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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a single registration plate to be displayed on
 2 the rear of a vehicle and providing for replacement of
 3 existing plates.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 16, paragraph f,
2 unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1991, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection
5 ~~any, a vehicle covered thereby if it otherwise qualifies~~ may
6 be registered as special mobile equipment, or operated or
7 moved under ~~the provisions of~~ sections 321.57 to 321.63, if
8 the person in whose name ~~such the~~ vehicle is to be registered
9 or to whom a special plate ~~or plates are~~ is to be issued
10 elects to do so, and under such circumstances ~~the provisions~~
11 of this subsection ~~shall~~ is not be applicable to ~~such the~~
12 vehicle, nor ~~shall such~~ is the vehicle be required to comply
13 with ~~the provisions of~~ sections 321.384 to 321.429, when such
14 ~~the~~ vehicle is moved during daylight hours, ~~provided however,~~
15 ~~the provisions of.~~ However, section 321.383, ~~shall remain~~
16 remains applicable to ~~such the~~ vehicle.

17 Sec. 2. Section 321.18, subsection 7, Code 1991, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 7. Any A school bus in this state used exclusively for the
20 transportation of pupils to and from school or a school
21 function or for the purposes provided in section 285.1,
22 subsection 1, and section 285.10, subsection 9. Upon
23 application the department shall, without charge, issue a
24 registration certificate and shall also issue a registration
25 ~~plates~~ plate which shall have imprinted ~~thereon on it~~ the
26 words "Private School Bus" and a distinguishing number
27 assigned to the applicant. ~~Such plates~~ The plate shall be
28 attached to the ~~front and~~ rear of each bus exempt from
29 registration under this subsection.

30 Sec. 3. Section 321.19, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
31 2, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

32 The department shall furnish, on application, free of
33 charge, distinguishing plates for vehicles thus exempted,
34 which plates, except plates on Iowa highway safety patrol
35 vehicles, shall bear the word "official" and the department

1 shall keep a separate record of them. Registration plates
2 issued for Iowa highway safety patrol vehicles, except
3 unmarked patrol vehicles, shall bear two red stars on a yellow
4 background, one before and one following the registration
5 number on the plate, which registration number shall be the
6 officer's badge number. Registration plates issued for a
7 county sheriff's patrol vehicles shall display one seven-
8 pointed gold star on a green background followed by the letter
9 "S" and the call number of the vehicle. However, the director
10 of general services or the director of transportation may
11 order the issuance of a regular registration plates plate for
12 any exempted vehicle used by peace officers in the enforcement
13 of the law, persons enforcing chapter 204 and other laws
14 relating to controlled substances, persons in the department
15 of justice who are regularly assigned to conduct
16 investigations which cannot reasonably be conducted with a
17 vehicle displaying an "official" state registration plates
18 plate, and persons in the lottery division of the department
19 of revenue and finance whose regularly assigned duties
20 relating to security or the carrying of lottery tickets cannot
21 reasonably be conducted with a vehicle displaying an
22 "official" registration plates plate. For purposes of sale of
23 exempted vehicles, the exempted governmental body, upon the
24 sale of the exempted vehicle, may issue for in-transit
25 purposes a pasteboard card bearing the words "Vehicle in
26 Transit", the name of the official body from which the vehicle
27 was purchased, together with the date of the purchase plainly
28 marked in at least one-inch letters, and other information
29 required by the department. The in-transit card is valid for
30 use only within forty-eight hours after the purchase date as
31 indicated on the bill of sale which shall be carried by the
32 driver.

33 Sec. 4. Section 321.21, subsections 1 and 3 through 6,
34 Code 1991, are amended to read as follows:

35 1. A person owning any special mobile equipment may make

1 application to the department, upon the appropriate form
2 furnished by the department, for a certificate containing a
3 general distinguishing number and for ~~one-or-more~~ a special
4 mobile equipment ~~plates~~ plate. The applicant shall also
5 submit proof of the status of the vehicle as special mobile
6 equipment as ~~may~~ is reasonably be required by the department.

