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HB4325

Introduced 1/5/2022, by Rep. David Friess

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-506	
625 ILCS 5/3-699.22 new	
625 ILCS 5/3-802	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802
625 ILCS 5/3-806.3	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Establishes the creation of a United States Space Force special license plate. Provides that the design, color, and format of the plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Provides that the surviving spouse of a military service member who has been issued a United States Space Force license plate may retain the plate so long as the spouse is a resident of Illinois and transfers the registration to his or her name within 180 days of the death of the service member. Provides that an individual may reclass his or her registration or plate upon acquiring a Space Force license plate without a replacement plate fee or registration sticker cost. Provides that a vehicle owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act or who is the spouse of such a person shall pay a \$24 registration fee for vehicles displaying a Space Force license plate. 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 Sections 3-506, 3-802, and 3-806.3 and by adding
6 Section 3-699.22 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-506)

8 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 102-154)

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

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

1 issued a special plate listed in this Section.

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

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9 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698,
10 3-699.12, 3-699.15, 3-699.16, 3-699.17, 3-699.19, ~~or~~ 3-699.20,
11 or 3-699.22 of this Code, the surviving spouse of that service
12 member may retain the plate so long as that spouse is a
13 resident of Illinois and transfers the registration to his or
14 her name within 180 days of the death of the service member.

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16 any individual who is serving or has served in any branch of
17 the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard
18 or other reserve components of the Armed Forces, and has been
19 issued a special plate listed in this Section.

20 (Source: P.A. 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 102-154, eff. 1-1-22.)

21 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.22 new)

22 Sec. 3-699.22. United States Space Force plates.

23 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
24 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and

1 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
2 State, may issue United States Space Force license plates to
3 residents of this State who are serving or have served in the
4 United States Space Force. The special United States Space
5 Force plate issued under this Section shall be affixed only to
6 passenger vehicles of the first division and motor vehicles of
7 the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

8 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
9 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
10 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be
11 issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
12 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
13 designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
14 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall approve and
15 prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.

16 (625 ILCS 5/3-802) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802)

17 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 102-154)

18 Sec. 3-802. Reclassifications and upgrades.

19 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the
20 following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them as
21 follows:

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

24 "Upgrade" means increasing the registered weight of a
25 vehicle within the same plate category.

1 (b) When reclassing the registration of a vehicle from one
2 plate category to another, the owner shall receive credit for
3 the unused portion of the present plate and be charged the
4 current portion fees for the new plate. In addition, the
5 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
6 shall be assessed.

7 (b-5) Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any
8 individual who has a registration issued under either Section
9 3-405 or 3-405.1 that qualifies for a special license plate
10 under Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623,
11 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650,
12 3-651, 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680,
13 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, or
14 3-699.17 may reclass his or her registration upon acquiring a
15 special license plate listed in this subsection (b-5) without
16 a replacement plate or digital plate fee or registration
17 sticker or digital registration sticker cost.

18 (b-10) Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any
19 individual who has a special license plate issued under
20 Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624,
21 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651,
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24 reclass his or her special license plate upon acquiring a new
25 registration under Section 3-405 or 3-405.1 without a
26 replacement plate or digital plate fee or registration sticker

1 or digital registration sticker cost.

2 (c) When upgrading the weight of a registration within the
3 same plate category, the owner shall pay the difference in
4 current period fees between the 2 plates. In addition, the
5 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
6 shall be assessed. In the event new plates are not required,
7 the corrected registration card fee shall be assessed.

8 (d) In the event the owner of the vehicle desires to change
9 the registered weight and change the plate category, the owner
10 shall receive credit for the unused portion of the
11 registration fee of the current plate and pay the current
12 portion of the registration fee for the new plate, and in
13 addition, pay the appropriate replacement plate and
14 replacement sticker fees.

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

17 (f) No refunds shall be made in any of the circumstances
18 found in subsection (b), subsection (c), or subsection (d);
19 however, when reclassing from a flat weight plate to an
20 apportioned plate, a refund may be issued if the credit
21 amounts to an overpayment.

22 (g) In the event the registration of a vehicle registered
23 under the mileage tax option is revoked, the owner shall be
24 required to pay the annual registration fee in the new plate
25 category and shall not receive any credit for the mileage
26 plate fees.

1 (h) Certain special interest plates may be displayed on
2 first division vehicles, second division vehicles weighing
3 8,000 pounds or less, and recreational vehicles. Those plates
4 can be transferred within those vehicle groups.

5 (i) Plates displayed on second division vehicles weighing
6 8,000 pounds or less and passenger vehicle plates may be
7 reclassified from one division to the other.

8 (j) Other than in subsection (i), reclassing from one
9 division to the other division is prohibited. In addition, a
10 reclass from a motor vehicle to a trailer or a trailer to a
11 motor vehicle is prohibited.

12 (Source: P.A. 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 101-395, eff. 8-16-19;
13 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

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11 102-154, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3)

13 Sec. 3-806.3. Senior citizens. Commencing with the 2009
14 registration year, the registration fee paid by any vehicle
15 owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior
16 Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act
17 or who is the spouse of such a person shall be \$24 instead of
18 the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars
19 displaying standard multi-year registration plates or digital
20 registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1, motor
21 vehicles displaying special registration plates or digital
22 registration plates issued under Section 3-609, 3-616, 3-621,
23 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645,
24 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, 3-663, ~~or~~ 3-699.17, or 3-699.22, motor
25 vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section

1 3-815(a), and recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds
2 or less under Section 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of
3 claimants shall also be entitled to this reduced registration
4 fee for the registration year in which the claimant was
5 eligible.

6 Commencing with the 2009 registration year, the
7 registration fee paid by any vehicle owner who has claimed and
8 received a grant under the Senior Citizens and Persons with
9 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act or who is the spouse of
10 such a person shall be \$24 instead of the fee otherwise
11 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard
12 multi-year registration plates or digital registration plates
13 issued under Section 3-414.1, motor vehicles displaying
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15 issued under Section 3-607, 3-609, 3-616, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623,
16 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650,
17 3-651, 3-663, 3-664, ~~or 3-699.17,~~ or 3-699.22, motor vehicles
18 registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), and
19 recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
20 Section 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of claimants shall also
21 be entitled to this reduced registration fee for the
22 registration year in which the claimant was eligible.

23 Commencing with the 2017 registration year, the reduced
24 fee under this Section shall apply to any special registration
25 plate or digital registration plate authorized in Article VI
26 of Chapter 3 of this Code for which the applicant would

1 otherwise be eligible.

2 Surcharges for vehicle registrations under Section 3-806
3 of this Code shall not be collected from any vehicle owner who
4 has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and
5 Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act or a person who is the
6 spouse of such a person.

7 No more than one reduced registration fee under this
8 Section shall be allowed during any 12-month period based on
9 the primary eligibility of any individual, whether such
10 reduced registration fee is allowed to the individual or to
11 the spouse, widow or widower of such individual. This Section
12 does not apply to the fee paid in addition to the registration
13 fee for motor vehicles displaying vanity, personalized, or
14 special license plates.

15 (Source: P.A. 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 101-395, eff. 8-16-19;
16 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

17 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
18 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
19 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
20 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
21 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
22 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
23 Public Act.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
25 1, 2023.