

# HB3004



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-600

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-600

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, except for a special plate that recognizes the applicant's military service or receipt of a military medal or award, the Secretary of State shall not issue a series of special plates, or Universal special plates associated with an organization authorized to issue decals for Universal special plates, unless applications, as prescribed by the Secretary and including applications in process, have been received for 250 (rather than 2,000) plates of that series.

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A BILL FOR

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  
5 changing Section 3-600 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-600) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-600)

7 Sec. 3-600. Requirements for issuance of special plates.

8 (a) The Secretary of State shall issue only special plates  
9 that have been authorized by the General Assembly. Except as  
10 provided in subsection (a-5), the Secretary of State shall not  
11 issue a series of special plates, or Universal special plates  
12 associated with an organization authorized to issue decals for  
13 Universal special plates, unless applications, as prescribed  
14 by the Secretary and including applications in process, have  
15 been received for 250 ~~2,000~~ plates of that series. Where a  
16 special plate is authorized by law to raise funds for a  
17 specific civic group, charitable entity, or other identified  
18 organization, or when the civic group, charitable entity, or  
19 organization is authorized to issue decals for Universal  
20 special license plates, and where the Secretary of State has  
21 not received the required number of applications to issue that  
22 special plate within 2 years of the effective date of the  
23 Public Act authorizing the special plate or decal, the

1 Secretary of State's authority to issue the special plate or a  
2 Universal special plate associated with that decal is  
3 nullified. All applications for special plates shall be on a  
4 form designated by the Secretary and shall be accompanied by  
5 any civic group's, charitable entity's, or other identified  
6 fundraising organization's portion of the additional fee  
7 associated with that plate or decal. All fees collected under  
8 this Section are non-refundable and shall be deposited in the  
9 special fund as designated in the enabling legislation,  
10 regardless of whether the plate or decal is produced. Upon the  
11 adoption of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly,  
12 no further special license plates shall be authorized by the  
13 General Assembly unless that special license plate is  
14 authorized under subsection (a-5) of this Section.

15 (a-5) If the General Assembly authorizes the issuance of a  
16 special plate that recognizes the applicant's military service  
17 or receipt of a military medal or award, the Secretary may  
18 immediately begin issuing that special plate.

19 (b) The Secretary of State, upon issuing a new series of  
20 special license plates, shall notify all law enforcement  
21 officials of the design, color and other special features of  
22 the special license plate series.

23 (c) This Section shall not apply to the Secretary of  
24 State's discretion as established in Section 3-611.

25 (d) If a law authorizing a special license plate provides  
26 that the sponsoring organization is to designate a charitable

1 entity as the recipient of the funds from the sale of that  
2 license plate, the designated charitable entity must be in  
3 compliance with the registration and reporting requirements of  
4 the Charitable Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act.  
5 In addition, the charitable entity must annually provide the  
6 Secretary of State's office a letter of compliance issued by  
7 the Illinois Attorney General's office verifying the entity is  
8 in compliance with the Acts.

9 In the case of a law in effect before the effective date of  
10 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the name of  
11 the charitable entity which is to receive the funds shall be  
12 provided to the Secretary of State within one year after the  
13 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General  
14 Assembly. In the case of a law that takes effect on or after  
15 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General  
16 Assembly, the name of the charitable entity which is to  
17 receive the funds shall be provided to the Secretary of State  
18 within one year after the law takes effect. If the  
19 organization fails to designate an appropriate charitable  
20 entity within the one-year period, or if the designated  
21 charitable entity fails to annually provide the Secretary of  
22 State a letter of compliance issued by the Illinois Attorney  
23 General's office, any funds collected from the sale of plates  
24 authorized for that organization and not previously disbursed  
25 shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund, and the  
26 special plates shall be discontinued.

1 (e) If fewer than 1,000 sets of any special license plate  
2 authorized by law and issued by the Secretary of State are  
3 actively registered for 2 consecutive calendar years, the  
4 Secretary of State may discontinue the issuance of that  
5 special license plate or require that special license plate to  
6 be exchanged for Universal special plates with appropriate  
7 decals.

8 (f) Where special license plates have been discontinued  
9 pursuant to subsection (d) or (e) of this Section, or when the  
10 special license plates are required to be exchanged for  
11 Universal special plates under subsection (e) of this Section,  
12 all previously issued plates of that type shall be recalled.  
13 Owners of vehicles which were registered with recalled plates  
14 shall not be charged a reclassification or registration  
15 sticker replacement plate fee upon the issuance of new plates  
16 for those vehicles.

17 (g) Any special plate that is authorized to be issued for  
18 motorcycles may also be issued for autocycles.

19 (h) The Secretary may use alternating numeric and  
20 alphabetical characters when issuing a special registration  
21 plate authorized under this Chapter.

22 (i) The Secretary of State may issue digital registration  
23 plates and stickers in accordance with this Section and  
24 Section 3-401.5.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-956, eff. 1-1-19; 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)