

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 3-661 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-661)

7 Sec. 3-661. Illinois Route 66 license plates.

8 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
9 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may  
10 issue special registration plates designated as Illinois Route  
11 66 license plates. The special plates issued under this Section  
12 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first  
13 division, motorcycles having an engine over 150cc, or motor  
14 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000  
15 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according  
16 to the multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of  
17 this Code.

18 (b) The design and color of the special plates shall be  
19 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. 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 plates are not required to designate  
23 "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section

1 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary, in his or her discretion,  
2 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
3 under Section 3-412.

4 (c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a  
5 \$40 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate  
6 registration fee. Of this fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the  
7 Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project Fund and \$15 shall be  
8 deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate  
9 Fund, to be used by the Secretary to help defray the  
10 administrative processing costs.

11 For each registration renewal period, a \$27 fee, in  
12 addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged.  
13 Of this fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the Illinois Route 66  
14 Heritage Project Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the  
15 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

16 (d) The Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project Fund is created  
17 as a special fund in the State treasury. Subject to  
18 appropriation by the General Assembly and distribution by the  
19 Secretary, Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project, Inc. shall use  
20 all moneys in the Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project Fund for  
21 the development of tourism, through education and  
22 interpretation, preservation, and promotion of the former U.S.  
23 Route 66 in Illinois.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-409, eff. 1-1-12.)