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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-609	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609
625 ILCS 5/3-623	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623
625 ILCS 5/3-808.1	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-808.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2020 registration year, the Secretary of State shall issue one set of permanent vehicle registration plates to an applicant with a permanent disability who is eligible to receive special license plates for veterans with disabilities or an applicant who is eligible to receive Purple Heart special license plates. Provides that any additional plates issued to a person eligible to receive the special license plates shall be subject to applicable registration and renewal fees.

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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 Sections 3-609, 3-623, and 3-808.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)
7 Sec. 3-609. Plates for veterans with disabilities.

8 (a) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
9 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
10 Affairs, and who has obtained certification from a licensed
11 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice
12 registered nurse that the service-connected disability
13 qualifies the veteran for issuance of registration plates or
14 decals to a person with disabilities in accordance with Section
15 3-616, may, without the payment of any registration fee, make
16 application to the Secretary of State for license plates for
17 veterans with disabilities displaying the international symbol
18 of access, for the registration of one motor vehicle of the
19 first division or one motor vehicle of the second division
20 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

21 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
22 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
23 Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to be

1 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the veteran
2 for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities under
3 Section 3-616, may, without the payment of any registration
4 fee, make application to the Secretary for a special
5 registration plate without the international symbol of access
6 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division
7 or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more
8 than 8,000 pounds.

9 (c) Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with
10 documentation for eligibility of registration without fee
11 unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability, and
12 such registration plates may not be issued to any person not
13 eligible therefor. The Illinois Department of Veterans'
14 Affairs may assist in providing the documentation of
15 disability.

16 (d) The design and color of the plates shall be within the
17 discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates issued
18 under subsection (b) of this Section shall not contain the
19 international symbol of access. The Secretary may, in his or
20 her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
21 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
22 Code. Except as provided in subsection (f), registration
23 ~~Registration~~ shall be for a multi-year period and may be issued
24 staggered registration.

25 (e) Any person eligible to receive license plates under
26 this Section who has been approved for benefits under the

1 Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax
2 Relief Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under that
3 Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise
4 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard
5 multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1,
6 for motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
7 Section 3-815(a), or for recreational vehicles registered at
8 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b), for a second set
9 of plates under this Section.

10 (f) Beginning with the 2020 registration year, the
11 Secretary shall issue an applicant who has a permanent
12 disability one set of permanent vehicle registration plates
13 under Section 3-808.1 of this Code. Except as provided in
14 subsection (e), an applicant for a second set of plates shall
15 pay the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars
16 displaying standard multi-year registration plates issued
17 under Section 3-414.1, for motor vehicles registered at 8,000
18 pounds or less under subsection (a) of Section 3-815, or for
19 recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
20 subsection (b) of Section 3-815.

21 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)

23 Sec. 3-623. Purple Heart Plates.

24 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in
25 the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue to

1 recipients awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the armed
2 forces of the United States who reside in Illinois, special
3 registration plates. The Secretary, upon receipt of the proper
4 application, may also issue these special registration plates
5 to an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person
6 who was awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the armed
7 forces of the United States. The special plates issued pursuant
8 to this Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of
9 the 1st division, including motorcycles, or motor vehicles of
10 the 2nd division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The
11 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be
12 issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with
13 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of State must make
14 a version of the special registration plates authorized under
15 this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles.

16 (b) The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
17 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
18 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
19 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application,
20 except:

21 (1) a person eligible to be issued Purple Heart plates,
22 other than a person issued a set of permanent plates under
23 subsection (c), may display the plates on one vehicle
24 without the payment of any registration or registration
25 renewal fee; and

26 (2) for an individual who has been issued Purple Heart

1 plates for an additional vehicle and who has been approved
2 for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Persons with
3 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, the annual fee for
4 the registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in
5 Section 3-806.3 of this Code.

6 (c) Beginning with the 2020 registration year, the
7 Secretary shall issue an applicant who is eligible for a Purple
8 Heart special license plate one set of permanent vehicle
9 registration plates under Section 3-808.1 of this Code. Except
10 as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (b), an applicant
11 for a second set of plates shall pay the fee otherwise provided
12 in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard multi-year
13 registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1, for motor
14 vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under subsection
15 (a) of Section 3-815, or for recreational vehicles registered
16 at 8,000 pounds or less under subsection (b) of Section 3-815.
17 (Source: P.A. 98-902, eff. 1-1-15; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

18 (625 ILCS 5/3-808.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-808.1)

19 Sec. 3-808.1. Permanent vehicle registration plates.

20 (a) Permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued,
21 at no charge, to the following:

22 1. Vehicles, other than medical transport vehicles,
23 owned and operated by the State of Illinois or by any State
24 agency financed by funds appropriated by the General
25 Assembly. †

1 2. Special disability plates issued to vehicles owned
2 and operated by the State of Illinois or by any State
3 agency financed by funds appropriated by the General
4 Assembly.

