

1 AN ACT concerning matters relating to the Secretary of  
2 State.

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

5 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by changing  
6 Section 6z-34 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 105/6z-34)

8 Sec. 6z-34. Secretary of State Special Services Fund.  
9 There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be  
10 known as the Secretary of State Special Services Fund.  
11 Moneys deposited into the Fund may, subject to appropriation,  
12 be used by the Secretary of State for any or all of the  
13 following purposes:

14 (1) For general automation efforts within  
15 operations of the Office of Secretary of State.

16 (2) For technology applications in any form that  
17 will enhance the operational capabilities of the Office  
18 of Secretary of State.

19 (3) To provide funds for any type of library grants  
20 authorized and administered by the Secretary of State as  
21 State Librarian.

22 These funds are in addition to any other funds otherwise  
23 authorized to the Office of Secretary of State for like or  
24 similar purposes.

25 On August 15, 1997, all fiscal year 1997 receipts that  
26 exceed the amount of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred from  
27 this Fund to the Statistical Services Revolving Fund; and on  
28 August 15, 1998 and each year thereafter through 2000, all  
29 receipts from the fiscal year ending on the previous June  
30 30th that exceed the amount of \$17,000,000 shall be  
31 transferred from this Fund to the Statistical Services

1     Revolving Fund; and on August 15, 2001 and each year  
 2     thereafter, all receipts from the fiscal year ending on the  
 3     previous June 30th that exceed the amount of \$19,000,000  
 4     shall be transferred from this Fund to the Statistical  
 5     Services Revolving Fund.

6     (Source: P.A. 89-503, eff. 7-1-96; 89-697, eff. 1-6-97.)

7             Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
 8     adding Section 1-159.2 and changing Section 2-123 as follows:

9             (625 ILCS 5/1-159.2 new)

10            Sec. 1-159.2. Personally identifying information.  
 11            Information that identifies an individual, including his or  
 12            her photograph, social security number, driver identification  
 13            number, name, address (but not the 5 digit zip code),  
 14            telephone number, and medical or disability information, but  
 15            "personally identifying information" does not include  
 16            information on vehicular accidents, driving violations, and  
 17            driver's status.

18            (625 ILCS 5/2-123) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-123)

19            Sec. 2-123. Sale and Distribution of Information.

20            (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the  
 21     Secretary may make the driver's license, vehicle and title  
 22     registration lists, in part or in whole, and any statistical  
 23     information derived from these lists available to local  
 24     governments, elected state officials, state educational  
 25     institutions, ~~public-libraries~~ and all other governmental  
 26     units of the State and Federal Government requesting them for  
 27     governmental purposes. The Secretary shall require any such  
 28     applicant for services to pay for the costs of furnishing  
 29     such services and the use of the equipment involved, and in  
 30     addition is empowered to establish prices and charges for the  
 31     services so furnished and for the use of the electronic

1 equipment utilized.

2 (b) The Secretary is further empowered to and he may, in  
3 his discretion, furnish to any applicant, other than listed  
4 in subsection (a) of this Section, vehicle or driver data on  
5 a computer tape, disk, other electronic format or computer  
6 processable medium, or printout at a fixed fee of \$250 in  
7 advance and require in addition a further sufficient deposit  
8 based upon the Secretary of State's estimate of the total  
9 cost of the information requested and a charge of \$25 per  
10 1,000 units or part thereof identified or the actual cost,  
11 whichever is greater. The Secretary is authorized to refund  
12 any difference between the additional deposit and the actual  
13 cost of the request. This service shall not be in lieu of an  
14 abstract of a driver's record nor of a title or registration  
15 search. This service may be limited to entities purchasing a  
16 minimum number of records as required by administrative rule.  
17 The information sold pursuant to this subsection shall be the  
18 entire vehicle or driver data list, or part thereof. The  
19 information sold pursuant to this subsection shall not  
20 contain personally identifying information unless the  
21 information is to be used for one of the purposes identified  
22 in subsection (f-5) of this Section. Commercial purchasers  
23 of driver and vehicle record databases shall enter into a  
24 written agreement with the Secretary of State that includes  
25 disclosure of the commercial use of the information to be  
26 purchased.

