

AN ACT concerning transportation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section 3-661 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/3-661)

Sec. 3-661. Illinois Route 66 license plates.

(a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special registration plates designated as Illinois Route 66 license plates. The special plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles having an engine over 150cc, or motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according to the multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

(b) The design and color of the special plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section

3-412 of this Code. The Secretary, in his or her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.

(c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a \$40 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee. Of this fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund, to be used by the Secretary to help defray the administrative processing costs.

For each registration renewal period, a \$27 fee, in addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(d) The Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. Subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and distribution by the Secretary, Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project, Inc. shall use all moneys in the Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project Fund for the development of tourism, through education and interpretation, preservation, and promotion of the former U.S. Route 66 in Illinois.

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