

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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  
5 changing Sections 3-412 and 3-414 and adding Sections  
6 3-405.3, 3-405.4, and 3-814.4 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-405.3 new)

8 Sec. 3-405.3. Application for fleet vehicles.

9 (a) An owner engaged in operating a fleet of motor  
10 vehicles of the first division in this State or a fleet of  
11 second division vehicles operated intrastate may register and  
12 license the fleet for operations in this State by filing an  
13 application statement with the Secretary of State, signed  
14 under penalties of perjury, which shall be in the form and  
15 contain the information required by the Secretary of State.  
16 First division vehicles registered under this Section must be  
17 registered in accordance with the fees prescribed in Section  
18 3-806 of this Code. Second division vehicles registered under  
19 this Section must be registered in accordance with the fees  
20 prescribed in Section 3-815 of this Code.

21 (b) Participation in the fleet registration plan may be  
22 accomplished only by entering into a contractual agreement  
23 with the Secretary. The applicant must have electronic data  
24 interchange capabilities. The Secretary shall in his or her  
25 discretion determine other qualifications for fleet owners to  
26 register under this paragraph. In making the determination,  
27 the Secretary shall consider the size of the fleet and the  
28 past history of the registrant.

29 (625 ILCS 5/3-405.4 new)

30 Sec 3-405.4. Audits. In addition to audit authority set

1 forth in Section 2-124 of this Code, the Secretary of State  
2 may audit the registration plates and the inventory of  
3 credentials of any fleet owner participating in the fleet  
4 registration plan.

5 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

6 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates and registration  
7 stickers to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

8 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle  
9 subject to annual registration for the first time shall  
10 issue or shall cause to be issued to the owner one  
11 registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer,  
12 motorized pedalcycle or truck-tractor, 2 registration plates  
13 for other motor vehicles and, where applicable, current  
14 registration stickers for motor vehicles of the first  
15 division. The provisions of this Section may be made  
16 applicable to such vehicles of the second division, as the  
17 Secretary of State may, from time to time, in his discretion  
18 designate. On subsequent annual registrations during the term  
19 of the registration plate as provided in Section 3-414.1, the  
20 Secretary shall issue or cause to be issued registration  
21 stickers as evidence of current registration. However, the  
22 issuance of annual registration stickers to vehicles  
23 registered under the provisions of Sections ~~Section~~ 3-402.1  
24 and 3-405.3 of this Code may not be required if the Secretary  
25 deems the issuance unnecessary.

26 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon  
27 it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which  
28 it is issued, the name of this State, which may be  
29 abbreviated, the year number for which it was issued, which  
30 may be abbreviated, the phrase "Land of Lincoln", (except as  
31 otherwise provided in this Code) ~~Sections--3-626, 3-629,~~  
32 ~~3-633, 3-634, 3-637, 3-638, and 3-642,~~ and such other letters  
33 or numbers as the Secretary may prescribe. However, for

1 appportionment plates issued to vehicles registered under  
2 Section 3-402.1 and fleet plates issued to vehicles  
3 registered under Section 3-405.3, the phrase "Land of  
4 Lincoln" may be omitted to allow for the word "appportioned",  
5 the word "fleet", or other similar language to be displayed.  
6 Registration plates issued to a vehicle registered as a fleet  
7 vehicle may display a designation determined by the  
8 Secretary.

9 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that  
10 letters be used as prefixes only on registration plates  
11 issued to vehicles of the first division which are registered  
12 under this Code and only as suffixes on registration plates  
13 issued to other vehicles. Every registration sticker issued  
14 as evidence of current registration shall designate the year  
15 number for which it is issued and such other letters or  
16 numbers as the Secretary may prescribe and shall be of a  
17 contrasting color with the registration plates and  
18 registration stickers of the previous year.

19 (c) Each registration plate and the required letters and  
20 numerals thereon, except the year number for which issued,  
21 shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a  
22 distance of 100 feet during daylight, and shall be coated  
23 with reflectorizing material. The dimensions of the plate  
24 issued to vehicles of the first division shall be 6 by 12  
25 inches.

26 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every  
27 passenger motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type  
28 of registration plates as the type of plates issued for a  
29 private passenger vehicle.

30 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every  
31 passenger car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive  
32 registration plates.

