

Sec. 6. Section 14.18, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

14.18 CITATION OF SESSION LAWS. The session laws of each general assembly shall be known and cited as "..... Session Acts of the General Assembly, Session, Chapter (or File No.), Section" (inserting the appropriate number) and shall be cited as "..... Iowa Acts, chapter, section" (inserting the appropriate year, chapter, or section number).

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CHAPTER 1062

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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AN ACT relating to the registration of motor vehicles, with a December 1, 1983 effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 71, Code 1981, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, Second Extraordinary 1981 Session, chapter 2, section 5, is amended to read as follows:

71. A "special truck" means a motor truck not used for hire with a gross weight registration of ~~eight~~ six through twenty tons used by a person engaged in farming to transport commodities produced only by the owner, or to transport commodities purchased by the owner for use in the owner's own farming operation or occasional use for charitable purposes.

Sec. 2. Section 321.1, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. "Registration year" means the period of twelve consecutive months beginning on the first day of the month following the month of the birth of the owner of the vehicle for vehicles registered by the county treasurer and the calendar year for vehicles registered by the department or vehicles with a combined gross weight exceeding five tons which are registered by the county treasurer and mobile homes.

Sec. 3. Section 321.24, Code 1981, is amended by inserting after unnumbered paragraph 1 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A vehicle shall be registered for the registration year. A vehicle registered for the first time in this state shall be registered for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year and pay a registration fee prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year.

Sec. 4. Section 321.34, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

In lieu of issuing new registration plates each registration year for a vehicle renewing registration, the department may reassign the registration plates previously issued to such

the vehicle and may adopt and prescribe an annual validation sticker stickers indicating payment of registration fee, which annual validation sticker shall be attached to said registration plates bearing the numerals indicating the year for which the original plates are validated fees. The department shall issue two validation stickers for each registration plate. One sticker shall specify the year of expiration of the registration period. The second sticker shall specify the month of expiration of the registration period. The month of registration shall not be required on registration plates or validation stickers issued for vehicles registered under chapter 326.

Sec. 5. Section 321.39, Code 1981, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

321.39 EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION. Except as provided in this chapter every vehicle registration, registration card, and registration plate shall expire as follows:

1. For vehicles registered under chapter 326 and any motor truck, truck tractor, or road tractor registered for a combined gross weight exceeding five tons, at midnight on the last day of December of each year.

2. For vehicles registered by the county treasurer, at midnight on the last day of the registration year.

3. For vehicles on which the first installment of an annual fee has been paid, at midnight on the last day of June; for vehicles on which the second installment of an annual fee has been paid, at midnight on the last day of December.

4. For vehicles registered without payment of fees as provided in section 321.19, when designated by the department.

5. For mobile homes, at midnight on the last day of June and December each year.

Registration for every vehicle registered by the county treasurer shall expire upon transfer of ownership.

Sec. 6. Section 321.40, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made on or after the first day of the month of expiration of registration and up to and including the last day of the month following the month of expiration of registration. The registration shall be renewed upon payment of the appropriate registration fee.

Sec. 7. Section 321.40, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1981, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph.

Sec. 8. Section 321.46, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

321.46 NEW TITLE AND REGISTRATION UPON TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION OWNERSHIP.

1. The transferee shall within seven calendar days after purchase or transfer apply for and obtain from the county treasurer of the person's residence, or if a nonresident, the county treasurer of the county where the primary users of the vehicle are located or the county where all other vehicles owned by the nonresident are registered, a ~~transfer of new registration~~ and a new certificate of title for such the vehicle except as provided in section 321.48. The transferee shall present with the application the certificate of title endorsed and assigned by the previous owner and the signed registration card or other evidence of current registration as required by the department. The transferee shall be required to list a motor vehicle license number as part of the application for a registration transfer and a new title. The motor vehicle license number shall not be the social security number of the transferee unless requested by the transferee.

2. Upon filing the application for a new registration transfer and a new title, the applicant shall pay a title fee of two dollars and a registration fee prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year. The county treasurer, if satisfied of the genuineness and regularity of the application and that applicant has complied with all the requirements of this chapter, shall ~~forthwith~~ issue a new certificate of title and registration card to the purchaser or transferee, shall cancel the prior registration for the vehicle, and shall forward the necessary copies to the department on the date of issuance, as prescribed in section 321.24.

3. The applicant shall be entitled to a credit for that portion of the registration fee of the vehicle sold, traded, or junked within the state which had not expired prior to the transfer of ownership of the vehicle. The registration fee for the new registration for the vehicle acquired shall be reduced by the amount of the credit. The credit shall be computed on the basis of the number of months remaining in the registration year, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. The credit shall be subject to the following limitations:

a. The credit shall be claimed within thirty days from the date the vehicle for which credit is granted was sold, transferred, or junked. After thirty days, all credits shall be disallowed.

b. Any credit granted to the owner of a vehicle which has been sold, traded, or junked may only be claimed by that person toward the registration fee for another vehicle purchased and the credit may not be sold, transferred, or assigned to any other person.

c. When the amount of the credit is computed to be an amount of less than five dollars, a credit shall be disallowed.

d. To claim a credit for the unexpired registration fee on a junked vehicle, the county treasurer shall disallow any claim for credit unless the owner presents a junking certificate or other evidence as required by the department to the county treasurer.

e. A credit shall not be allowed to any person who is eligible to receive a refund, upon proper application, under section 321.126.

f. The credit shall only be allowed if the owner provides the copy of the registration receipt to the county treasurer.

g. The credit allowed shall not exceed the amount of the registration fee for the vehicle acquired. If the registration fee upon application is delinquent, the applicant shall be required to pay the delinquent fee from the first day the registration fee was due prorated to the month of application for new title.

4. The seller or transferor may file an affidavit on forms prescribed and provided by the department with the county treasurer of the county where the vehicle is registered certifying the sale or transfer of ownership of ~~such~~ the vehicle and the assignment and delivery of the certificate of title for ~~such~~ the vehicle. Upon receipt of ~~such~~ the affidavit the county treasurer shall file ~~such~~ the affidavit with the copy of the registration receipt for ~~such~~ the vehicle on file in ~~his~~ the ~~treasurer's~~ office and on that day ~~he~~ the treasurer shall forward copies of the affidavit to the department and to the county treasurer of the county of residence of the purchaser or transferee. Upon filing ~~such~~ the affidavit it shall be presumed that the seller or transferor has assigned and delivered the certificate of title for ~~such~~ the vehicle.

Sec. 9. Section 321.48, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

321.48 VEHICLES ACQUIRED FOR RESALE.

1. When the transferee of a vehicle is a dealer who holds the vehicle for resale and operates the vehicle only for purposes incident to a resale and displays a dealer plate on the vehicle or does not drive such vehicle or permit it to be driven upon the highways, such transferee shall not be required to obtain ~~transfer of a new~~ registration or a new certificate of title but upon transferring title or interest to another person shall execute and acknowledge an assignment and warranty of title upon the certificate of title assigned to the person and deliver the same to the person to whom such transfer is made. The dealer shall also sign the reverse side of the registration card for such vehicle indicating the name and address of the new purchaser.

2. Any foreign registered vehicle purchased or otherwise acquired by a dealer for the purpose of resale shall be issued a certificate of title thereto by the county treasurer of the dealer's residence upon proper application therefor as provided in this chapter and upon payment of a fee of two dollars and such dealer shall be exempt from the payment of any and all registration fees for such vehicle. Such application for certificate of title shall be made within forty-eight hours after said vehicle comes within the border of the state.

3. Whenever a dealer purchases or otherwise acquires a vehicle registered in this state he shall issue a signed receipt to the previous owner, indicating the date of purchase or acquisition, the name and address of such previous owner and the registration number of the vehicle purchased or acquired. The original receipt shall be delivered to the owner on the date of purchase or acquisition and two copies shall be mailed or delivered by the dealer to the county treasurer of his residence within forty-eight hours after purchase or acquisition. The county treasurer shall forward one copy to the department. Forms for such receipts shall be furnished by the department. In a transaction in which a vehicle is traded to a dealer as defined in chapter 322 or chapter 322C toward the purchase price of another vehicle and each vehicle is owned in whole or in part by the same person, the person acquiring the vehicle from the dealer shall be entitled to a credit under section 321.46.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a dealer from obtaining a new certificate of title and transfer of or new registration in the same manner as other purchasers.

