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1990



6,215,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

This design of Illinois' standard passenger plate was on the road from 1984 until 2000



The state begins to offer specially designed license plates to retired members of the armed services. The plates have an L prefix, for "Lifer."

Recreational Vehicle, Recreational Trailer, and Antique Vehicle are now available as vanity and personalized plates.

Medi-Car (MC) plates begin to be issued for vehicles used for non-emergency medical transport.

Public Transportation (PT) plates begin to be issued for vehicles such as shuttle buses and courtesy cars.

To comply with federal mandates, the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is introduced. This is a latter-day version of the Chauffeur's license that the state had issued for many years.

1991

6,256,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's office.



The state begins to issue Sheriff plates for vehicles used by county sheriffs and their deputies. Municipal plates had been used previously. These are the only Illinois license plates that have a county code.

The state begins to issue "Gold Star" military plates to persons who are the widow, widower or surviving parent of a Gold Star

medal recipient. The plates have a G prefix. Gold Star medals are given by the military to family members who have lost a spouse or child serving in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Motorcycle plates with the international handicapped symbol begin to be issued.

1992

6,309,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's office.



The state begins to offer specially designed license plates to any Illinois resident that participated in the Battle of Pearl Harbor while a member of the U. S. Armed Forces. Widows of Pearl Harbor survivors may also apply for these plates.

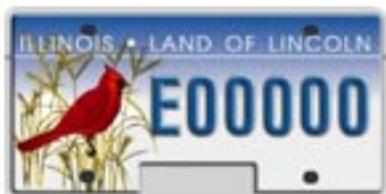
1993

6,407,200 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

New B-truck registrations have renewals staggered over all 12 months.

1994

6,499,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's office.



The state begins to offer specially designed "Environmental" license plates, with part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates going to the State Parks Fund.



The state begins to offer specially designed license plates to veterans of the Korean War. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates goes into the Korean War Memorial Construction Fund.

1995

6,580,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

As other passenger plate numbering formats have been exhausted, plates are now issued with one prefix letter and up to six



numerals. The letters used are B, C, D, F, J, S, T, Y, and Z.

The state begins to offer specially designed "Prevent Violence" license plates. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates goes into the state's Violence Prevention Fund.

1996



6,633,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

The state begins to offer specially designed license military plates to Bronze Star medal recipients.



The state begins to offer specially designed "Collegiate" license plates. The plates are designed for any public or degree-granting, non-for-profit private college or university located in Illinois. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates goes to the State College or University Trust Fund or the University Grant Fund for college scholarships.



The state begins to offer specially designed "Illinois Fire Fighters" license plates. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates goes into the Illinois Fire Fighters Memorial Fund for construction of the memorial.

1997

6,649,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's office.



The state begins to offer specially designed "Sportsmen Series" license plates. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates goes into the state's Illinois Habitat Fund for the preservation and maintenance of Illinois wildlife habitats.



The state begins to offer specially designed "Master Mason" license plates. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of this plate goes into the Master Mason Fund.

The state begins to offer specially designed "Universal Charity" license plates on behalf of charitable, benevolent, philanthropic or patriotic organizations.



The state begins to offer specially designed "Knights of Columbus" license plates. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of these plate goes into the Knights of Columbus Fund.



The state begins to offer specially designed “D.A.R.E.” license plates. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of these plates goes into state, county and municipal D.A.R.E funds. The state begins to offer specially designed license plates to the mayor or president of a village or an incorporated town.



The state begins to offer specially designed license plates to Illinois residents who have been awarded the Silver Star medal by the U. S. Armed Forces.

The state begins to offer specially designed “Illinois and Michigan Canal” license plates. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates goes into the Illinois and Michigan Canal Fund.



The state begins to offer Universal Veteran plates. The plate features the words “Illinois Veteran” encircling the State of Illinois. The plate has red characters on a white background and bears a stacked “US” suffix. Decals are issued to personalize the plate with a specific branch of service or theater of action.



The state begins to offer POW/MIA plates, which commemorate Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. These plates feature the words “Illinois Remembers” outlining the POW/MIA shield. Red characters are on a white background.

1998

6,703,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State’s office.



The state begins to offer specially designed “Wildlife Prairie Park” license plates to showcase and raise funds for the park in Peoria. Part of the proceeds goes into the Wildlife Prairie Park Fund.

The state begins to offer specially designed plates honoring deceased police officers or fire fighters to the surviving spouse or parents of a police officer or fire fighter who was killed in the line of duty.

1999

6,804,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State’s office.

Secretary of State Jesse White announces that he will begin the first replating program in Illinois since 1983. New multi-year license plates will be issued beginning in the summer of 2001.

More than 230,000 Illinois residents vote for their favorite design for the upcoming license plates, marking the first time Illinois residents have a say in choosing the design for their own license plates.



The state begins to offer specially designed “Mammogram” license plates. A pink ribbon and the phrases “Mammograms Save Lives,” and “The Susan G. Komen Foundation” appear on the plate. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates goes to the Mammogram Fund to fund breast cancer awareness throughout the state.

The state begins to offer specially designed “Police Memorial” license plates. Part of the proceeds from the purchase of the plates goes into the Police Memorial Committee Fund.

Distinctive two-year plates are issued to Appellate Court judges.

A new issue of semi-trailer plates comes out. These plates are now issued on a permanent basis.

Passenger registration fees are raised to \$78 by the General Assembly to pay for Governor George Ryan’s infrastructure program, “Illinois FIRST.”

2000



6,990,000 passenger vehicles are registered with the Illinois Secretary of State’s office.

Secretary of State employees work to install new automation equipment and create training programs to accommodate the replating cycle, scheduled to begin in 2001.