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Senate File 72

By FISHBAUGH, WATSON of O'Brien, NOLAN,
O'MALLEY and WALTER.

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed House, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1950, relating to automobile registration plates for holders of amateur radio station licenses.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code
2 1950, is hereby amended by inserting a new section therein as
3 follows:

4 "Any applicant who is an owner of a motor vehicle and a
5 resident of this state, and who holds an official amateur radio
6 license in good standing, issued by the federal communications
7 commission shall, upon compliance with all laws of this state
8 relating to registration of motor vehicles and drivers, be
9 furnished with registration plates for such motor vehicle, as
10 prescribed by law for passenger cars, upon which, in lieu of
11 the numbers required for identification, there shall be
12 inscribed the official amateur call license of such applicant,
13 as assigned by the federal communications commission. The
14 applicant shall pay in addition to the registration tax required

- 15 by law the sum of two and 50 100 dollars (\$2.50) for such
16 special registration plates.”

EXPLANATION OF S. F. 72

Amateur radio operators have rendered great service to the state and nation in time of emergency and disaster, and constitute a vital part of our communication system for National Defense. Some of the amateur operators have mobile units which can be installed and operated in their private automobiles.

During the floods on the Missouri River in the spring of 1952 they cooperated with the authorities in protecting persons and property and assisting local law enforcement agencies. Their services are willingly and freely available to the authorities at all hours of the day or night.

These amateur operators are asking that they be permitted to purchase, at their own expense, special registration plates stamped with their official amateur call licenses. This will afford a convenient and ready means of identification for those operators in entering areas of disaster or emergency when police or National Guard lines have been set up. It will also afford these citizens a small amount of recognition for the valuable services they render in the interests of humanity, and make known to the general public that they may be contacted in the event of an emergency.