27 (c) Secretary of State may issue registration lists.  
28 The Secretary of State shall compile and publish, at least  
29 annually, a list of all registered vehicles. Each list of  
30 registered vehicles shall be arranged serially according to  
31 the registration numbers assigned to registered vehicles and  
32 shall contain in addition the names and addresses of  
33 registered owners and a brief description of each vehicle  
34 including the serial or other identifying number thereof.

1 Such compilation may be in such form as in the discretion of  
2 the Secretary of State may seem best for the purposes  
3 intended.

4 (d) The Secretary of State shall furnish no more than 2  
5 current available lists of such registrations to the sheriffs  
6 of all counties and to the chiefs of police of all cities and  
7 villages and towns of 2,000 population and over in this State  
8 at no cost. Additional copies may be purchased by the  
9 sheriffs or chiefs of police at the fee of \$500 each or at  
10 the cost of producing the list as determined by the Secretary  
11 of State. Such lists are to be used for governmental  
12 purposes only.

13 (e) (Blank). ~~The--Secretary-of-State-shall-upon-written~~  
14 ~~request-and-the-payment--of--the--fee--of--\$500--furnish--the~~  
15 ~~current-available-list-of-such-motor-vehicle-registrations-to~~  
16 ~~any--person--so--long-as-the-supply-of-available-registration~~  
17 ~~lists-shall-last.~~

18 (e-1) (Blank). ~~Commercial--purchasers--of--driver---and~~  
19 ~~vehicle-record-databases-shall-enter-into-a-written-agreement~~  
20 ~~with--the--Secretary-of-State-that-includes-disclosure-of-the~~  
21 ~~commercial-use-of-the-intended-purchase.---Affected--drivers,~~  
22 ~~vehicle---owners,--or--registrants--may--request--that--their~~  
23 ~~personally--identifiable--information---not---be---used---for~~  
24 ~~commercial-solicitation-purposes.~~

25 (f) The Secretary of State shall make a title or  
26 registration search of the records of his office and a  
27 written report on the same for any person, upon written  
28 application of such person, accompanied by a fee of \$5 for  
29 each registration or title search. The written application  
30 shall set forth the intended use of the requested  
31 information. No fee shall be charged for a title or  
32 registration search, or for the certification thereof  
33 requested by a government agency. The report of the title or  
34 registration search shall not contain personally identifying

1 information unless the request for a search was made for one  
2 of the purposes identified in subsection (f-5) of this  
3 Section.

4 The Secretary of State shall certify a title or  
5 registration record upon written request. The fee for  
6 certification shall be \$5 in addition to the fee required for  
7 a title or registration search. Certification shall be made  
8 under the signature of the Secretary of State and shall be  
9 authenticated by Seal of the Secretary of State.

10 The Secretary of State may notify the vehicle owner or  
11 registrant of the request for purchase of his title or  
12 registration information as the Secretary deems appropriate.

13 ~~The vehicle owner or registrant residence address and~~  
14 ~~other personally identifiable information on the record shall~~  
15 ~~not be disclosed. This nondisclosure shall not apply to~~  
16 ~~requests made by law enforcement officials, government~~  
17 ~~agencies, financial institutions, attorneys, insurers,~~  
18 ~~employers, automobile associated businesses, other business~~  
19 ~~entities for purposes consistent with the Illinois Vehicle~~  
20 ~~Code, the vehicle owner or registrant, or other entities as~~  
21 ~~the Secretary may exempt by rule and regulation. This~~  
22 ~~information may be withheld from the entities listed above,~~  
23 ~~except law enforcement and government agencies upon~~  
24 ~~presentation of a valid court order of protection for the~~  
25 ~~duration of the order.~~

26 No information shall be released to the requestor until  
27 expiration of a 10 day period. This 10 day period shall not  
28 apply to requests for information made by law enforcement  
29 officials, government agencies, financial institutions,  
30 attorneys, insurers, employers, automobile associated  
31 businesses, persons licensed as a private detective or firms  
32 licensed as a private detective agency under the Private  
33 Detective, Private Alarm, and Private Security Act of 1983,  
34 who are employed by or are acting on behalf of law

1 enforcement officials, government agencies, financial  
2 institutions, attorneys, insurers, employers, automobile  
3 associated businesses, and other business entities for  
4 purposes consistent with the Illinois Vehicle Code, the  
5 vehicle owner or registrant or other entities as the  
6 Secretary may exempt by rule and regulation.