Sec. 10. Section 321.51, subsection 4, Code 1981, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, 1981 Session, chapter 102, section 2, is amended to read as follows:

4. Except as provided in section 321.52, the county treasurer of the county of residence of the transferee upon receipt of the application for a new certificate of title, the appropriate fee, and the affidavit as provided in subsection 2, and when satisfied as to the genuineness and regularity of the application, shall issue a restricted certificate of title to the applicant but shall not issue registration plates or a registration card. A restricted certificate of title shall be coded in the manner prescribed by the department and shall be red in color and shall have conspicuously imprinted thereon in bold print, in a manner prescribed by the department, the words "RESTRICTED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE—CANNOT BE REGISTERED AND OPERATED ON THE HIGHWAYS WITHOUT A VALID APPROVED CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 321.51 OF THE CODE OF IOWA." A county treasurer may also issue a restricted certificate of title which is not red in color but shall have the words "RED TITLE" in bold letters and the words "RESTRICTED—CANNOT BE REGISTERED WITHOUT A VALID APPROVED CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION" stamped on the face of the title in red ink. At the time the transferee surrenders a valid approved certificate of inspection and the restricted certificate of title to the county treasurer of the county of residence, the county treasurer, upon payment of the appropriate fees, shall issue a certificate of title that is not restricted for the vehicle and shall also issue a registration card and registration plates to the applicant if the applicant is not in possession of registration plates which may be attached to the vehicle, ~~however~~. The registration fee shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year. However, if the registration fee for the vehicle has been paid for the current year, the county treasurer shall issue a registration card and registration plates to the applicant if the applicant is not in possession of registration plates which may be attached to the vehicle upon payment of an additional registration fee of five dollars. A vehicle with a restricted certificate of title shall not have a registration plate attached to the vehicle.

Sec. 11. Section 321.70, Code 1981, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

321.70 DEALER VEHICLES. A dealer registered under this chapter shall not be required to register any vehicle owned by the dealer which is being held for sale or trade, provided the registration fee was not delinquent at the time the vehicle was acquired by the dealer. When a dealer ceases to hold any vehicle for sale or trade or the vehicle otherwise becomes subject to registration under this chapter the registration fee and delinquent registration fee, if any, shall be due for the registration year.

Sec. 12. Section 321.105, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

An annual registration fee shall be paid for each vehicle operated upon the public highways of this state unless the vehicle is specifically exempted under the provisions of this chapter. If a vehicle, which has been registered for the current registration year, is transferred during the registration year, the transferee shall reregister the vehicle as provided in section 321.46 without payment of an additional annual registration fee.

Sec. 13. Section 321.106, Code 1981, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

321.106 REGISTRATION FOR FRACTIONAL PART OF YEAR. When a vehicle is registered under chapter 326 or a motor truck, truck tractor, or road tractor is registered for a combined gross weight exceeding five tons and there is no delinquency and the registration is made in February or succeeding months through November, the registration fee shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual registration fee multiplied by the number of unexpired months of the year. A fee shall not be required for the month of December for a vehicle registered on a calendar year basis on which there is no delinquency. A fee shall not be required for the month of the owner's birthday for a vehicle on which there is no delinquency. Whenever any fee computed under this section contains a fractional part of a dollar, the fee shall be computed to the nearest whole dollar. A fee computed under this section shall not be less than five dollars. The fee so computed shall be deemed to be the annual registration fee for the remainder of the registration year.

A reduction in the registration fee shall not be allowed by the department until the applicant files satisfactory evidence to prove that there is no delinquency in registration.

Sec. 14. Section 321.112, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

321.112 MINIMUM MOTOR VEHICLE FEE. No motor vehicle, regardless of age, except as provided in ~~section~~ sections 321.115 and 321.117 shall be registered for a full registration year for less than ten dollars.

Sec. 15. Section 321.113, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

321.113 AUTOMATIC REDUCTION. After said a motor vehicle has been registered is more than five times model years old, that part of the registration fee which is based on the value of the vehicle shall be:

Seventy-five percent of the rate as fixed when new;

After a motor vehicle is more than six times model years old, fifty percent;

After a motor vehicle is more than eight times model years old, that part of the registration fee based on the value of said the vehicle shall be ten percent. Where the ninth registration fee for a motor vehicle has been computed and fixed by the department prior to July 4, 1949, there shall be added to sueh the registration fee, in lieu of the ten percent provided for herein, one dollar if such registration fee has been computed and fixed at fifteen dollars or less and two dollars if sueh the registration fee has been computed and fixed at more than fifteen dollars.

