97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 02/07/11, by Rep. Thomas Holbrook

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.786 new 625 ILCS 5/3-696 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and State Finance Act. Provides for the issuance of Sons of the American Legion special license plates. Provides that an applicant shall be charged an additional fee of \$15 at original issuance and an additional \$10 upon renewal. Provides that \$5 of the original issuance fee and renewal fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that \$10 of the original issuance fee and \$5 of the renewal fee shall be deposited into the Sons of American Legion Scholarship Fund. Creates the Sons of American Legion Scholarship Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all moneys in the Sons of the American Legion Scholarship Fund shall, subject to appropriation, be used for grants for scholarships for Illinois residents who are children of members of the Sons of the American Legion and who meet the academic, financial, and other requirements established by the Sons of the American Legion. Provides that all grants must be used at a college or university in Illinois.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
 Section 5.786 as follows:
- 6 (30 ILCS 105/5.786 new)

7 <u>Sec. 5.786. The Sons of the American Legion Scholarship</u>
8 <u>Fund.</u>

9 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding 10 Section 3-696 as follows:

11 (625 ILCS 5/3-696 new) 12 Sec. 3-696. Sons of the American Legion license plates. (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in 13 the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special 14 registration plates designated as Sons of the American Legion 15 16 license plates. The special plates issued under this Section 17 shall be fixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motor vehicles of the second division weighing not 18 19 more man 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined in Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section 20 shall expire according to the multi-year procedure established 21

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1 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

(b) The design and color of the plate is wholly within the discretion of me Secretary, except that the phrase "Sons of the American Legion", and the official Emblem of the Sons of the American Legion shall be on the plates. The Secretary may allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized plates under Section 3-405.1 of the Code.

8 A series of letters and numbers shall be reserved for 9 special plates issued pursuant to this Section to past 10 detachment commanders of the Sons of the American Legion. The 11 series of letters and numbers reserved under this Section shall 12 have the prefix of "PDC" and be followed by 2 numerals ranging from 00-99 that designate the year that the past detachment 13 14 commander last served. For example, "PDC 08" would identify the past detachment commander that last served during the year 15 16 2008. Certification by the detachment adjutant will be required in the form of a letter verifying service dates of the past 17 18 detachment commander for issuance of the special plate.

19 (c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a \$15 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate 20 registration fee. Of this additional fee, \$10 shall be 22 deposited into the Sons of the American Legion Scholarship Fund 23 and \$5 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special 24 License Plate Fund, to be used by the Secretary to help defray 25 the administrative processing costs.

26 For each registration renewal period, a \$10 fee, in

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addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged.
 Of this additional fee, \$5 shall be deposited into the Sons of
 the American Legion Scholarship Fund and \$5 shall be deposited
 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

5 (d) The Sons of the American Legion Scholarship Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in 6 7 the Sons of the American Legion Scholarship Fund shall be paid, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and approval 8 9 by the Secretary, as grants for scholarships for higher 10 education. The scholarship recipients must be the children of 11 current or former members of the Sons of the American Legion 12 who meet the academic, financial, and other requirements 13 established by the Sons of the American Legion. In addition, 14 the recipients must be Illinois residents and must attend a 15 college or university located within the State of Illinois.