7 3. The department shall also issue a special mobile
8 equipment ~~plates~~ plate as applied for, which shall have
9 displayed the general distinguishing number assigned to the
10 applicant. Each plate ~~or-pair-of-plates~~ issued shall have
11 displayed on the face of the plate the words: Special Mobile
12 Equipment. The fee for each plate ~~or-pair-of-special-plates~~
13 is fifteen dollars.

14 4. Every special mobile equipment plate issued shall
15 expire at midnight on the thirty-first day of December of the
16 third year following issuance, and a new plate ~~or-plates~~ for
17 the ensuing three-year period may be obtained by the person to
18 whom ~~any~~ an expired plate was issued upon application to the
19 department and payment of the fee required by law.

20 5. Every person owning special mobile equipment for which
21 a certificate and a plate ~~or-plates~~ have been issued shall
22 keep a written record of the vehicles upon which ~~such~~ special
23 mobile equipment plates are used, which record shall be open
24 to inspection by any police officer or any officer or employee
25 of the department.

26 6. The certificate and ~~plates~~ plate issued shall be for
27 purposes of identification only and shall do not constitute a
28 registration as required under this chapter. A certificate of
29 title need not be executed when the certificate and ~~plates~~
30 plate are issued and a certificate of title need not be
31 delivered to the purchaser or transferee when special mobile
32 equipment is sold or disposed of unless the special mobile
33 equipment is a mobile home.

34 Sec. 5. Section 321.22, subsection 1, Code 1991, is
35 amended to read as follows:

1 1. An urban transit company or system having a franchise
2 to operate in any a city and any a regional transit system may
3 make application to the department, upon forms furnished by
4 the department, for a certificate containing a distinguishing
5 number and for ~~one-or-more-pairs-of~~ transit bus plates to be
6 attached to the ~~front-and~~ rear of buses owned or operated by
7 the transit company or system.

8 Sec. 6. Section 321.23, subsections 2 and 3, Code 1991,
9 are amended to read as follows:

10 2. ~~Where-in-the-course-of-operation-of~~ if a vehicle is
11 registered in another state ~~it-is-desirable~~ and the applicant
12 wishes to retain that registration ~~of-said-vehicle-in-such~~
13 ~~other-state,-such,~~ the applicant need not surrender but shall
14 submit for inspection ~~said~~ evidence of ~~such~~ the foreign
15 registration, and the treasurer upon a proper showing shall
16 register ~~said~~ the vehicle in this state but shall not issue a
17 certificate of title for ~~such~~ the vehicle.

18 3. ~~In-the-event~~ if an applicant for registration of a
19 foreign vehicle for which a certificate of title has been
20 issued is able to furnish evidence of being the registered
21 owner of the vehicle to the county treasurer of the owner's
22 residence, although unable to surrender ~~such~~ the certificate
23 of title, the county treasurer may issue a registration
24 receipt and ~~plates~~ plate upon receipt of the required
25 registration fee but shall not issue a certificate of title
26 ~~thereto~~. Upon surrender of the certificate of title from the
27 foreign state, the county treasurer shall issue a certificate
28 of title to the owner, or person entitled ~~thereto~~ to the
29 certificate, ~~of-such-vehicle~~ as provided in this chapter.

30 Sec. 7. Section 321.25, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1991,
31 is amended to read as follows:

32 A vehicle may be operated upon the highways of this state
33 without a registration ~~plates~~ plate for a period of thirty
34 days after the date of delivery of the vehicle to the
35 purchaser from a dealer if a card bearing the words

1 "registration applied for" is attached on the rear of the
2 vehicle. The card shall have plainly stamped or stenciled the
3 registration number of the dealer from whom the vehicle was
4 purchased and the date of delivery of the vehicle. A dealer
5 shall not issue a card to a person known to the dealer to be
6 in possession of a registration plates plate which may be
7 attached to the vehicle. A dealer shall not issue a card
8 unless an application for registration and certificate of
9 title has been made by the purchaser and a receipt issued to
10 the purchaser of the vehicle showing the fee paid by the
11 person making the application. Dealers' records shall
12 indicate the agency to which the fee is sent and the date the
13 fee is sent. The dealer shall forward the application by the
14 purchaser to the county treasurer or state office within
15 fifteen calendar days from the date of delivery of the
16 vehicle.

