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7 the director of the department of general services. All
8 state-owned motor vehicles shall display registration plates
9 bearing the word "official" except cars requested to be
10 furnished with ordinary plates by the commissioner of public
11 safety or the director of the department of general services
12 pursuant to section 321.19. The state vehicle dispatcher
13 shall keep an accurate record of the registration plates used
14 on all state cars.

15 Sec. 2. Section 321.19, subsection 1, Code 1985, is
16 amended to read as follows:

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25 propelling vehicles used neither for the conveyance of persons
26 for hire, pleasure, or business nor for the transportation of
27 freight other than those used by an urban transit company
28 operated by a municipality, regional transit system, and all
29 fire trucks, providing they are not owned and operated for a
30 pecuniary profit, are exempted from the payment of the fees
31 imposed by this chapter, except as provided for urban transit
32 companies in subsection 2, but are not exempt from the
33 penalties provided in this chapter. The department shall
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35 for vehicles thus exempted, which plates except plates on Iowa

1 highway safety patrol vehicles shall bear the word "official,"
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5 background, one before and one following the registration
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9 pointed gold star on a green background followed by the letter
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ROBERT T. ANDERSON
President of the Senate

DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 525, Seventy-first General Assembly.

K. MARIE THAYER
Secretary of the Senate

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor