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HB4952

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-506

625 ILCS 5/3-699.22 new

625 ILCS 5/3-802

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows the Secretary of State to issue Force Combat Action Medal license plates to residents who have been awarded the Air Force Combat Action Medal. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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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 3-506 and 3-802 and by adding Section 3-699.22 as
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-506)

8 Sec. 3-506. Transfer of plates to spouses of military
9 service members. Upon the death of a military service member
10 who has been issued a special plate under Section 3-609.1,
11 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638,
12 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669,
13 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698,
14 3-699.12, ~~or~~ 3-699.17, or 3-699.22 of this Code, the surviving
15 spouse of that service member may retain the plate so long as
16 that spouse is a resident of Illinois and transfers the
17 registration to his or her name within 180 days of the death of
18 the service member.

19 For the purposes of this Section, "service member" means
20 any individual who is serving or has served in any branch of
21 the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard or
22 other reserve components of the Armed Forces, and has been
23 issued a special plate listed in this Section.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 101-51, eff. 7-12-19.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.22 new)

3 Sec. 3-699.22. Air Force Combat Action Medal license
4 plates.

5 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
6 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications
7 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
8 issue Air Force Combat Action Medal license plates to residents
9 of this State who have been awarded the Air Force Combat Action
10 Medal. The special Air Force Combat Action Medal plate issued
11 under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles
12 of the first division, motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the
13 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates
14 issued under this Section shall expire according to the
15 staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1.

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

24 (625 ILCS 5/3-802) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802)

1 Sec. 3-802. Reclassifications and upgrades.

2 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the
3 following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them as
4 follows:

5 "Reclassification" means changing the registration of
6 a vehicle from one plate category to another.

7 "Upgrade" means increasing the registered weight of a
8 vehicle within the same plate category.

9 (b) When reclassing the registration of a vehicle from one
10 plate category to another, the owner shall receive credit for
11 the unused portion of the present plate and be charged the
12 current portion fees for the new plate. In addition, the
13 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
14 shall be assessed.

15 (b-5) ~~Any Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any~~
16 individual who has a registration issued under either Section
17 3-405 or 3-405.1 that qualifies for a special license plate
18 under Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623,
19 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650,
20 3-651, 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680,
21 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, ~~or~~
22 3-699.17, or 3-699.22 may reclass his or her registration upon
23 acquiring a special license plate listed in this subsection
24 (b-5) without a replacement plate or digital plate fee or
25 registration sticker or digital registration sticker cost.

26 (b-10) ~~Any Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any~~

1 individual who has a special license plate issued under Section
2 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625,
3 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, 3-664,
4 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681, 3-683,
5 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, ~~or~~ 3-699.17, or 3-699.22
6 may reclass his or her special license plate upon acquiring a
7 new registration under Section 3-405 or 3-405.1 without a
8 replacement plate or digital plate fee or registration sticker
9 or digital registration sticker cost.

10 (c) When upgrading the weight of a registration within the
11 same plate category, the owner shall pay the difference in
12 current period fees between the 2 ~~two~~ plates. In addition, the
13 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
14 shall be assessed. In the event new plates are not required,
15 the corrected registration card fee shall be assessed.

16 (d) In the event the owner of the vehicle desires to change
17 the registered weight and change the plate category, the owner
18 shall receive credit for the unused portion of the registration
19 fee of the current plate and pay the current portion of the
20 registration fee for the new plate, and in addition, pay the
21 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees.

22 (e) Reclassing from one plate category to another plate
23 category can be done only once within any registration period.

24 (f) No refunds shall be made in any of the circumstances
25 found in subsection (b), subsection (c), or subsection (d);
26 however, when reclassing from a flat weight plate to an

1 apportioned plate, a refund may be issued if the credit amounts
2 to an overpayment.

3 (g) In the event the registration of a vehicle registered
4 under the mileage tax option is revoked, the owner shall be
5 required to pay the annual registration fee in the new plate
6 category and shall not receive any credit for the mileage plate
7 fees.

8 (h) Certain special interest plates may be displayed on
9 first division vehicles, second division vehicles weighing
10 8,000 pounds or less, and recreational vehicles. Those plates
11 can be transferred within those vehicle groups.

12 (i) Plates displayed on second division vehicles weighing
13 8,000 pounds or less and passenger vehicle plates may be
14 reclassified from one division to the other.

15 (j) Other than in subsection (i), reclassing from one
16 division to the other division is prohibited. In addition, a
17 reclass from a motor vehicle to a trailer or a trailer to a
18 motor vehicle is prohibited.

19 (Source: P.A. 100-246, eff. 1-1-18; 100-450, eff. 1-1-18;
20 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 101-395, eff.
21 8-16-19; revised 9-24-19.)

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