17 Sec. 8. Section 321.26, subsection 2, Code 1991, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 2. The county treasurer may adjust the renewal or
20 expiration date of vehicles when deemed necessary to equalize
21 the number of vehicles registered in each twelve-month period
22 or for the administrative efficiency of the county treasurer's
23 office. The adjustment shall be accomplished by delivery of a
24 written notice to the vehicle owner of the adjustment and
25 allowance of a credit for the remaining months of the unused
26 portion of the registration fee, rounded to the nearest whole
27 dollar, which amount shall be deducted from the annual
28 registration fee due at the time of registration. Upon
29 receipt of the notification the owner shall, within thirty
30 days, surrender the registration card and registration plates
31 plate to the county treasurer of the county where the vehicle
32 is registered, except that the registration plates plate shall
33 not be surrendered if validation stickers or other emblems are
34 used to designate the month and year of expiration of
35 registration. Upon payment of the annual registration fee,

1 less the credit allowed for the remaining months of the unused
2 portion of the registration fee, the county treasurer shall
3 issue a new registration card and registration plates plate,
4 validation stickers, or emblems which indicate the month and
5 year of expiration of registration.

6 Sec. 9. Section 321.34, Code 1991, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 321.34 ~~PLATES~~ PLATE OR VALIDATION ~~STICKER~~ STICKERS
9 FURNISHED -- RETAINED BY OWNER -- SPECIAL ~~PLATES~~ PLATE.

10 1. ~~PLATES~~ PLATE ISSUED. The county treasurer upon
11 receiving application, accompanied by proper fee, for
12 registration of a vehicle shall issue to the owner one
13 registration plate ~~for-a-motorcycle,-motorized-bicycle,-truck~~
14 ~~tractor,-trailer,-or-semitrailer-and-two-registration-plates~~
15 ~~for-every-other-motor-vehicle~~. The registration plates plate,
16 including a special registration plates plate, shall be
17 assigned to the owner of a vehicle. When the owner of a
18 registered vehicle transfers or assigns ownership of the
19 vehicle to another person, the owner shall remove the
20 registration plates plate from the vehicle. The owner shall
21 forward the plates plate to the county treasurer where the
22 vehicle is registered or the owner may have the plates plate
23 assigned to another vehicle within thirty days after transfer,
24 upon payment of the fees required by law. The owner shall
25 immediately affix the registration plates plate retained by
26 the owner to another vehicle owned or acquired by the owner,
27 providing the owner complies with section 321.46. The
28 department shall adopt rules providing for the assignment of a
29 registration plates plate to the transferee of a vehicle for
30 which a credit is allowed under section 321.46, subsection 6.

31 2. VALIDATION STICKERS. In lieu of issuing a new
32 registration plates plate each registration year for a vehicle
33 renewing registration, the department may reassign the
34 registration plates plate previously issued to the vehicle and
35 may adopt and prescribe annual validation stickers indicating

1 payment of registration fees. The department shall issue two
2 validation stickers for each ~~set-of~~ registration ~~plates~~ plate.
3 One sticker shall specify the year of expiration of the
4 registration period. The second sticker shall specify the
5 month of expiration of the registration period and need not be
6 reissued annually. The month of registration shall not be
7 required on registration plates or validation stickers issued
8 for vehicles registered under chapter 326. ~~The stickers shall~~
9 ~~be displayed only on the rear registration plate, except that~~
10 ~~the stickers shall be displayed on the front registration~~
11 ~~plate of a truck tractor.~~

12 The state department of transportation shall promulgate
13 adopt rules to provide for the placement of motor vehicle
14 registration validation stickers on ~~all~~ the registration
15 plates plate issued for the motor vehicle when such the
16 validation stickers are issued in lieu of issuing a new
17 registration plates plate under ~~the provisions of~~ this
18 section.

