

1 AN ACT in regard to 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 changing Section 3-412 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

7 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates and registration  
8 stickers to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

9 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle  
10 subject to annual registration for the first time shall  
11 issue or shall cause to be issued to the owner one  
12 registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer,  
13 motorized pedalcycle or truck-tractor, 2 registration plates  
14 for other motor vehicles and, where applicable, current  
15 registration stickers for motor vehicles of the first  
16 division. The provisions of this Section may be made  
17 applicable to such vehicles of the second division, as the  
18 Secretary of State may, from time to time, in his or her  
19 discretion designate. On subsequent annual registrations  
20 during the term of the registration plate as provided in  
21 Section 3-414.1, the Secretary shall issue or cause to be  
22 issued registration stickers as evidence of current  
23 registration. However, the issuance of annual registration  
24 stickers to vehicles registered under the provisions of  
25 Section 3-402.1 of this Code may not be required if the  
26 Secretary deems the issuance unnecessary.

27 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon  
28 it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which  
29 it is issued, the name of this State, which may be  
30 abbreviated, the year number for which it was issued, which  
31 may be abbreviated, the phrase "Land of Lincoln", except as

1 provided in Sections 3-626, 3-629, 3-633, 3-634, 3-637,  
2 3-638, and 3-642, and such other letters or numbers as the  
3 Secretary may prescribe. However, for apportionment plates  
4 issued to vehicles registered under Section 3-402.1, the  
5 phrase "Land of Lincoln" may be omitted to allow for the word  
6 "apportioned" to be displayed. The Secretary may in his  
7 discretion prescribe that letters be used as prefixes only on  
8 registration plates issued to vehicles of the first division  
9 which are registered under this Code and only as suffixes on  
10 registration plates issued to other vehicles. Every  
11 registration sticker issued as evidence of current  
12 registration shall designate the year number for which it is  
13 issued and such other letters or numbers as the Secretary may  
14 prescribe and shall be of a contrasting color with the  
15 registration plates and registration stickers of the previous  
16 year.

17 (c) Each registration plate and the required letters and  
18 numerals thereon, except the year number for which issued,  
19 shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a  
20 distance of 100 feet during daylight, and shall be coated  
21 with reflectorizing material. The dimensions of the plate  
22 issued to vehicles of the first division shall be 6 by 12  
23 inches.

24 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every  
25 passenger motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type  
26 of registration plates as the type of plates issued for a  
27 private passenger vehicle.

28 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every  
29 passenger car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive  
30 registration plates.

31 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every  
32 motorcycle distinctive registration plates distinguishing  
33 between motorcycles having 150 or more cubic centimeters  
34 piston displacement, or having less than 150 cubic centimeter

1 piston displacement.

2 (g) Registration plates issued to vehicles for-hire may  
3 display a designation as determined by the Secretary that  
4 such vehicles are for-hire.

5 (h) The Secretary of State shall issue for each electric  
6 vehicle distinctive registration plates which shall  
7 distinguish between electric vehicles having a maximum  
8 operating speed of 45 miles per hour or more and those having  
9 a maximum operating speed of less than 45 miles per hour.

10 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public  
11 and private ambulance registration plates identifying the  
12 vehicle as an ambulance. The Secretary shall forward to the  
13 Department of Public Aid registration information for the  
14 purpose of verification of claims filed with the Department  
15 by ambulance owners for payment for services to public  
16 assistance recipients.

17 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public  
18 and private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery  
19 registration plates displaying numbers within ranges of  
20 numbers reserved respectively for medical carriers and rescue  
21 vehicles. The Secretary shall forward to the Department of  
22 Public Aid registration information for the purpose of  
23 verification of claims filed with the Department by owners of  
24 medical carriers or rescue vehicles for payment for services  
25 to public assistance recipients.

26 (Source: P.A. 89-424, eff. 6-1-96; 89-564, eff. 7-1-97;  
27 89-612, eff. 8-9-96; 89-621, eff. 1-1-97; 89-639, eff.  
28 1-1-97; 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 90-533, eff. 11-14-97; 90-655,  
29 eff. 7-30-98.)