

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 changing  
5 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 decals to a person with disabilities in accordance with Section  
15 3-616, may, without the payment of any registration fee, make  
16 application to the Secretary of State for license plates for  
17 veterans with disabilities displaying the international symbol  
18 of access, for the registration of one motor vehicle of the  
19 first division, one motorcycle, or one motor vehicle of the  
20 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

21 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected  
22 disability from the United States Department of Veterans  
23 Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to be

1 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the veteran  
2 for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities under  
3 Section 3-616, may, without the payment of any registration  
4 fee, make application to the Secretary for a special  
5 registration plate without the international symbol of access  
6 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division  
7 or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more  
8 than 8,000 pounds.

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

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

24 (e) Any person eligible to receive license plates under  
25 this Section who has been approved for benefits under the  
26 Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax

1 Relief Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under that  
2 Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise  
3 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard  
4 multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1,  
5 for motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under  
6 Section 3-815(a), or for recreational vehicles registered at  
7 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b), for a second set  
8 of plates under this Section.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)