19 3. RADIO OPERATORS PLATES PLATE. The owner of an
20 automobile, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
21 pickup who holds an amateur radio license issued by the
22 federal communications commission may, upon written
23 application to the county treasurer accompanied by a fee of
24 five dollars, order a special registration plates plate
25 bearing the call letters authorized for the radio station
26 covered by the person's amateur radio license. When received
27 by the county treasurer, ~~such~~ the special registration plates
28 plate shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the
29 registration plates plate previously issued to the person.
30 Not more than one ~~set-of~~ special registration plates plate may
31 be issued to an applicant. ~~Said~~ The fee shall be in addition
32 to and not in lieu of the fee for regular registration plates.
33 ~~Special~~ A special registration plates plate must be
34 surrendered upon expiration of the owner's amateur radio
35 license and the owner ~~shall thereupon be~~ is then entitled to

1 the owner's regular registration plates plate. The county
2 treasurer shall validate a special plates plate in the same
3 manner as a regular registration plates plate, upon payment of
4 five dollars in addition to the regular annual registration
5 fee.

6 4. MULTIYEAR PLATES PLATE. In lieu of issuing annual
7 registration plates for trailers and semitrailers, the
8 department may issue multiyear registration plates for a
9 three-year period or a six-year period for trailers and
10 semitrailers licensed under chapter 326 upon payment of the
11 appropriate registration fee. Fees from three-year and six-
12 year payments shall not be reduced or prorated.

13 5. PERSONALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES PLATE.

14 a. Upon application and the payment of a fee of twenty-
15 five dollars, the director may issue to the owner of a motor
16 vehicle registered in this state or a trailer or travel
17 trailer registered in this state, a personalized registration
18 plates plate marked with up to seven initials, letters, or
19 combination of numerals and letters requested by the owner.
20 However, personalized registration plates for motorcycles and
21 motorized bicycles shall be marked with no more than six
22 initials, letters, or combinations of numerals and letters.
23 Upon receipt of the personalized registration plates plate,
24 the applicant shall surrender the regular registration plates
25 plate to the county treasurer. The fee for issuance of the
26 personalized registration plates plate shall be in addition to
27 the regular annual registration fee.

28 b. The county treasurer shall validate a personalized
29 registration plates plate in the same manner as a regular
30 registration plates-are plate is validated under this section
31 at an annual fee of five dollars in addition to the regular
32 annual registration fee. A person renewing a personalized
33 registration plate within one month following the time
34 requirements under section 321.40 may renew the personalized
35 plate without paying the additional registration fee under

1 paragraph "a" but shall pay the five-dollar fee in addition to
2 the regular registration fee and any penalties subject to
3 regular registration plate holders for late renewal.

4 c. The fees collected by the director under this section
5 shall be paid to the treasurer of state and credited by the
6 treasurer of state as provided in section 321.145.

7 6. SAMPLE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES PLATE. Vehicle
8 registration plates displaying the general design of regular
9 registration plates, with the word "sample" displayed on the
10 plate, may be furnished to any a person upon payment of a fee
11 of three dollars, except that such plates may be furnished to
12 governmental agencies without cost. Sample A sample
13 registration plates plate shall not be attached to a vehicle
14 moved on the highways of this state.