33 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every  
34 motorcycle distinctive registration plates distinguishing

1 between motorcycles having 150 or more cubic centimeters  
2 piston displacement, or having less than 150 cubic centimeter  
3 piston displacement.

4 (g) Registration plates issued to vehicles for-hire may  
5 display a designation as determined by the Secretary that  
6 such vehicles are for-hire.

7 (h) The Secretary of State shall issue for each electric  
8 vehicle distinctive registration plates which shall  
9 distinguish between electric vehicles having a maximum  
10 operating speed of 45 miles per hour or more and those having  
11 a maximum operating speed of less than 45 miles per hour.

12 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public  
13 and private ambulance registration plates identifying the  
14 vehicle as an ambulance. The Secretary shall forward to the  
15 Department of Public Aid registration information for the  
16 purpose of verification of claims filed with the Department  
17 by ambulance owners for payment for services to public  
18 assistance recipients.

19 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public  
20 and private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery  
21 registration plates displaying numbers within ranges of  
22 numbers reserved respectively for medical carriers and rescue  
23 vehicles. The Secretary shall forward to the Department of  
24 Public Aid registration information for the purpose of  
25 verification of claims filed with the Department by owners of  
26 medical carriers or rescue vehicles for payment for services  
27 to public assistance recipients.

28 (Source: P.A. 89-424, eff. 6-1-96; 89-564, eff. 7-1-97;  
29 89-612, eff. 8-9-96; 89-621, eff. 1-1-97; 89-639, eff.  
30 1-1-97; 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 90-533, eff. 11-14-97; 90-655,  
31 eff. 7-30-98; revised 12-06-01.)

32 (625 ILCS 5/3-414) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-414)

33 Sec. 3-414. Expiration of registration.

1 (a) Every vehicle registration under this Chapter and  
2 every registration card and registration plate or  
3 registration sticker issued hereunder to a vehicle shall be  
4 for the periods specified in this Chapter and shall expire at  
5 midnight on the day and date specified in this Section as  
6 follows:

7 1. When registered on a calendar year basis  
8 commencing January 1, expiration shall be on the 31st day  
9 of December or at such other date as may be selected in  
10 the discretion of the Secretary of State; however,  
11 registrations of apportionable vehicles, motorcycles,  
12 motor driven cycles and pedalcycles shall commence on the  
13 first day of April and shall expire March 31st of the  
14 following calendar year;

15 2. When registered on a 2 calendar year basis  
16 commencing January 1 of an even-numbered year, expiration  
17 shall be on the 31st day of December of the ensuing  
18 odd-numbered year, or at such other later date as may be  
19 selected in the discretion of the Secretary of State not  
20 beyond March 1 next;

21 3. When registered on a fiscal year basis  
22 commencing July 1, expiration shall be on the 30th day of  
23 June or at such other later date as may be selected in  
24 the discretion of the Secretary of State not beyond  
25 September 1 next;

26 4. When registered on a 2 fiscal year basis  
27 commencing July 1 of an even-numbered year, expiration  
28 shall be on the 30th day of June of the ensuing  
29 even-numbered year, or at such other later date as may be  
30 selected in the discretion of the Secretary of State not  
31 beyond September 1 next;

32 5. When registered on a 4 fiscal year basis  
33 commencing July 1 of an even-numbered year, expiration  
34 shall be on the 30th day of June of the second ensuing

1 even-numbered year, or at such other later date as may be  
2 selected in the discretion of the Secretary of State not  
3 beyond September 1 next;

4 (b) Vehicle registrations of vehicles of the first  
5 division shall be for a calendar year or 2 calendar year  
6 basis as provided for in this Chapter.

7 Vehicle registrations of vehicles under Sections 3-807,  
8 3-808 and 3-809 shall be on an indefinite term basis or a 2  
9 calendar year basis as provided for in this Chapter.

10 Vehicle registrations for vehicles of the second division  
11 shall be for a fiscal year, 2 fiscal year or calendar year  
12 basis as provided for in this Chapter.

13 Motor vehicles registered under the provisions of  
14 Sections ~~Section~~ 3-402.1 and 3-405.3 shall be issued  
15 multi-year registration plates with a new registration card  
16 issued annually upon payment of the appropriate fees.  
17 Apportionable trailers and apportionable semitrailers  
18 registered under the provisions of Section 3-402.1 shall be  
19 issued multi-year registration plates and cards that will be  
20 subject to revocation for failure to pay annual fees required  
21 by Section 3-814.1. The Secretary shall determine when these  
22 vehicles shall be issued new registration plates.