7 Any misrepresentation made by a requestor of title or  
8 vehicle information shall be punishable as a petty offense,  
9 except in the case of persons licensed as a private detective  
10 or firms licensed as a private detective agency which shall  
11 be subject to disciplinary sanctions under Section 22 or 25  
12 of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, and Private Security  
13 Act of 1983.

14 (f-5) The Secretary of State shall not disclose or  
15 otherwise make available to any person or entity any  
16 personally identifying information obtained by the Secretary  
17 of State in connection with a driver's license, vehicle, or  
18 title registration record unless the information is disclosed  
19 for one of the following purposes:

20 (1) For use by any government agency, including any  
21 court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its  
22 functions, or any private person or entity acting on  
23 behalf of a federal, State, or local agency in carrying  
24 out its functions.

25 (2) For use in connection with matters of motor  
26 vehicle or driver safety and theft; motor vehicle  
27 emissions; motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or  
28 advisories; performance monitoring of motor vehicles,  
29 motor vehicle parts, and dealers; and removal of  
30 non-owner records from the original owner records of  
31 motor vehicle manufacturers.

32 (3) For use in the normal course of business by a  
33 legitimate business or its agents, employees, or  
34 contractors, but only:

1           (A) to verify the accuracy of personal  
2           information submitted by an individual to the  
3           business or its agents, employees, or contractors;  
4           and

5           (B) if such information as so submitted is not  
6           correct or is no longer correct, to obtain the  
7           correct information, but only for the purposes of  
8           preventing fraud by, pursuing legal remedies  
9           against, or recovering on a debt or security  
10           interest against, the individual.

11           (4) For use in research activities and for use in  
12           producing statistical reports, if the personally  
13           identifying information is not published, redisclosed, or  
14           used to contact individuals.

15           (5) For use in connection with any civil, criminal,  
16           administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any federal,  
17           State, or local court or agency or before any  
18           self-regulatory body, including the service of process,  
19           investigation in anticipation of litigation, and the  
20           execution or enforcement of judgments and orders, or  
21           pursuant to an order of a federal, State, or local court.

22           (6) For use by any insurer or insurance support  
23           organization or by a self-insured entity or its agents,  
24           employees, or contractors in connection with claims  
25           investigation activities, antifraud activities, rating,  
26           or underwriting.

27           (7) For use in providing notice to the owners of  
28           towed or impounded vehicles.

29           (8) For use by any private investigative agency or  
30           security service licensed in Illinois for any purpose  
31           permitted under this subsection.

32           (9) For use by an employer or its agent or insurer  
33           to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a  
34           commercial driver's license that is required under

1 chapter 313 of title 49 of the United States Code.

2 (10) For use in connection with the operation of  
3 private toll transportation facilities.

4 (11) For use by any requester, if the requester  
5 demonstrates it has obtained the written consent of the  
6 individual to whom the information pertains.

7 (12) For use by members of the news media, as  
8 defined in Section 1-148.5, for the purpose of  
9 newsgathering when the request relates to the operation  
10 of a motor vehicle or public safety.

11 (13) For any other use specifically authorized by  
12 law, if that use is related to the operation of a motor  
13 vehicle or public safety.

14 (g) 1. The Secretary of State may, upon receipt of a  
15 written request and a fee of \$6, furnish to the person or  
16 agency so requesting a driver's record. Such document  
17 may include a record of: current driver's license  
18 issuance information, except that the information on  
19 judicial driving permits shall be available only as  
20 otherwise provided by this Code; convictions; orders  
21 entered revoking, suspending or cancelling a driver's  
22 license or privilege; and notations of accident  
23 involvement. All other information, unless otherwise  
24 permitted by this Code, shall remain confidential.  
25 Information released pursuant to a request for a driver's  
26 record shall not contain personally identifying  
27 information, unless the request for the driver's record  
28 was made for one of the purposes set forth in subsection  
29 (f-5) of this Section.

30 2. The Secretary of State may certify an abstract  
31 of a driver's record upon written request therefor.  
32 Such certification shall be made under the signature of  
33 the Secretary of State and shall be authenticated by the  
34 Seal of his office.



1           3. All requests for driving record information  
 2 shall be made in a manner prescribed by the Secretary and  
 3 shall set forth the intended use of the requested  
 4 information.

