

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 adding  
5 Section 3-699.26 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.26 new)

7 Sec. 3-699.26. Air Medal license plates.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2027 registration year, the  
9 Secretary of State, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
10 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may  
11 issue special registration plates designated as Air Medal  
12 plates to residents of the State who have been awarded the Air  
13 Medal by the United States Armed Forces. The special plates  
14 issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger  
15 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, autocycles, and  
16 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than  
17 8,000 pounds. Plates under this Section shall expire according  
18 to the multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of  
19 this Code.

20 (b) The plates shall display the Air Medal. In all other  
21 respects, the design and color of the special plates shall be  
22 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. Appropriate  
23 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, shall accompany

1 each application. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion,  
2 allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized  
3 in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates  
4 are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed  
5 in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary  
6 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or  
7 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals  
8 as provided under Section 3-412.