

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 3-623 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)

7 Sec. 3-623. Purple Heart Plates. The Secretary, upon  
8 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the  
9 Secretary of State, may issue to recipients awarded the Purple  
10 Heart by a branch of the armed forces of the United States who  
11 reside in Illinois, special registration plates. The  
12 Secretary, upon receipt of the proper application, may also  
13 issue these special registration plates to an Illinois resident  
14 who is the surviving spouse of a person who was awarded the  
15 Purple Heart by a branch of the armed forces of the United  
16 States. The special plates issued pursuant to this Section  
17 should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the 1st  
18 division, including motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd  
19 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The Secretary  
20 may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as  
21 vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section  
22 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of State must make a  
23 version of the special registration plates authorized under

1 this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles.

2       The design and color of such plates shall be wholly within  
3 the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate  
4 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the  
5 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application.  
6 However, for an individual who has been issued Purple Heart  
7 plates for a vehicle and who has been approved for benefits  
8 under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax  
9 Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, the annual fee for  
10 the registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in Section  
11 3-806.3 of this Code.

12       (Source: P.A. 94-93, eff. 1-1-06; 94-343, eff. 1-1-06; 95-331,  
13 eff. 8-21-07; 95-353, eff. 1-1-08.)