

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 adding  
5 Section 3-684 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-684 new)

7 Sec. 3-684. Soldier's Medal license plates.

8 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
9 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications  
10 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may  
11 issue Soldier's Medal license plates to residents of Illinois  
12 who have earned the Soldier's Medal from the United States  
13 Armed Forces. The special plates issued under this Section  
14 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first  
15 division, motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second  
16 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued  
17 under this Section shall expire according to the staggered  
18 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this  
19 Code.

20 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
21 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
22 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be  
23 issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with

1 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
2 designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of  
3 Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall, in his or her  
4 discretion, approve and prescribe stickers or decals as  
5 provided under Section 3-412.

6 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
7 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. This  
8 additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of State  
9 Special License Plate Fund.