

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 Sections 3-506 and 3-802 and by adding Section
6 3-699.22 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-506)

8 Sec. 3-506. Transfer of plates to spouses of military
9 service members. Upon the death of a military service member
10 who has been issued a special plate under Section 3-609.1,
11 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638,
12 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669,
13 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698,
14 3-699.12, ~~or 3-699.17,~~ or 3-699.22 of this Code, the surviving
15 spouse of that service member may retain the plate so long as
16 that spouse is a resident of Illinois and transfers the
17 registration to his or her name within 180 days of the death of
18 the service member.

19 For the purposes of this Section, "service member" means
20 any individual who is serving or has served in any branch of
21 the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard
22 or other reserve components of the Armed Forces, and has been
23 issued a special plate listed in this Section.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 101-51, eff. 7-12-19.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.22 new)

3 Sec. 3-699.22. Air Force Combat Action Medal license
4 plates.

5 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
6 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
7 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
8 State, may issue Air Force Combat Action Medal license plates
9 to residents of this State who have been awarded the Air Force
10 Combat Action Medal. The special Air Force Combat Action Medal
11 plate issued under this Section shall be affixed only to
12 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and
13 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
14 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
15 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established by
16 Section 3-414.1.

17 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
18 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
19 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be
20 issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
21 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
22 designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
23 of Section 3-412. The Secretary shall approve and prescribe
24 stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.

1 (625 ILCS 5/3-802) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802)

2 Sec. 3-802. Reclassifications and upgrades.

3 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the
4 following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them as
5 follows:

6 "Reclassification" means changing the registration of
7 a vehicle from one plate category to another.

8 "Upgrade" means increasing the registered weight of a
9 vehicle within the same plate category.

10 (b) When reclassing the registration of a vehicle from one
11 plate category to another, the owner shall receive credit for
12 the unused portion of the present plate and be charged the
13 current portion fees for the new plate. In addition, the
14 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
15 shall be assessed.

16 (b-5) ~~Any~~ Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any
17 individual who has a registration issued under either Section
18 3-405 or 3-405.1 that qualifies for a special license plate
19 under Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623,
20 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650,
21 3-651, 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680,
22 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, ~~or~~
23 3-699.17, or 3-699.22 may reclass his or her registration upon
24 acquiring a special license plate listed in this subsection
25 (b-5) without a replacement plate or digital plate fee or
26 registration sticker or digital registration sticker cost.

1 (b-10) Any ~~Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any~~
2 individual who has a special license plate issued under
3 Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624,
4 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651,
5 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681,
6 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, ~~or~~ 3-699.17, or
7 3-699.22 may reclass his or her special license plate upon
8 acquiring a new registration under Section 3-405 or 3-405.1
9 without a replacement plate or digital plate fee or
10 registration sticker or digital registration sticker cost.

11 (c) When upgrading the weight of a registration within the
12 same plate category, the owner shall pay the difference in
13 current period fees between the 2 ~~two~~ plates. In addition, the
14 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
15 shall be assessed. In the event new plates are not required,
16 the corrected registration card fee shall be assessed.

17 (d) In the event the owner of the vehicle desires to change
18 the registered weight and change the plate category, the owner
19 shall receive credit for the unused portion of the
20 registration fee of the current plate and pay the current
21 portion of the registration fee for the new plate, and in
22 addition, pay the appropriate replacement plate and
23 replacement sticker fees.

24 (e) Reclassing from one plate category to another plate
25 category can be done only once within any registration period.

26 (f) No refunds shall be made in any of the circumstances

1 found in subsection (b), subsection (c), or subsection (d);
2 however, when reclassing from a flat weight plate to an
3 apportioned plate, a refund may be issued if the credit
4 amounts to an overpayment.

5 (g) In the event the registration of a vehicle registered
6 under the mileage tax option is revoked, the owner shall be
7 required to pay the annual registration fee in the new plate
8 category and shall not receive any credit for the mileage
9 plate fees.

10 (h) Certain special interest plates may be displayed on
11 first division vehicles, second division vehicles weighing
12 8,000 pounds or less, and recreational vehicles. Those plates
13 can be transferred within those vehicle groups.

14 (i) Plates displayed on second division vehicles weighing
15 8,000 pounds or less and passenger vehicle plates may be
16 reclassified from one division to the other.

17 (j) Other than in subsection (i), reclassing from one
18 division to the other division is prohibited. In addition, a
19 reclass from a motor vehicle to a trailer or a trailer to a
20 motor vehicle is prohibited.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-246, eff. 1-1-18; 100-450, eff. 1-1-18;
22 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 101-395, eff.
23 8-16-19; revised 9-24-19.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.