Sec. 16. Section 321.116, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

321.116 ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILES. For all electric motor vehicles the annual fee shall be twenty-five dollars. When any electric motor vehicle has been registered which is more than five times model years old the annual registration fee shall be fifteen dollars.

Sec. 17. Section 321.117, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

321.117 MOTORCYCLE, AMBULANCE, AND HEARSE FEES. For all motorcycles the annual fee shall be ten dollars. For all motorized bicycles the annual fee shall be five dollars. When said the motorcycle has been registered is more than five times model years old, the annual registration fee shall be five dollars. The annual registration fee for ambulances and hearses shall be fifty dollars. Passenger car plates shall be issued for ambulances and hearses.

Sec. 18. Section 321.121, Code 1981, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, Second Extraordinary 1981 Session, chapter 2, section 6, is amended to read as follows:

321.121 SPECIAL TRUCKS FOR FARM USE. The registration fee for a special truck shall be eighty dollars for a gross weight of six tons, one hundred dollars for a gross weight of seven tons, one hundred twenty dollars for a gross weight of eight tons, and in addition, fifteen dollars for each ton over eight tons and not exceeding eighteen tons. The registration fee for a special truck with a gross weight registration exceeding eighteen tons but not exceeding nineteen tons shall be three hundred twenty-five dollars and for a gross weight registration exceeding nineteen tons but not exceeding twenty tons the registration fee shall be three hundred seventy-five dollars. Any person convicted of using a truck registered as a special truck for any purpose other than permitted by section 321.1, subsection 71, shall, in addition to any other penalty imposed by law, be required to pay regular motor truck registration fees upon such truck.

Sec. 19. Section 321.122, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

a. For a combined gross weight of three tons or less forty-five dollars and after a vehicle which is more than ten full registrations model years old thirty-five dollars.

Sec. 20. Section 321.123, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

Travel trailers and fifth-wheel travel trailers, except those in manufacturer's or dealer's stock, an annual fee of twenty cents per square foot of floor space computed on the exterior overall measurements, but excluding three feet occupied by any trailer hitch as provided by and certified to by the owner, to the nearest whole dollar, which amount shall not be prorated or refunded; except the annual fee for travel trailers of any type, when registered in Iowa for the first time or when removed from a manufacturer's or dealer's stock, shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The registrant of a travel trailer of any type shall be issued a "travel trailer" plate. It is further provided the annual fee thus computed shall be limited to seventy-five percent of the full fee after the sixth registration vehicle is more than six model years old.

Sec. 21. Section 321.124, subsection 3, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

3. The annual registration fee for motor homes and multipurpose vehicles is as follows:

a. For class "A" motor homes with a list price of thirty-five thousand dollars or more as certified to the department by the manufacturer, four hundred dollars for the first five registrations registration each year through five model years and three hundred dollars for each succeeding registration.

b. For class "A" motor homes with a list price of twenty thousand dollars or more but less than thirty-five thousand dollars as certified to the department by the manufacturer, one hundred forty dollars for the first five registrations registration each year through five model years and one hundred five dollars for each succeeding registration.

c. For class "A" motor homes with a list price of less than twenty thousand dollars as certified to the department by the manufacturer, one hundred twenty dollars for the first five registrations registration each year through five model years and eighty-five dollars for each succeeding registration.

d. For a class "A" motor home which is a passenger-carrying bus which has been registered at least five times as a motor truck and which has been converted, modified or altered to provide temporary living quarters, ninety dollars for the first ten registrations registration each year through ten model years and sixty-five dollars for each succeeding registration. In computing the number of registrations, the registrations shall be cumulative beginning with the registration of the class "A" motor home as a motor truck prior to its conversion, modification, or alteration to provide temporary living quarters.

e. For class "B" motor homes, ninety dollars for the first five registrations registration each year through five model years and sixty-five dollars for each succeeding registration.

f. For class "C" motor homes, one hundred ten dollars for the first five registrations registration each year through five model years and eighty dollars for each succeeding registration.

g. For multipurpose vehicles, seventy-five dollars for the first five registrations registration each year through five model years and fifty-five dollars for each succeeding registration.

