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Veterans Qualify for Special License Plates at No Added Cost

SPRINGFIELD—Under a new state law, sponsored by State Sen. Dave Koehler (D-Peoria) and State Rep. Donald Moffitt (R-Galesburg), Illinois veterans will be able to get special veterans license plates for the same cost as normal Illinois plates.

“We should honor our brave men and women in uniform everyday,” said Moffitt. “Veterans have already paid a huge price and more than earned the privilege to display these plates. They have a right to be proud of their service to our country.”

Illinois already has several special license plates for veterans, including U.S. Veteran, U.S. Army Veteran, Army Combat Veteran, World War II Veteran, Korean War Veteran, and Vietnam War Veteran plates. In the past, veterans had to pay an additional fee ranging from \$13 to \$15 to get one of these special license plates. Starting January 1, 2011, they will be able to get these plates for the same price as a regular license plate.

“A license plate is a small thing,” Koehler said, “but recognizing the sacrifices our brave men and women have made to protect our way of life is not. We want to thank Governor Pat Quinn for honoring veterans in this way and signing this bill into law.”

The bill passed the General Assembly with overwhelming bipartisan support.

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