5           The Secretary of State may notify the affected  
 6 driver of the request for purchase of his driver's record  
 7 as the Secretary deems appropriate.

8           ~~The affected driver residence address and other~~  
 9 ~~personally identifiable information on the record shall~~  
 10 ~~not be disclosed. This nondisclosure shall not apply to~~  
 11 ~~requests made by law enforcement officials, government~~  
 12 ~~agencies, financial institutions, attorneys, insurers,~~  
 13 ~~employers, automobile associated businesses, other~~  
 14 ~~business entities for purposes consistent with the~~  
 15 ~~Illinois Vehicle Code, the affected driver, or other~~  
 16 ~~entities as the Secretary may exempt by rule and~~  
 17 ~~regulation. This information may be withheld from the~~  
 18 ~~entities listed above, except law enforcement and~~  
 19 ~~government agencies, upon presentation of a valid court~~  
 20 ~~order of protection for the duration of the order.~~

21           No information shall be released to the requester  
 22 until expiration of a 10 day period. This 10 day period  
 23 shall not apply to requests for information made by law  
 24 enforcement officials, government agencies, financial  
 25 institutions, attorneys, insurers, employers, automobile  
 26 associated businesses, persons licensed as a private  
 27 detective or firms licensed as a private detective agency  
 28 under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, and Private  
 29 Security Act of 1983, who are employed by or are acting  
 30 on behalf of law enforcement officials, government  
 31 agencies, financial institutions, attorneys, insurers,  
 32 employers, automobile associated businesses, and other  
 33 business entities for purposes consistent with the  
 34 Illinois Vehicle Code, the affected driver or other

1 entities as the Secretary may exempt by rule and  
2 regulation.

3 Any misrepresentation made by a requestor of driver  
4 information shall be punishable as a petty offense,  
5 except in the case of persons licensed as a private  
6 detective or firms licensed as a private detective agency  
7 which shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions under  
8 Section 22 or 25 of the Private Detective, Private Alarm,  
9 and Private Security Act of 1983.

10 4. The Secretary of State may furnish without fee,  
11 upon the written request of a law enforcement agency, any  
12 information from a driver's record on file with the  
13 Secretary of State when such information is required in  
14 the enforcement of this Code or any other law relating to  
15 the operation of motor vehicles, including records of  
16 dispositions; documented information involving the use of  
17 a motor vehicle; whether such individual has, or  
18 previously had, a driver's license; and the address and  
19 personal description as reflected on said driver's  
20 record.

21 5. Except as otherwise provided in this Section,  
22 the Secretary of State may furnish, without fee,  
23 information from an individual driver's record on file,  
24 if a written request therefor is submitted by any public  
25 transit system or authority, public defender, law  
26 enforcement agency, a state or federal agency, or an  
27 Illinois local intergovernmental association, if the  
28 request is for the purpose of a background check of  
29 applicants for employment with the requesting agency, or  
30 for the purpose of an official investigation conducted by  
31 the agency, or to determine a current address for the  
32 driver so public funds can be recovered or paid to the  
33 driver, or for any other lawful purpose set forth in  
34 subsection (f-5) of this Section.

1           The Secretary may also furnish the courts a copy of  
2           an abstract of a driver's record, without fee, subsequent  
3           to an arrest for a violation of Section 11-501 or a  
4           similar provision of a local ordinance. Such abstract  
5           may include records of dispositions; documented  
6           information involving the use of a motor vehicle as  
7           contained in the current file; whether such individual  
8           has, or previously had, a driver's license; and the  
9           address and personal description as reflected on said  
10          driver's record.

11          6. Any certified abstract issued by the Secretary  
12          of State or transmitted electronically by the Secretary  
13          of State pursuant to this Section, to a court or on  
14          request of a law enforcement agency, for the record of a  
15          named person as to the status of the person's driver's  
16          license shall be prima facie evidence of the facts  
17          therein stated and if the name appearing in such abstract  
18          is the same as that of a person named in an information  
19          or warrant, such abstract shall be prima facie evidence  
20          that the person named in such information or warrant is  
21          the same person as the person named in such abstract and  
22          shall be admissible for any prosecution under this Code  
23          and be admitted as proof of any prior conviction or proof  
24          of records, notices, or orders recorded on individual  
25          driving records maintained by the Secretary of State.