Sec. 22. Section 321.126, unnumbered paragraph 1 and subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code 1981, are amended to read as follows:

Refunds of current registration fees previously paid for the registration of motor vehicles shall be allowed in accordance with this section, except that no refund shall be allowed and paid if the unused portion of the fee is less than five dollars. Subsections 1 and 2 shall not apply to motor vehicles registered by the county treasurer. ~~Such~~ The refunds shall be made as follows:

2. If the motor vehicle is stolen, the owner shall give notice of the theft to the county treasurer department within five days, who in turn shall notify the department. If the motor vehicle is not recovered by the owner before December 1 of the year for which the registration fee was paid thirty days prior to the end of the current registration year, the owner shall make a statement of the theft and make claim for refund.

3. If the motor vehicle is placed in storage by the owner upon the owner's entry into the military service of the United States, the owner shall return the plates to the county treasurer or the department and make a statement regarding such the storage and military service and make claim for refund. Whenever the owner of a motor vehicle so placed in storage desires to again register such the vehicle, the county treasurer or department shall compute and collect the fees for registration in accordance with section 321.106 for the registration year commencing in the month the vehicle is removed from storage.

4. If the motor vehicle is registered by the county treasurer during the current registration year and the owner or lessee registers the vehicle for prorated under chapter 326, the owner of the registered vehicle shall surrender the registration plates to the county treasurer and may file a claim for refund.

Sec. 23. Section 321.126, subsection 1, Code 1981, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1. If the motor vehicle is destroyed by fire or accident, or junked and its identity as a motor vehicle entirely eliminated, the owner in whose name the motor vehicle was registered at the time of destruction or dismantling shall return the plates to the department and within thirty days thereafter make a statement of such destruction or dismantling and make claim for refund. With reference to the destruction or dismantling of a vehicle, no refund shall be allowed unless a junking certificate has been issued, as provided in section 321.52.

Sec. 24. Section 321.127, Code 1981, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, 1981 Session, chapter 104, section 1, is amended to read as follows:

321.127 AMOUNT OF REFUND. ~~For December and each succeeding month the~~ The refund for motor vehicles shall be computed on the basis of one-fourth of the annual registration fee multiplied by the number of remaining quarters of the registration year from date of filing of the claim for refund with the county treasurer, computed to the nearest quarter dollar. The department, unless reasonable grounds exist for delay, shall make refund on or before the fifteenth day of the quarter following the quarter in which the claim is filed with the department. For trailers or semitrailers issued a multiyear registration plate a refund shall be paid equal to the annual fee for twelve months times the remaining number of complete ~~calendar~~ registration years. Refunds for motor vehicles registered for prorata under chapter 326 shall be paid on the basis of unexpired complete calendar months remaining from the date the claim is filed with the department.

Sec. 25. Section 321.132, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

321.132 WHEN LIEN ATTACHES. The lien of the original registration fee ~~shall attach attaches~~, at the time the ~~same~~ fee is first payable, as provided by law, and the lien of all renewals of registration shall attach on ~~January 1 of each year thereafter~~ the first day of each succeeding registration year.

Sec. 26. Section 321.134, Code 1981, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

321.134 MONTHLY PENALTY. On the first day of the second month following the beginning of each registration year a penalty of five percent of the annual registration fee shall be added to the registration fees not paid by that date and an additional penalty of five percent shall be added the first day of each succeeding month, until the fee is paid. A penalty shall not be less than five dollars. If the owner of a vehicle surrenders the registration plates for a vehicle prior to the time they expire, to the county treasurer of the county where the vehicle is registered, or to the department if the vehicle is registered under chapter 326, the owner may register the vehicle any time thereafter upon payment of the registration fee for the registration year without penalty. The penalty on vehicles registered under chapter 326 shall accrue February 1 of each year.

The annual registration fee for trucks, truck tractors, and road tractors, as provided in sections 321.121 and 321.122, may be payable in two equal semiannual installments if the annual registration fee exceeds the registration fee for a vehicle with a gross weight exceeding five tons. The penalties provided in the preceding unnumbered paragraph shall be computed on the amount of the first installment only and on the first day of the seventh month of the registration period the same rate of penalty shall apply to the second installment, until the fee is paid. Semiannual installments shall not apply to commercial vehicles subject to proportional registration, with a base state other than the state of Iowa, as defined in section 326.2, subsection 6. The penalty on vehicles registered under chapter 326 shall accrue August 1 of each year.