15 7. HANDICAPPED PLATES PLATE. The owner of a motor vehicle
16 subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,
17 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
18 pickup, who is a handicapped person, or who is the parent or
19 guardian of a child who resides with the parent or guardian
20 owner and who is a handicapped person, as defined in section
21 321L.1, may, upon written application to the department, order
22 a handicapped registration plates plate designed by the
23 department bearing the international symbol of accessibility.
24 The handicapped registration plates plate shall only be issued
25 if the application is accompanied with a statement from a
26 physician licensed under chapter 148, 149, 150, or 150A, or a
27 chiropractor licensed under chapter 151, written on the
28 physician's or chiropractor's stationery, stating the nature
29 of the applicant's or the applicant's child's handicap and
30 such additional information as required by rules adopted by
31 the department, including proof of residency of a child who is
32 a handicapped person. If the application is approved by the
33 department the handicapped registration plates plate shall be
34 issued to the applicant in exchange for the previous
35 registration plates plate issued to the person. The fee for

1 the handicapped ~~plates~~ plate is five dollars which is in
2 addition to the regular annual registration fee. The
3 department shall validate the handicapped ~~plates~~ plate in the
4 same manner as a regular registration ~~plates~~ are plate is
5 validated under this section at the regular annual
6 registration fee. However, the handicapped ~~plates~~ plate shall
7 not be renewed without the applicant furnishing evidence to
8 the department that the owner of the motor vehicle or the
9 owner's child is still a handicapped person as defined in
10 section 321L.1, unless the applicant has previously provided
11 satisfactory evidence to the department that the owner of the
12 vehicle or the owner's child is permanently handicapped, in
13 which case the furnishing of additional evidence shall not be
14 required for renewal. However, an owner who has a child who
15 is a handicapped person shall provide satisfactory evidence to
16 the department that the handicapped child continues to reside
17 with the owner. The handicapped registration ~~plates~~ plate
18 shall be surrendered in exchange for the regular registration
19 ~~plates~~ plate when the owner of the motor vehicle or the
20 owner's child no longer qualifies as a handicapped person as
21 defined in section 321L.1 or when the owner's child who is a
22 handicapped person no longer resides with the owner.

23 8. PRISONER OF WAR ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. The owner of a motor
24 vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,
25 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
26 pickup who was a prisoner of war during the second world war
27 at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946,
28 the Korean conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and
29 January 31, 1955, or the Vietnam conflict at any time between
30 August 5, 1964, and June 30, 1973, all dates inclusive, may
31 upon written application to the department, order a special
32 registration ~~plates~~ plate designed by the department in co-
33 operation with the adjutant general which ~~plates~~ signify
34 signifies that the applicant was a prisoner of war as defined
35 in this subsection. Each applicant applying for a special

1 registration ~~plates~~ plate under this subsection may purchase
2 only one ~~set-of~~ registration ~~plates~~ plate under this
3 subsection. The application is subject to approval by the
4 department, in consultation with the adjutant general, and the
5 special registration ~~plates~~ plate shall be issued to the
6 applicant in exchange for the registration ~~plates~~ plate
7 previously issued to the person. The special ~~plates~~ plate
8 shall contain the letters "POW" and three numerals and ~~are~~ is
9 subject to an annual registration fee of fifteen dollars. The
10 department shall validate the special ~~plates~~ plate in the same
11 manner as a regular registration ~~plates-are~~ plate is validated
12 under this section.

13 9. NATIONAL GUARD ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. The owner of a motor
14 vehicle subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,
15 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
16 pickup who is a member of the national guard, as defined in
17 chapter 29A, may upon written application to the department,
18 order a special registration ~~plates~~ plate designed by the
19 department in co-operation with the adjutant general which
20 ~~plates-signify~~ signifies that the applicant is a member of the
21 national guard. The application shall be approved by the
22 department, in consultation with the adjutant general, and the
23 special registration ~~plates~~ plate shall be issued to the
24 applicant in exchange for the registration ~~plates~~ plate
25 previously issued to the person. The fee for the special
26 ~~plates~~ plate shall be five dollars which shall be in addition
27 to the regular annual registration fee. The department shall
28 validate the special ~~plates~~ plate in the same manner as a
29 regular registration ~~plates-are~~ plate is validated under this
30 section at the regular annual registration fee. Special A
31 special registration ~~plates~~ plate shall be surrendered in
32 exchange for a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate upon
33 termination of the owner's membership in the active national
34 guard.