23 (c) Every vehicle registration specified in Section  
24 3-810 and every registration card and registration plate or  
25 registration sticker issued thereunder shall expire on the  
26 31st day of December of each year or at such other date as  
27 may be selected in the discretion of the Secretary of State.

28 (d) Every vehicle registration for a vehicle of the  
29 second division weighing over 8,000 pounds, except as  
30 provided in paragraph (g) of this Section, and every  
31 registration card and registration plate or registration  
32 sticker, where applicable, issued hereunder to such vehicles  
33 shall be issued for a fiscal year commencing on July 1st of  
34 each registration year. However, the Secretary of State may,

1 pursuant to an agreement or arrangement or declaration  
2 providing for apportionment of a fleet of vehicles with other  
3 jurisdictions, provide for registration of such vehicles  
4 under apportionment or for all of the vehicles registered in  
5 Illinois by an applicant who registers some of his vehicles  
6 under apportionment on a calendar year basis instead, and the  
7 fees or taxes to be paid on a calendar year basis shall be  
8 identical to those specified in this Act for a fiscal year  
9 registration. Provision for installment payment may also be  
10 made.

11 (e) Semitrailer registrations under apportionment may be  
12 on a calendar year under a reciprocal agreement or  
13 arrangement and all other semitrailer registrations shall be  
14 on fiscal year or 2 fiscal year or 4 fiscal year basis as  
15 provided for in this Chapter.

16 (f) The Secretary of State may convert annual  
17 registration plates or 2-year registration plates, whether  
18 registered on a calendar year or fiscal year basis, to  
19 multi-year plates. The determination of which plate  
20 categories and when to convert to multi-year plates is solely  
21 within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

22 (g) After January 1, 1975, each registration,  
23 registration card and registration plate or registration  
24 sticker, where applicable, issued for a recreational vehicle  
25 or recreational or camping trailer, except a house trailer,  
26 used exclusively by the owner for recreational purposes, and  
27 not used commercially nor as a truck or bus, nor for hire,  
28 shall be on a calendar year basis; except that the Secretary  
29 of State shall provide for registration and the issuance of  
30 registration cards and plates or registration stickers, where  
31 applicable, for one 6-month period in order to accomplish an  
32 orderly transition from a fiscal year to a calendar year  
33 basis. Fees and taxes due under this Act for a registration  
34 year shall be appropriately reduced for such 6-month

1 transitional registration period.

2 (h) The Secretary of State may, in order to accomplish  
3 an orderly transition for vehicles registered under Section  
4 3-402.1 of this Code from a calendar year registration to a  
5 March 31st expiration, require applicants to pay fees and  
6 taxes due under this Code on a 15 month registration basis.  
7 However, if in the discretion of the Secretary of State this  
8 creates an undue hardship on any applicant the Secretary may  
9 allow the applicant to pay 3 month fees and taxes at the time  
10 of registration and the additional 12 month fees and taxes to  
11 be payable no later than March 31 of the year after this  
12 amendatory Act of 1991 takes effect.

13 (i) The Secretary of State may stagger registrations, of  
14 vehicles for which multi-year plates are issued pursuant to  
15 Section 3-414.1, as necessary for the convenience of the  
16 public and the efficiency of his Office. In order to  
17 appropriately and effectively accomplish any such staggering,  
18 the Secretary of State is authorized to prorate required  
19 registration fees, but in no event for a period longer than  
20 15 months, at a monthly rate for a 12 month registration fee.  
21 (Source: P.A. 89-245, eff. 1-1-96.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/3-814.4 new)

23 Sec. 3-814.4 Registration of fleet vehicles. The  
24 Secretary may issue fleet vehicle registration plates to  
25 owners of vehicle fleets registered in accordance with  
26 Section 3-405.3 of this Code in bulk before plates are  
27 assigned to specific vehicles. A registration plate may not  
28 be displayed on a vehicle, however, until the plate has been  
29 activated on the Secretary's registration file and the  
30 proper fee has been forwarded to the Secretary.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July  
32 1, 2003.