

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 HB1319

Introduced 2/9/2011, by Rep. Darlene J. Senger

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-629

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that collegiate license plates may be issued for a public college or university located in a state contiguous to this State if not less than 10,000 alumni of that college or university reside in Illinois. Sets forth fees for original issuance and renewal. Provides that moneys generated by collegiate license plates issued for a public college or university located in a contiguous state shall be deposited into the University Grant Program and distributed through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to participating colleges and universities for the sole purpose of scholarship grant awards to Illinois residents. Effective immediately.

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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 changing

  Section 3-629 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/3-629)

- 7 Sec. 3-629. Collegiate license plates; scholarship fund.
  - (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue collegiate license plates. The collegiate plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division and motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds and subject to the staggered registration system. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure established under Section 3-414.1 of this Code.
    - (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may, at his or her discretion, issue the plates for any public college or university located in this State or a contiguous state or for any degree-granting, not-for-profit private college or university located in this

State or a contiguous state. If the college or university is located in a contiguous state, there must be not less than 10,000 alumni of the college or university residing in this State. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized 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 prescribe the eligibility requirements including a minimum level of specialized license plates requests and, in his or her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.

(c) An applicant shall be charged a \$40 fee for original issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of the original issuance fee in the case of a public university or college located in this State, \$25 shall be deposited into the State College and University Trust Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund to be used by the Secretary of State, subject to appropriation, to help defray the administrative costs of issuing the plate. Of the original issuance fee in the case of a degree-granting, not-for-profit private college or university or in the case of a public university or college located in a contiguous state, \$25 shall be deposited into the University Grant Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund to be used by the

Secretary of State, subject to appropriation, to help defray the administrative cost of issuing the plate. In addition to the regular renewal fee, an applicant shall be charged \$27 for the renewal of each set of license plates issued under this Section; \$25 shall be deposited into the State College and University Trust Fund in the case of a public university or college or into the University Grant Fund in the case of a degree-granting, not-for-profit private college or university or in the case of a public university or college located in a contiguous state, and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund plates for all collegiate plates.

(d) The State College and University Trust Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. The State Treasurer shall create separate accounts within the State College and University Trust Fund for each public university or college located in this State for which collegiate license plates have been issued. Moneys in the State College and University Trust Fund shall be allocated to each account in proportion to the number of plates sold in regard to each public university or college. Moneys deposited into the State College and University Trust Fund during the preceding calendar year shall be distributed, subject to appropriation, to each participating public university or college. This revenue shall be used for the sole purpose of scholarship grant awards to Illinois residents.

- (e) The University Grant Fund is created as a special fund 1 2 in the State treasury. The State Treasurer shall create separate accounts within the University Grant Fund for each 3 university or college for which collegiate license plates have 4 5 been issued. Moneys in the University Grant Fund shall be 6 allocated to each account in proportion to the number of plates sold in regard to each university or college. Moneys deposited 7 8 into these accounts during the preceding calendar year shall, 9 subject to appropriation, be distributed through the Illinois 10 Student. Assistance Commission to participating private 11 colleges and universities located in this State or a contiguous 12 state and to participating public colleges and universities 13 located in a contiguous state. This revenue shall be used for the sole purpose of scholarship grant awards to Illinois 14 15 residents.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 95-444, eff. 8-27-07.)
- 17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 18 becoming law.