the
28 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this
29 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of
30 State Special License Plate Fund and \$18 shall be deposited
31 into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

32 (d) The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund is created as a
33 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Marine
34 Corps Scholarship Fund shall, subject to appropriation by the

1 General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, be used by
2 the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a recognized
3 charitable organization that meets the requirements of Title
4 26, Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code, to provide
5 grants for scholarships for higher education. The scholarship
6 recipients must be the children of current or former members
7 of the United States Marine Corps who meet the academic,
8 financial, and other requirements established by the Marine
9 Corps Scholarship Foundation. In addition, the recipients
10 must be Illinois residents and must attend a college or
11 university located within the State of Illinois.

12 The State Treasurer shall require the Marine Corps
13 Scholarship Foundation to establish a separate account for
14 receipt of the proceeds of the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.
15 That account shall be subject to audit either annually or at
16 another interval, as determined by the State Treasurer.
17 Proceeds from the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund shall be
18 transferred on a quarterly basis by the State Treasurer's
19 office to this separate account.

20 (Source: P.A. 92-467, eff. 1-1-02; revised 10-17-01.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.