

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 5.545 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.545 new)

7 Sec. 5.545. The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
9 adding Section 3-648 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-648 new)

11 Sec. 3-648. U.S. Marine Corps 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 U.S. Marine Corps license plates to residents of Illinois who
17 meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of
18 State. The special plate issued under this Section shall be
19 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
20 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
21 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by Section
22 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section shall
23 expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure
24 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

25 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
26 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State,
27 except that the U.S. Marine Corps emblem shall appear on the
28 plates. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow
29 the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in

1 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are
2 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in
3 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary
4 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or
5 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or
6 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

7 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$20 fee for original
8 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of
9 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the
10 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$5 shall be
11 deposited into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. For each
12 registration renewal period, a \$20 fee, in addition to the
13 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this
14 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of
15 State Special License Plate Fund and \$18 shall be deposited
16 into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

17 (d) The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund is created as a
18 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Marine
19 Corps Scholarship Fund shall, subject to appropriation, be
20 used by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide grants
21 for scholarships for Illinois residents that are the children
22 of members of the United States Marine Corps and are
23 financially unable to attend college or university. All
24 grants must be used at a college or university located in
25 Illinois.