

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 adding
5 Section 3-699.26 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.26 new)

7 Sec. 3-699.26. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license
8 plates.

9 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
10 Secretary of State, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
11 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may
12 issue special registration plates registered as Armed Forces
13 Expeditionary license plates to residents of Illinois who have
14 been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service
15 in the United States Armed Forces after July 1, 1958 and
16 participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in
17 direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of
18 assistance for friendly foreign nations. The special plates
19 issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only to
20 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and
21 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
22 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
23 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established by

1 Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

2 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
3 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary
4 may allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or
5 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
6 Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land of
7 Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of
8 this Code. The Secretary shall, in his or her discretion,
9 approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under
10 Section 3-412.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
12 2026.