

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 3-413 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

7 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates or digital  
8 registration plates, registration stickers or digital  
9 registration stickers, and drive-away permits; registration  
10 plate or digital registration plate covers.

11 (a) Registration plates or digital registration plates  
12 issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, auticycle,  
13 trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or  
14 apportioned truck shall be attached thereto, one in the  
15 frontmost and one in the rearmost. The registration plate or  
16 digital registration plate issued for a motorcycle, auticycle,  
17 trailer or semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and  
18 any apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions  
19 of this Code shall be attached to the rearmost thereof. The  
20 registration plate or digital registration plate issued for a  
21 truck-tractor or an apportioned truck required to be  
22 registered hereunder shall be attached to the frontmost  
23 thereof.

1           (b) Except for vehicles with rear loaded motorized  
2 forklifts, every registration plate or digital registration  
3 plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal  
4 position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent  
5 the plate from swinging and at a height of not less than 5  
6 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such  
7 plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall  
8 be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible, free from  
9 any materials that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.  
10 A registration plate or digital registration plate on a  
11 motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it is  
12 otherwise clearly visible. Registration stickers or digital  
13 registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual  
14 registration shall be attached to registration plates or  
15 displayed on digital registration plates as required by the  
16 Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times and  
17 displayed as prescribed in subsection (k). For those vehicles  
18 with rear loaded motorized forklifts, if the rear plate is  
19 securely fastened in a horizontal position as prescribed, the  
20 plate and registration sticker shall not be required to be  
21 clearly visible at all times as a result of the rear mounted  
22 motorized forklift obstructing the view.

23           (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code  
24 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner  
25 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit  
26 is affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit

1 shall be void and of no effect.

2 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign  
3 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned  
4 with Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate or  
5 digital registration plate and displayed on the frontmost of  
6 such vehicle in the same manner as an Illinois registration  
7 plate or digital registration plate.

8 (e) The registration plate or digital registration plate  
9 issued for a camper body mounted on a truck displaying  
10 registration plates or digital registration plates shall be  
11 attached to the rearmost of the camper body.

12 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the  
13 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois  
14 registration plate or plates or digital registration plate or  
15 plates or registration stickers or digital registration  
16 stickers, except as provided for in subsection (b) of Section  
17 3-701 of this Code, after the termination of the registration  
18 period for which issued or after the expiration date set  
19 pursuant to Sections 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

20 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is  
21 equipped with registration plate or digital registration plate  
22 covers. A violation of this subsection (g) or a similar  
23 provision of a local ordinance is an offense against laws and  
24 ordinances regulating the movement of traffic.

25 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration  
26 plate or digital registration plate cover. A violation of this

1 subsection (h) is a business offense.

2 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of  
3 promoting the sale of registration plate or digital  
4 registration plate covers. A violation of this subsection (i)  
5 is a business offense.

6 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's  
7 mounting location of the rear registration plate or digital  
8 registration plate on any vehicle so as to conceal the  
9 registration or to knowingly cause it to be obstructed in an  
10 effort to hinder a peace officer from obtaining the  
11 registration for the enforcement of a violation of this Code,  
12 Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning toll evasion,  
13 or any municipal ordinance. Modifications prohibited by this  
14 subsection (j) include but are not limited to the use of an  
15 electronic device. A violation of this subsection (j) is a  
16 Class A misdemeanor.

17 (k) Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed  
18 registration by the Secretary shall be displayed on the upper  
19 right corner of the rear registration plate or in a manner  
20 otherwise provided by the Secretary. However, registration  
21 stickers issued to truck-tractors shall be displayed on the  
22 upper right corner of the front registration plate or in a  
23 manner otherwise provided by the Secretary.

24 (l) No person shall affix to any registration plate,  
25 temporary registration plate, digital registration plate,  
26 registration sticker, or other evidence of registration issued

1 by the Secretary any medallion, insignia, sticker, tape, or  
2 other object not issued or approved by the Secretary. No  
3 person shall alter, manipulate, apply, or otherwise manipulate  
4 any evidence of registration issued by the Secretary in any  
5 manner from the original condition as was received when issued  
6 by the Secretary. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle that  
7 (i) displays evidence of registration altered in any manner or  
8 displaying any medallion, insignia, sticker, tape, or other  
9 object as prescribed in this subsection or (ii) is equipped  
10 with a manual, electronic, or mechanical device that hides or  
11 obscures a registration plate.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-706, eff. 1-1-25.)