If a penalty applies to any vehicle registration fee provided for in sections 321.121 and 321.122, the same penalty shall be assessed on the fees collected to increase the registered gross weight of the vehicle, if the increased gross weight is requested within forty-five days from the date the delinquent vehicle is registered for the current registration period.

Sec. 27. Section 321.149, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

321.149 BLANKS. The department shall not later than November 15 of each year prepare and furnish the treasurer of each county all blank books, blank forms, and all supplies required for the administration of this chapter, including applications for registration and transfer of vehicles, ~~quadruple~~ quintuple receipts, and original remittance sheets to be used in remitting fees to the department, in such form as the department may prescribe. Contracts for ~~such~~ the

blank books, blank forms, and supplies shall be awarded by the state superintendent of printing board to persons, firms, partnerships, or corporations engaged in the business of printing in Iowa unless, or through them, such the persons, firms, partnerships or corporations cannot provide the required printing set forth in this section. In lieu of purchasing under competitive bids the state superintendent of printing board shall have authority to arrange with the director of the division of corrections of the department of social services to furnish such the supplies as can be made in the state institutions.

Sec. 28. Section 321.166, subsection 2, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

2. Every registration plate or pair of plates shall display a registration plate number which shall consist of alphabetical or numerical characters or a combination thereof and the name of this state, which may be abbreviated. Every registration plate issued by the county treasurer shall display the name of the county except plates issued for motor trucks with a combined gross weight exceeding five tons, truck tractors, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, travel trailers, mobile homes, semitrailers and trailers. The year of expiration or the date of expiration shall be displayed on vehicle registration plates, except plates issued under the provisions of section 321.19. Registration plates issued for motor trucks and truck tractors shall be designed in such a manner that the gross weight for which the vehicle is registered may be displayed on the plate. Special truck registration plates shall display the word "special".

Sec. 29. Section 321.166, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. The month of expiration of registration, which may be abbreviated, shall be displayed on vehicle registration plates issued by the county treasurer. A distinctive emblem or validation sticker may be prescribed by the department to designate the month of expiration which shall be attached to the embossed area on the plate located at the lower corners of the registration plate.

Sec. 30. Section 321.167, Code 1981, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

321.167 DELIVERY OF PLATES, STICKERS, AND EMBLEMS. The department, upon requisition by the county treasurer, shall provide vehicle registration plates, validation stickers, and emblems as required for the administration of this chapter. Vehicle registration plates and validation stickers shall be provided to the county treasurer in numerical sequence.

Sec. 31. Section 321.466, subsection 2, Code 1981, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 32. Section 321.466, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1981, are amended to read as follows:

3. ~~On~~ During or after July 1 of each year the seventh month of a current registration year, the owner of a motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, semitrailer or trailer may, if ~~his~~ the owner's operation thereof has not resulted in a conviction or action pending under this section or an action then pending against him for violation of the same, increase the gross load weight of ~~any such the~~ the vehicle to a higher gross weight classification by payment of one-twelfth of the difference between the annual fee for the higher gross weight and the amount of the fee for the gross weight at which it is registered, multiplied by the number of unexpired months of the registration year.

4. Upon conversion of a truck to a truck tractor or a truck tractor to a truck, an increased gross weight registration of the proper type may be obtained for ~~any such the~~ the vehicle by payment, except as provided in section 321.106, of one-twelfth of the difference between the annual fee for the higher gross weight and the amount of the annual fee for the gross weight at which the vehicle is registered, multiplied by the number of unexpired months of the registration year from the date of ~~such the~~ the conversion.

Sec. 33. Section 805.8, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 1981, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, 1981 Session, chapter 103, section 9, is amended to read as follows:

b. For registration violations under sections 321.32, 321.34, 321.37, 321.38, and 321.41 the scheduled fine is five dollars. For violations of sections 321.34 and 321.37 the case shall be dismissed without imposition of fine or costs if a license or registration valid at the time of the issuance of the citation is presented by the defendant to the magistrate or scheduled violations office.

Sec. 34. Chapter 321, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. MULTIPLE REGISTRATION PERIODS AND ADJUSTMENTS.