26          7. Subject to any restrictions contained in the  
27          Juvenile Court Act of 1987, and upon receipt of a proper  
28          request and a fee of \$6, the Secretary of State shall  
29          provide a driver's record to the affected driver, or the  
30          affected driver's attorney, upon verification. Such  
31          record shall contain all the information referred to in  
32          paragraph 1 of this subsection (g) plus: any recorded  
33          accident involvement as a driver; information recorded  
34          pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 6-117 and paragraph

1 (4) of subsection (a) of Section 6-204 of this Code. All  
2 other information, unless otherwise permitted by this  
3 Code, shall remain confidential.

4 (h) The Secretary shall not disclose social security  
5 numbers except pursuant to a written request by, or with the  
6 prior written consent of, the individual except: (1) to  
7 officers and employees of the Secretary who have a need to  
8 know the social security numbers in performance of their  
9 official duties, (2) to law enforcement officials for a  
10 lawful, civil or criminal law enforcement investigation, and  
11 if the head of the law enforcement agency has made a written  
12 request to the Secretary specifying the law enforcement  
13 investigation for which the social security numbers are being  
14 sought, (3) to the United States Department of  
15 Transportation, or any other State, pursuant to the  
16 administration and enforcement of the Commercial Motor  
17 Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, (4) pursuant to the order of a  
18 court of competent jurisdiction, or (5) to the Department of  
19 Public Aid for utilization in the child support enforcement  
20 duties assigned to that Department under provisions of the  
21 Public Aid Code after the individual has received advanced  
22 meaningful notification of what redisclosure is sought by the  
23 Secretary in accordance with the federal Privacy Act;  
24 ~~provided, the redisclosure shall not be authorized by the~~  
25 ~~Secretary prior to September 30, 1992.~~

26 (i) (Blank). ~~The Secretary of State is empowered to~~  
27 ~~promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate this Section.~~

28 (j) Medical statements or medical reports received in  
29 the Secretary of State's Office shall be confidential. No  
30 confidential information may be open to public inspection or  
31 the contents disclosed to anyone, except officers and  
32 employees of the Secretary who have a need to know the  
33 information contained in the medical reports and the Driver  
34 License Medical Advisory Board, unless so directed by an

1 order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

2 (k) All fees collected under this Section shall be paid  
3 into the Road Fund of the State Treasury, except that \$3 of  
4 the \$6 fee for a driver's record shall be paid into the  
5 Secretary of State Special Services Fund.

6 (l) (Blank). ~~The Secretary of State shall report his~~  
7 ~~recommendations to the General Assembly by January 17, 1993,~~  
8 ~~regarding the sale and dissemination of the information~~  
9 ~~maintained by the Secretary, including the sale of lists of~~  
10 ~~driver and vehicle records.~~

11 (m) Notations of accident involvement that may be  
12 disclosed under this Section shall not include notations  
13 relating to damage to a vehicle or other property being  
14 transported by a tow truck. This information shall remain  
15 confidential, provided that nothing in this subsection (m)  
16 shall limit disclosure of any notification of accident  
17 involvement to any law enforcement agency or official.

18 (n) Requests made by the news media for driver's  
19 license, vehicle, or title registration information may be  
20 furnished without charge or at a reduced charge, as  
21 determined by the Secretary, when the specific purpose for  
22 requesting the documents is deemed to be in the public  
23 interest. Waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public  
24 interest if the principal purpose of the request is to access  
25 and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and  
26 welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not  
27 for the principal purpose of gaining a personal or commercial  
28 benefit. The information provided pursuant to this subsection  
29 shall not contain personally identifying information unless  
30 the information is to be used for one of the purposes  
31 identified in subsection (f-5) of this Section.

32 (m) The redisclosure of personally identifying  
33 information obtained pursuant to this Section is prohibited,  
34 except to the extent necessary to effectuate the purpose for

1 which the original disclosure of the information was  
2 permitted.

3 (n) The Secretary of State is empowered to adopt rules  
4 to effectuate this Section.

5 (Source: P.A. 90-144, eff. 7-23-97; 90-330, eff. 8-8-97;  
6 90-400, eff. 8-15-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-37, eff.  
7 7-1-99; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 91-716, eff. 10-1-00.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
9 July 1, 2001.