

1 AN ACT concerning license plates.

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 3-655 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-655)

7 Sec. 3-655. Hospice license plates.

8 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in  
9 the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special  
10 registration plates designated as Hospice license plates. The  
11 special plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only  
12 to passenger vehicles of the first division and motor vehicles  
13 of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.  
14 Plates issued under this Section shall expire according to the  
15 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this  
16 Code.

17 (b) The color of the plates is wholly within the discretion  
18 of the Secretary. The design of the plates shall include the  
19 word "Hospice" above drawings of two lilies and a butterfly.  
20 The Secretary may allow the plates to be issued as vanity  
21 plates or personalized under Section 3-405.1 of the Code. The  
22 Secretary shall prescribe stickers or decals as provided under  
23 Section 3-412 of this Code.

1 (c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a  
2 \$25 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate  
3 registration fee. Of this fee, \$10 shall be deposited into the  
4 Hospice Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
5 State Special License Plate Fund, to be used by the Secretary  
6 to help defray the administrative processing costs.

7 For each registration renewal period, a \$25 fee, in  
8 addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged.  
9 Of this fee, \$23 shall be deposited into the Hospice Fund and  
10 \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special  
11 License Plate Fund.

12 (d) The Hospice Fund is created as a special fund in the  
13 State treasury. All money in the Hospice Fund shall be paid,  
14 subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and approval  
15 by the Secretary, as grants to a statewide organization whose  
16 primary membership consists of hospice programs to be used as  
17 follows:

18 (1) To fund projects relating to hospice care for  
19 special groups, such as children, veterans, and ethnic,  
20 religious, gender, or minority groups, or to provide  
21 disease-specific research or outreach.

22 (2) To fund education and outreach for hospice  
23 volunteers, patients, families, and health care  
24 professionals.

25 (3) To fund informational and educational media  
26 programs regarding the availability of hospice services.

1           (4) To fund the expansion or enhancement of a statewide  
2           organization whose primary membership consists of hospice  
3           programs toll-free referral line operated to provide  
4           hospice information.

5           (5) To fund the expansion or enhancement of a statewide  
6           organization whose primary membership consists of hospice  
7           programs Internet website.

8           (6) To cover reasonable costs for special plate  
9           advertising.

10          A statewide organization whose primary membership consists  
11          of hospice programs shall distribute grant moneys received  
12          under this subsection (d) through a standing committee that  
13          reviews funding solicitations and awards ~~to the Department of~~  
14          ~~Public Health for distribution as grants for hospice services~~  
15          ~~as defined in the Hospice Program Licensing Act. The Director~~  
16          ~~of Public Health shall adopt rules for the distribution of~~  
17          ~~these grants.~~

18          (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)