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HB2947

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-699.22 new
625 ILCS 5/3-802

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State may issue special registration plates designated as Defense Superior Service license plates to Illinois residents who have been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal. Provides that no registration fee shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a Defense Superior Service plate. Adds vehicle owners who qualify for a Defense Superior Service plate to the list of vehicle owners who may reclass their registration upon acquiring a special license plate without a replacement plate fee or registration sticker cost.

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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
5 changing Section 3-802 and by adding Section 3-699.22 as
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.22 new)

8 Sec. 3-699.22. Defense Superior Service plates. The
9 Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in the form
10 prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special registration
11 plates designated as Defense Superior Service license plates
12 to Illinois residents who have been awarded the Defense
13 Superior Service Medal by a branch of the armed forces of the
14 United States. The special plates issued pursuant to this
15 Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the
16 first division, motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second
17 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The Secretary
18 may allow the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized
19 plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1. The Secretary shall
20 make a version of the special registration plates authorized
21 under this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles. The
22 design and color of the plates shall be wholly within the
23 discretion of the Secretary. No registration fee, including

1 the fees established under Section 3-806, shall be charged for
2 the issuance or renewal of any plates issued under this
3 Section.

4 (625 ILCS 5/3-802) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802)

5 Sec. 3-802. Reclassifications and upgrades.

6 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the
7 following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them as
8 follows:

9 "Reclassification" means changing the registration of a
10 vehicle from one plate category to another.

11 "Upgrade" means increasing the registered weight of a
12 vehicle within the same plate category.

13 (b) When reclassing the registration of a vehicle from one
14 plate category to another, the owner shall receive credit for
15 the unused portion of the present plate and be charged the
16 current portion fees for the new plate. In addition, the
17 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
18 shall be assessed.

19 (b-5) ~~Any Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any~~
20 individual who has a registration issued under either Section
21 3-405 or 3-405.1 that qualifies for a special license plate
22 under Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623,
23 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650,
24 3-651, 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680,
25 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, 3-699.15,

1 3-699.16, 3-699.17, 3-699.19, ~~or~~ 3-699.20, or 3-699.22 may
2 reclass his or her registration upon acquiring a special
3 license plate listed in this subsection (b-5) without a
4 replacement plate or digital plate fee or registration sticker
5 or digital registration sticker cost.

6 (b-10) ~~Any Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any~~
7 individual who has a special license plate issued under
8 Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624,
9 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651,
10 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681,
11 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, ~~or~~ 3-699.17, or
12 3-699.22 may reclass his or her special license plate upon
13 acquiring a new registration under Section 3-405 or 3-405.1
14 without a replacement plate or digital plate fee or
15 registration sticker or digital registration sticker cost.

16 (c) When upgrading the weight of a registration within the
17 same plate category, the owner shall pay the difference in
18 current period fees between the 2 plates. In addition, the
19 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
20 shall be assessed. In the event new plates are not required,
21 the corrected registration card fee shall be assessed.

22 (d) In the event the owner of the vehicle desires to change
23 the registered weight and change the plate category, the owner
24 shall receive credit for the unused portion of the
25 registration fee of the current plate and pay the current
26 portion of the registration fee for the new plate, and in

1 addition, pay the appropriate replacement plate and
2 replacement sticker fees.

3 (e) Reclassing from one plate category to another plate
4 category can be done only once within any registration period.

5 (f) No refunds shall be made in any of the circumstances
6 found in subsection (b), subsection (c), or subsection (d);
7 however, when reclassing from a flat weight plate to an
8 apportioned plate, a refund may be issued if the credit
9 amounts to an overpayment.

10 (g) In the event the registration of a vehicle registered
11 under the mileage tax option is revoked, the owner shall be
12 required to pay the annual registration fee in the new plate
13 category and shall not receive any credit for the mileage
14 plate fees.

15 (h) Certain special interest plates may be displayed on
16 first division vehicles, second division vehicles weighing
17 8,000 pounds or less, and recreational vehicles. Those plates
18 can be transferred within those vehicle groups.

19 (i) Plates displayed on second division vehicles weighing
20 8,000 pounds or less and passenger vehicle plates may be
21 reclassified from one division to the other.

22 (j) Other than in subsection (i), reclassing from one
23 division to the other division is prohibited. In addition, a
24 reclass from a motor vehicle to a trailer or a trailer to a
25 motor vehicle is prohibited.

26 (Source: P.A. 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 101-395, eff. 8-16-19;

1 102-154, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)