

1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

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 adding Section 3-648 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-648 new)

7 Sec. 3-648. Army Combat Veteran license plates.

8 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
9 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
10 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
11 State, may issue Army Combat Veteran license plates to  
12 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements  
13 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special Army  
14 Combat Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be  
15 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division and  
16 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than  
17 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire  
18 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established  
19 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

20 (b) The plates shall display the Army Combat Infantry  
21 Badge. In all other respects, the design, color, and format  
22 of the plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary  
23 of State. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow  
24 the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in  
25 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are  
26 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in  
27 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary  
28 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or  
29 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or  
30 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

31 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original

1 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.  
2 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
3 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration  
4 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate  
5 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited  
6 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
8 January 1, 2002.