

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 State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.552 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.552 new)

7 Sec. 5.552. Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
9 adding Section 3-653 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-653 new)

11 Sec. 3-653. Lewis and Clark Bicentennial license plates.

12 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
13 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
14 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
15 State, may issue special registration plates designated as  
16 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial license plates to residents of  
17 Illinois. The special plate issued under this Section shall  
18 be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
19 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than  
20 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by Section  
21 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section shall  
22 expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure  
23 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

24 (b) The Secretary of State shall confer with the  
25 Governor's Illinois Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission  
26 regarding the design, color, and format of the plates. The  
27 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to  
28 be issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with  
29 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to

1 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
 2 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary, in his or her  
 3 discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as  
 4 provided under Section 3-412.

5 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$40 fee for original  
 6 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of  
 7 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the  
 8 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$25 shall  
 9 be deposited into the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund. For  
 10 each registration renewal period, a \$27 fee, in addition to  
 11 the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this  
 12 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
 13 State Special License Plate Fund and \$25 shall be deposited  
 14 into the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund.

15 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue special license  
 16 plates under this Section on and before September 1, 2008.  
 17 The Secretary may not issue special plates under this Section  
 18 after September 1, 2008.

19 (e) The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund is created as  
 20 a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Lewis  
 21 and Clark Bicentennial Fund shall, subject to appropriation  
 22 by the General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, be  
 23 used by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to  
 24 promote tourism and education related to the Lewis and Clark  
 25 Expedition and for historic preservation purposes related to  
 26 the Expedition.

27 The State Treasurer shall transfer any moneys remaining  
 28 in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund on September 1, 2009  
 29 and any moneys received for deposit into that Fund on or  
 30 after September 1, 2009 into the Secretary of State Special  
 31 License Plate Fund.