

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 3-699.26 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/3-699.26 new)

Sec. 3-699.26. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license
plates.

(a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
Secretary of State, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may
issue special registration plates registered as Armed Forces
Expeditionary license plates to residents of Illinois who have
been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service
in the United States Armed Forces after July 1, 1958 and
participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in
direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of
assistance for friendly foreign nations. The special plates
issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only to
passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and
motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
according to the staggered multi-year procedure established by

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. The Secretary may allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates 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.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.