

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding Section 5.990 as follows:

(30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

Sec. 5.990. The Tick Research, Education, and Evaluation Fund.

Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section 3-699.14 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/3-699.14)

Sec. 3-699.14. Universal special license plates.

(a) In addition to any other special license plate, the Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue Universal special license plates to residents of Illinois on behalf of organizations that have been authorized by the General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special license plates. Appropriate documentation, as determined by the Secretary, shall accompany each application. Authorized organizations shall be designated by amendment to this

Section. When applying for a Universal special license plate the applicant shall inform the Secretary of the name of the authorized organization from which the applicant will obtain a decal to place on the plate. The Secretary shall make a record of that organization and that organization shall remain affiliated with that plate until the plate is surrendered, revoked, or otherwise cancelled. The authorized organization may charge a fee to offset the cost of producing and distributing the decal, but that fee shall be retained by the authorized organization and shall be separate and distinct from any registration fees charged by the Secretary. No decal, sticker, or other material may be affixed to a Universal special license plate other than a decal authorized by the General Assembly in this Section or a registration renewal sticker. The special plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, including motorcycles and autocycles, or motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according to the multi-year procedure under Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

(b) The design, color, and format of the Universal special license plate shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. Universal special license plates are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The design shall allow for the application of a decal to the plate. Organizations

authorized by the General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special license plates shall comply with rules adopted by the Secretary governing the requirements for and approval of Universal special license plate decals. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow Universal special license plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of State must make a version of the special registration plates authorized under this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles and autocycles.

(c) When authorizing a Universal special license plate, the General Assembly shall set forth whether an additional fee is to be charged for the plate and, if a fee is to be charged, the amount of the fee and how the fee is to be distributed. When necessary, the authorizing language shall create a special fund in the State treasury into which fees may be deposited for an authorized Universal special license plate. Additional fees may only be charged if the fee is to be paid over to a State agency or to a charitable entity that is in compliance with the registration and reporting requirements of the Charitable Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act. Any charitable entity receiving fees for the sale of Universal special license plates shall annually provide the Secretary of State a letter of compliance issued by the Attorney General verifying that the entity is in compliance with the Charitable Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act.

(d) Upon original issuance and for each registration renewal period, in addition to the appropriate registration fee, if applicable, the Secretary shall collect any additional fees, if required, for issuance of Universal special license plates. The fees shall be collected on behalf of the organization designated by the applicant when applying for the plate. All fees collected shall be transferred to the State agency on whose behalf the fees were collected, or paid into the special fund designated in the law authorizing the organization to issue decals for Universal special license plates. All money in the designated fund shall be distributed by the Secretary subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

(e) The following organizations may issue decals for Universal special license plates with the original and renewal fees and fee distribution as follows:

(1) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(2) Illinois Veterans' Homes.

(A) Original issuance: \$26, which shall be deposited into the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$26, which shall be deposited into the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

(3) The Illinois Department of Human Services for volunteerism decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25, which shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25, which shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(4) The Illinois Department of Public Health.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(5) Horsemen's Council of Illinois.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(6) K9s for Veterans, NFP.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund and \$15

to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(7) The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

(A) Original issuance: \$35; with \$20 to the Guide Dogs of America Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 going to the Guide Dogs of America Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(8) Local Lodge 701 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

(A) Original issuance: \$35; with \$10 to the Guide Dogs of America Fund, \$10 to the Mechanics Training Fund, and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$30; with \$13 to the Guide Dogs of America Fund, \$15 to the Mechanics Training Fund, and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(9) Illinois Department of Human Services.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Theresa Tracy Trot - Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License

Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Theresa Tracy Trot - Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(10) The Illinois Department of Human Services for developmental disabilities awareness decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(11) The Illinois Department of Human Services for pediatric cancer awareness decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(12) The Department of Veterans' Affairs for Fold of Honor decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Folds of Honor Foundation Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Folds of Honor

Foundation Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(13) The Illinois chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association for aviation enthusiast decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Experimental Aircraft Association Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Experimental Aircraft Association Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(14) The Illinois Department of Human Services for Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(15) The Illinois Department of Public Health for health care worker decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund, and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(16) The Department of Agriculture for Future Farmers of America decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Future Farmers of America Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Future Farmers of America Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(17) The Department of Natural Resources for Lyme disease research decals.

(A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Tick Research, Education, and Evaluation Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Tick Research, Education, and Evaluation Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

(f) The following funds are created as special funds in the State treasury:

(1) The Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund. All money in the Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund shall be paid as grants to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to fund roadside monarch and other pollinator habitat development, enhancement, and restoration projects in this State.

(2) The Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund. All money in the Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund shall be paid as grants to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Chicago.

(3) The Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund. All money in the Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund shall be paid as grants to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois.

(4) The Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund. All money in the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund shall be paid as grants to K9s for Veterans, NFP for support, education, and awareness of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

(5) The Guide Dogs of America Fund. All money in the Guide Dogs of America Fund shall be paid as grants to the International Guiding Eyes, Inc., doing business as Guide Dogs of America.

(6) The Mechanics Training Fund. All money in the Mechanics Training Fund shall be paid as grants to the Mechanics Local 701 Training Fund.

(7) The Theresa Tracy Trot - Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund. All money in the Theresa Tracy Trot - Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund shall be paid to the Illinois CancerCare Foundation for the purpose of furthering pancreatic cancer research.

(8) The Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund. All money in the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund shall be paid as grants to the Illinois Department of Human Services to fund legal aid groups to assist with guardianship fees for private citizens willing to become guardians for individuals with developmental disabilities

but who are unable to pay the legal fees associated with becoming a guardian.

(9) The Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund. All money in the Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund shall be paid as grants to the Cancer Center at Illinois for pediatric cancer treatment and research.

(10) The Folds of Honor Foundation Fund. All money in the Folds of Honor Foundation Fund shall be paid as grants to the Folds of Honor Foundation to aid in providing educational scholarships to military families.

(11) The Experimental Aircraft Association Fund. All money in the Experimental Aircraft Association Fund shall be paid, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and distribution by the Secretary, as grants to promote recreational aviation.

(12) The Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities Fund. All money in the Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities Fund shall be paid as grants to benefit the Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities.

(13) The Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund. All money in the Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund shall be paid as grants to the Trinity Health Foundation for the benefit of health care workers, doctors, nurses, and others who work in the health care industry in this State.

(14) The Future Farmers of America Fund. All money in

the Future Farmers of America Fund shall be paid as grants to the Illinois Association of Future Farmers of America.

(15) The Tick Research, Education, and Evaluation Fund. All money in the Tick Research, Education, and Evaluation Fund shall be paid as grants to the Illinois Lyme Association.

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