5 3. Beginning with the 2020 registration year, a special
6 plate issued under Section 3-609 or 3-623 of this Code as
7 provided under the applicable Section.

8 (b) Permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued,
9 for a one time fee of \$8.00, to the following:

10 1. Vehicles, other than medical transport vehicles,
11 operated by or for any county, township or municipal
12 corporation.

13 2. Vehicles owned by counties, townships or municipal
14 corporations for persons with disabilities.

15 3. Beginning with the 1991 registration year,
16 county-owned vehicles operated by or for any county sheriff
17 and designated deputy sheriffs. These registration plates
18 shall contain the specific county code and unit number.

19 4. All-terrain vehicles owned by counties, townships,
20 or municipal corporations and used for law enforcement
21 purposes when the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin is
22 accompanied with a letter from the original manufacturer or
23 a manufacturer's franchised dealer stating that this
24 all-terrain vehicle has been converted to a street worthy
25 vehicle that meets the equipment requirements set forth in
26 Chapter 12 of this Code.

1 5. Beginning with the 2001 registration year,
2 municipally-owned vehicles operated by or for any police
3 department. These registration plates shall contain the
4 designation "municipal police" and shall be numbered and
5 distributed as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

6 6. Beginning with the 2014 registration year,
7 municipally owned, fire district owned, or Mutual Aid Box
8 Alarm System (MABAS) owned vehicles operated by or for any
9 fire department, fire protection district, or MABAS. These
10 registration plates shall display the designation "Fire
11 Department" and shall display the specific fire
12 department, fire district, fire unit, or MABAS division
13 number or letter.

14 7. Beginning with the 2017 registration year, vehicles
15 that do not require a school bus driver permit under
16 Section 6-104 to operate, and are owned by a public school
17 district from grades K-12 or a public community college.

18 8. Beginning with the 2017 registration year, vehicles
19 of the first division or vehicles of the second division
20 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds that are owned by a
21 medical facility or hospital of a municipality, county, or
22 township.

23 (b-5) Beginning with the 2016 registration year, permanent
24 vehicle registration plates shall be issued for a one-time fee
25 of \$8.00 to a county, township, or municipal corporation that
26 owns or operates vehicles used for the purpose of community

1 workplace commuting as defined by the Secretary of State by
2 administrative rule. The design and color of the plates shall
3 be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary
4 of State may adopt rules to implement this subsection (b-5).

5 (c) Beginning with the 2012 registration year,
6 county-owned vehicles operated by or for any county sheriff and
7 designated deputy sheriffs that have been issued registration
8 plates under subsection (b) of this Section shall be exempt
9 from any fee for the transfer of registration from one vehicle
10 to another vehicle. Each county sheriff shall report to the
11 Secretary of State any transfer of registration plates from one
12 vehicle to another vehicle operated by or for any county
13 sheriff and designated deputy sheriffs. The Secretary of State
14 shall adopt rules to implement this subsection (c).

15 (c-5) Beginning with the 2014 registration year,
16 municipally owned, fire district owned, or Mutual Aid Box Alarm
17 System (MABAS) owned vehicles operated by or for any fire
18 department, fire protection district, or MABAS that have been
19 issued registration plates under subsection (b) of this Section
20 shall be exempt from any fee for the transfer of registration
21 from one vehicle to another vehicle. Each fire department, fire
22 protection district, of MABAS shall report to the Secretary of
23 State any transfer of registration plates from one vehicle to
24 another vehicle operated by or for any fire department, fire
25 protection district, or MABAS. The Secretary of State shall
26 adopt rules to implement this subsection.

1 (d) Beginning with the 2013 registration year,
2 municipally-owned vehicles operated by or for any police
3 department that have been issued registration plates under
4 subsection (b) of this Section shall be exempt from any fee for
5 the transfer of registration from one vehicle to another
6 vehicle. Each municipal police department shall report to the
7 Secretary of State any transfer of registration plates from one
8 vehicle to another vehicle operated by or for any municipal
9 police department. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to
10 implement this subsection (d).

11 (e) Beginning with the 2016 registration year, any vehicle
12 owned or operated by a county, township, or municipal
13 corporation that has been issued registration plates under this
14 Section is exempt from any fee for the transfer of registration
15 from one vehicle to another vehicle. Each county, township, or
16 municipal corporation shall report to the Secretary of State
17 any transfer of registration plates from one vehicle to another
18 vehicle operated by or for any county, township, or municipal
19 corporation.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-436, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1074, eff. 1-1-15;
21 99-166, eff. 7-28-15; 99-707, eff. 7-29-16.)