

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB3619

Introduced 2/28/2007, by Rep. Mike Bost

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-664 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides for the issuance of Fallen Veteran plates to surviving relatives of a military veteran who died in a combat zone. Provides that one set of these plates shall be issued, without charge, to the surviving widow or widower, or a surviving child, parent, or sibling of the fallen veteran, in that order of preference. Provides that only one set of these plates shall be issued without charge. Provides that if any other eligible member of the family of the fallen veteran wishes to obtain a set of these plates, he or she shall be charged the appropriate registration fee.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 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 adding Section 3-664 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/3-664 new)
- Sec. 3-664. Fallen Veteran license plates.
- (a) Upon proper application, the Secretary of State shall, 8 9 without charge, issue one pair of registration plates to any 10 Illinois resident who is the surviving widow or widower of a person who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed 11 12 Forces of the United States and deployed in a combat zone. If no widow or widower survives, or if the widow or widower does 13 14 not claim the plates, the surviving child of the fallen veteran shall receive the plates. If no child survives, or if the 15 16 surviving child does not claim the plates, the surviving parent 17 of the fallen veteran shall receive the plates. If no parent survives, of if the surviving parent does not claim the plates, 18 19 a surviving sibling of the fallen veteran shall receive the 20 plates. Only one set of plates shall be issued without charge. 21 If any other eligible member of the fallen veteran's family, as 22 listed in this subsection (a), wishes to obtain a set of these plates, he or she shall be charged the appropriate registration 2.3

 $\underline{\text{fee.}}$ 

(b) Registration plates issued under this Section shall be for first division vehicles and second division vehicles of 8,000 pounds or less. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

(c) The plates shall display the word "Fallen". In all other respects, the design, color, and format of the plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary of State. 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 shall, in his or her discretion, approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.