

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 changing Sections 3-609.1 and 3-621 and by adding Sections 1-142.3 and 3-609.3 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/1-142.3 new)

Sec. 1-142.3. Military series registration plate. Any registration plate that may only be issued to an applicant based on some aspect of the applicant's military service.

(625 ILCS 5/3-609.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609.1)

Sec. 3-609.1. ~~Congressional~~ Medal of Honor plates. Any resident of the State of Illinois who has been awarded the ~~Congressional~~ Medal of Honor, or an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person who was awarded the Medal of Honor, may make application for the registration of a motor vehicle owned solely or in part by such recipient, to the Secretary of State without the payment of any registration fee. Registration shall be for a multi-year period effective from issuance. The Secretary of State shall furnish at his or her office at no cost to such ~~Congressional~~ Medal of Honor recipients, plates bearing up to 3 letters designating the

recipient's initials followed by the letters M O H ~~C M H~~ signifying the ~~Congressional~~ Medal of Honor. The plate shall be suitable for attachment to a motor vehicle or motorcycle registered under this Code.

(Source: P.A. 94-343, eff. 1-1-06.)

(625 ILCS 5/3-609.3 new)

Sec. 3-609.3. Military series registration plates for veterans with disabilities. In lieu of receiving registration plates without the payment of a fee under Section 3-609, any veteran who holds proof of a 50% or greater service-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs may apply for a military series registration plate in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State. Upon the veteran showing proof of the disability, a military series registration plate may be issued to the veteran without fee for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

(625 ILCS 5/3-621) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621)

Sec. 3-621. The Secretary, upon receipt of an application, made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue to Illinois residents who are current members, former members, or surviving spouses of former members of the Illinois National Guard, or the National Guard of any other State, the

~~Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or Washington, D.C. and to~~
~~Illinois residents who are either former members of the~~
~~Illinois National Guard or the surviving spouses of Illinois~~
~~National Guard members,~~ special registration plates. The
special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed
only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles,
or motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
8,000 pounds subject to the staggered registration system.

The design and color of such plates shall be wholly within
the discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary may, in
his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity
or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of
this Code.

(Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-353, eff. 1-1-08.)