1. There are established twelve registration periods for the registration of vehicles by the county treasurer. Each registration period shall commence on the first day of each calendar month following the month of the birth of the owner of the vehicle and end on the last day of the twelfth month. Every vehicle registered by the county treasurer shall be registered for a full twelve-month period, except mobile homes that are registered on a semiannual basis, vehicles registered under section 321.24 or 321.46, vehicles registered under chapter 326, and trucks with a gross weight exceeding five tons which may be registered on a semiannual basis.

2. The county treasurer may adjust the renewal or expiration date of vehicles when deemed necessary to equalize the number of vehicles registered in each twelve-month period or for the administrative efficiency of the county treasurer's office. The adjustment shall be accomplished by delivery of a written notice to the vehicle owner of the adjustment and allowance of a credit for the remaining months of the unused portion of the registration fee, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, which amount shall be deducted from the annual registration fee due at the time of registration. Upon receipt of the notification the owner shall, within thirty days, surrender the registration card and registration plates to the county treasurer of the county where the vehicle is registered, except that the registration plates shall not be surrendered if validation stickers or other emblems are used to designate the month and year of expiration of registration. Upon payment of the annual registration fee, less the credit allowed for the remaining months of the unused portion of the registration fee, the county treasurer shall issue a new registration card and registration plates, validation stickers, or emblems which indicate the month and year of expiration of registration.

3. Vehicles subject to registration which are owned by a person other than a natural person shall be registered for a registration year as determined by the county treasurer.

Sec. 35. Chapter 321, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. IMPLEMENTATION OF TWELVE-MONTH REGISTRATION PERIOD. To implement the change from calendar year registration to the system provided for in section 33* of this Act, the vehicles registered by the county treasurer on or after December 1, 1983, shall be registered as follows:

1. Vehicle registrations which are not delinquent may be registered on or after December 1, 1983 up to and including January 31, 1984 without penalty. Registration fees paid on or after February 1, 1984 shall be subject to a penalty equal to five percent of the annual registration fee and an additional penalty of five percent shall be added the first day of each succeeding month, until the fee is paid.

2. Vehicles shall be registered for the registration year as defined in section 2 of this Act. If the registration year of the vehicle is for a period of less than twelve months, the registration fee shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months, except as provided in subsection 3.

*Section 34 probably intended.

3. The owner of a vehicle for which the registration year begins on February 1 may elect to register the vehicle for a period of one month or thirteen months. The owner of a vehicle for which the registration year begins on March 1 may elect to register the vehicle for a period of two months or fourteen months. The owner of a vehicle for which the registration year begins on April 1 may elect to register the vehicle for a period of three months or fifteen months.

Sec. 36. Section 27* of this Act which requires the issuance of registration plates which display the name of the county for motor trucks with a combined gross weight of five tons or less and section 28** of this Act which requires an embossed area on the lower corners of the registration plate shall take effect for the next registration year for which the department issues new registration plates and shall apply thereafter.

Sec. 37. Sections 321.69, 321.107, and 321.114, Code 1981, are repealed.

Sec. 38. This Act takes effect December 1, 1983.

Approved April 5, 1982

CHAPTER 1063

MILITARY SERVICE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION VIETNAM CONFLICT DATES

H.F. 833

AN ACT changing the beginning and ending dates of the Vietnam Conflict for purposes of the military service property tax exemption.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 427.3, subsection 4, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

4. The property, not to exceed one thousand eight hundred fifty-two dollars in taxable value of any honorably separated, retired, furloughed to a reserve, placed on inactive status, or discharged soldier, sailor, marine, or nurse of the second World War from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946, army of occupation in Germany from November 12, 1918, to July 11, 1923, American expeditionary forces in Siberia from November 12, 1918, to April 30, 1920, second Nicaraguan campaign with the navy or marines in Nicaragua or on combatant ships 1926-1933, second Haitian suppressions of insurrections 1919-1920, navy and marine operations in China 1937-1939 and Yangtze service with navy and marines in Shanghai or in the Yangtze Valley 1926-1927 and 1930-1932 or of the Korean Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, or those who served on active duty during the Vietnam Conflict beginning August 5, 1964 December 22, 1961, and ending June 30, 1973 May 7, 1975, both dates inclusive, and as defined in section 35C.2.

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*Section 28 probably intended.

**Section 29 probably intended.