

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding Sections 3-699.23 and 3-699.24 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/3-699.23 new)

Sec. 3-699.23. Defense Superior Service license plates.

(a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special registration plates designated as Defense Superior Service license plates to recipients awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal by a branch of the armed forces of the United States who reside in this State. The special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The Secretary may allow the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary shall make a version of the special registration plates authorized under this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles.

(b) The plates shall display the Defense Superior Service Medal. In all other respects, the design and color of the

plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. Appropriate documentation, as determined by the Secretary, shall accompany each application. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412. No registration fee, including the fees established under Section 3-806 of this Code, shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of any plates issued under this Section. However, no individual shall be issued more than one pair of plates under this Section for which no fee is required in accordance with Section 3-806.2.

(625 ILCS 5/3-699.24 new)

Sec. 3-699.24. Defense Distinguished Service license plates.

(a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special registration plates designated as Defense Distinguished Service license plates to recipients awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal by a branch of the armed forces of the United States who reside in this State. The special plates

issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The Secretary may allow the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary shall make a version of the special registration plates authorized under this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles.

(b) The plates shall display the Defense Distinguished Service Medal. In all other respects, the design and color of the plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. Appropriate documentation, as determined by the Secretary, shall accompany each application. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412. No registration fee, including the fees established under Section 3-806 of this Code, shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of any plates issued under this Section. However, no individual shall be issued more than one pair of plates under this Section for which no fee is required in accordance with Section 3-806.2.