

health and collate ~~such~~ the publications for distribution to scientific organizations and qualified scientists and physicians.

3. Develop and administer genetic and metabolic screening programs to detect and prevent or treat birth defects, the programs to be conducted throughout the state.

4. Develop specifications for and designate a central laboratory in which tests required pursuant to the screening programs required in subsection 3 will be performed, taking into account the test costs to the financially responsible private parties and to the state.

5. Implement programs of professional education and training of medical students, physicians, nurses, scientists and technicians in the causes, methods of treatment, prevention and cure of birth defects.

6. Implement public educational programs to inform persons of the importance of genetic screening and of the various opportunities available.

7. Conduct and support clinical counseling services in medical facilities.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 136A.4 RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS. The birth defects institute, with assistance provided by the state department of health, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this chapter.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 136A.5 CENTRAL REGISTRY— CONFIDENTIALITY. The birth defects institute may maintain a central registry to collect and store report data to facilitate the compiling of statistical information on the causes, treatment, prevention, and cure of genetic disorders and birth defects. Identifying information shall remain confidential pursuant to section 68A.7, subsection 2.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 136A.6 COOPERATION OF OTHER AGENCIES. All state, district, county, and city health or welfare agencies shall cooperate and participate in the implementation of this chapter.

Sec. 8. Section 135.31 and chapter 141, Code 1983, are repealed.

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## CHAPTER 24

### STAGGERED REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

S.F. 453

**AN ACT** relating to the staggered registration of vehicles.

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

Section 1. 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 2, is amended to read as follows:

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 motor trucks and truck tractors with a combined gross weight exceeding five tons which are registered by the county treasurer and mobile homes.

Sec. 2. Section 321.46, Code 1981, as amended by 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 8, is amended by inserting after subsection 3, paragraph g, the following new lettered paragraph:

NEW LETTERED PARAGRAPH. The credit shall be computed on the unexpired number of months computed from the date of purchase of the vehicle acquired.

Sec. 3. Section 321.46, subsection 3, paragraph g, Code 1981, as amended by 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 8, is amended to read as follows:

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.~~

Sec. 4. Section 321.46, Code 1981, as amended by 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 8, is amended by inserting after subsection 3 the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. 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.

Sec. 5. 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 13, is amended to read as follows:

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~~ prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration 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. When a vehicle is registered on a birth month basis and there is no delinquency and the registration is made in the month after the beginning of the registration year or succeeding months the registration fee shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year. 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~~ If a 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. 6. 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 26, is amended to read as follows:

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 plates becoming delinquent, 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 do 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~~ accrues August 1 of each year.

If a penalty applies to any a 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. 7. 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 28, is amended to read as follows:

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 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. 8. 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 34, is amended to read as follows:

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. 9. 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1062, section 35, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

**NEW SUBSECTION.** 4. When a registration fee computed contains a fractional part of a dollar, the fee shall be computed to the nearest whole dollar. However, the fee shall not be less than one dollar.

Sec. 10. Section 321.128, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

**321.128 PAYMENT AUTHORIZED.** The department is hereby authorized to ~~may~~ make such the payments according to the above provisions under sections 321.126 and 321.127, when sufficient proof of such destruction by accident, or the junking and entire elimination of identity as a motor vehicle, sale to a person whose residence or place of business is without the state, theft, or storage by an owner entering the military service of the United States in time of war, or removal for continuous use beyond the boundaries of the state, is properly certified, approved by the county treasurer, and filed with the department.

~~The decision of the department shall be final.~~

Sec. 11. Section 321.108, Code 1983, is repealed.

Sec. 12. This Act takes effect December 1 following enactment for registration fees payable on or after that date for vehicle registrations for the succeeding registration year.

Approved April 25, 1983

## CHAPTER 25

### AMOUNT OF LAND OWNED BY MERGED AREAS

*S.F. 88*

**AN ACT** relating to the amount of land owned by a merged area.

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

Section 1. Section 280A.35, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

A merged area may not purchase land which will increase the aggregate of land owned by such the merged area, excluding land which has been or may be acquired by donation or gift, by to more than three hundred twenty acres without the approval of the state board. Such The limitation shall does not apply to a merged areas area owning more than three hundred twenty acres, excluding land acquired by donation or gift, prior to January 1, 1969.

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