



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4347

Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. David Friess

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-609

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to be 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the veteran for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities, without the payment of any registration fee, make application to the Secretary of State for any other special plate for veterans for which the veteran qualifies for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division, one motorcycle, or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Effective immediately.

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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 3-609 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)

7 Sec. 3-609. Plates for veterans with disabilities.

8 (a) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected  
9 disability from the United States Department of Veterans  
10 Affairs, and who has obtained certification from a licensed  
11 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice  
12 registered nurse that the service-connected disability  
13 qualifies the veteran for issuance of registration plates or  
14 digital registration plates or decals to a person with  
15 disabilities in accordance with Section 3-616, may, without  
16 the payment of any registration fee, make application to the  
17 Secretary of State for license plates for veterans with  
18 disabilities displaying the international symbol of access,  
19 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first  
20 division, one motorcycle, or one motor vehicle of the second  
21 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

22 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected  
23 disability from the United States Department of Veterans

1 Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to  
2 be 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the  
3 veteran for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities  
4 under Section 3-616, may, without the payment of any  
5 registration fee, make application to the Secretary for a  
6 special registration plate or digital registration plate  
7 without the international symbol of access (or any other  
8 special plate for veterans for which the veteran qualifies)  
9 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first  
10 division, one motorcycle, or one motor vehicle of the second  
11 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

12 (c) Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with  
13 documentation for eligibility of registration without fee  
14 unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability,  
15 and such registration plates or digital registration plates  
16 may not be issued to any person not eligible therefor. The  
17 Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs may assist in  
18 providing the documentation of disability.

19 (d) The design and color of the plates shall be within the  
20 discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates issued  
21 under subsection (b) of this Section shall not contain the  
22 international symbol of access. The Secretary may, in his or  
23 her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or  
24 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this  
25 Code. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be  
26 issued staggered registration.

1           (e) Any person eligible to receive license plates under  
2 this Section who has been approved for benefits under the  
3 Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax  
4 Relief Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under that  
5 Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise  
6 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard  
7 multi-year registration plates or digital registration plates  
8 issued under Section 3-414.1, for motor vehicles registered at  
9 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), or for  
10 recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under  
11 Section 3-815(b), for a second set of plates under this  
12 Section.

13           (f) With respect to the supporting documentation required  
14 to obtain a plate under this Section, the Secretary shall  
15 allow an applicant to redact information on the documentation  
16 that pertains to the nature of the applicant's health issue,  
17 unless that information is necessary to confirm that the  
18 applicant's disability is service-connected or to establish  
19 the degree of the applicant's service-connected disability.

20           (Source: P.A. 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

21           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.