

104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2025 and 2026 SB1247

Introduced 1/24/2025, by Sen. Sue Rezin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-611.6 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State may issue special registration plates to volunteer firefighters. Provides that the fee for these plates shall be the same as the fee prescribed for standard plates for first division vehicles. Provides for the issuance of permanent license plates for volunteer firefighter vehicles owned by a municipal fire department or fire protection district.

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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 adding

 Section 3-611.6 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/3-611.6 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 3-611.6. Volunteer firefighter license plates.</u>
- (a) The Secretary, upon the receipt of a request from a 8 9 municipality or fire protection district that operates a fire 10 department accompanied by an application and the appropriate fee, may issue, to a volunteer firefighter of each municipal 11 12 fire department or fire protection district, special registration plates designated as volunteer firefighter 13 14 license plates. The special plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first 15 16 division or motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds that are owned by the fire department or 17 a volunteer firefighter of the fire department. Plates issued 18 19 under this Section shall expire according to the multi-year 20 procedure established by Section 3-414.1.
 - (b) The design and color of the special plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The plates are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln" as prescribed in

1 subsection (b) of Section 3-412. The Secretary may prescribe rules governing the requirements and approval of the special 2 3 plates. The fee for this plate for a vehicle owned by a volunteer firefighter shall be the same as the fee prescribed 4 for first division vehicles under Section 3-806. Permanent 5 6 license plates for volunteer firefighter vehicles owned by a 7 municipal fire department or fire protection district shall be issued at the fee prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 8 9 3-808.1.