35 10. COLLEGIATE ~~PLATES~~ PLATE.

1 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
2 director may issue to the owner of a motor vehicle, trailer,
3 or travel trailer registered in this state, a collegiate
4 registration plates plate. Upon receipt of the collegiate
5 registration plates plate, the applicant shall surrender the
6 regular registration plates plate to the county treasurer.

7 b. Collegiate registration plates shall be designed for
8 each of the three state universities. The collegiate
9 registration plates shall be designated as follows:

10 (1) The letters "ISU" followed by a four-digit number all
11 in cardinal on a gold background for Iowa State University of
12 science and technology.

13 (2) The letters "UNI" followed by a four-digit number all
14 in purple on a gold background for the University of Northern
15 Iowa.

16 (3) The letters "UI" followed by a four-digit number all
17 in black on a gold background for the state University of
18 Iowa.

19 c. The fees for a collegiate registration plate are as
20 follows:

21 (1) A registration fee of twenty-five dollars.

22 (2) A special collegiate registration fee of twenty-five
23 dollars.

24 These fees are in addition to the regular annual
25 registration fee. The fees collected by the director under
26 this subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of
27 state and credited by the treasurer of state to the road use
28 tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.24 and prior to the
29 application of section 423.24, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
30 the treasurer of state shall credit monthly from revenues
31 derived from the operation of section 423.7, respectively, to
32 Iowa State University of science and technology, the
33 University of Northern Iowa, and the state University of Iowa,
34 the amount of the special collegiate registration fees
35 collected in the previous month for collegiate registration

1 plates designed for the university. The moneys credited are
2 appropriated to the respective universities to be used for
3 scholarships for students attending the universities.

4 d. The county treasurer shall validate a collegiate
5 registration ~~plates~~ plate in the same manner as a regular
6 registration ~~plates-are~~ plate is validated under this section
7 at an annual fee of five dollars in addition to the regular
8 annual registration fee.

9 11. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. The owner
10 of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section
11 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery
12 truck, or pickup who has been awarded the congressional medal
13 of honor may, upon written application to the department,
14 order a special registration ~~plates~~ plate which shall be red,
15 white, and blue in color and shall bear an emblem of the
16 congressional medal of honor and an identifying number. Each
17 applicant applying for a special registration ~~plates~~ plate
18 under this subsection may purchase only one set of
19 registration ~~plates~~ plate under this subsection. The
20 application is subject to approval by the department and the
21 special registration ~~plates~~ plate shall be issued to the
22 applicant in exchange for the registration ~~plates~~ plate
23 previously issued to the person. The special ~~plates-are~~ plate
24 is subject to an annual registration fee of fifteen dollars.
25 The department shall validate the special ~~plates~~ plate in the
26 same manner as a regular registration ~~plates-are~~ plate is
27 validated under this section. The department shall not issue
28 a special registration ~~plates~~ plate until service
29 organizations in the state have furnished the department
30 either the special dies or the cost of the special dies
31 necessary for the manufacture of the special registration
32 plate.

33 12. PEARL HARBOR ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. Effective January 1, 1990,
34 the owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under
35 section 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel

1 delivery truck, or pickup who was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as
2 a member of the armed services of the United States on
3 December 7, 1941, may, upon written application to the
4 department, order a special registration plates plate which
5 shall bear the notation "PEARL HARBOR VETERAN". The special
6 plates plate shall bear the identification "DEC 7" followed by
7 a two digit identifying number. Each applicant applying for a
8 special registration plates plate under this subsection may
9 purchase only one ~~set of~~ registration plates plate under this
10 subsection. The application is subject to approval by the
11 department. Upon receipt of the special registration plates
12 plate, the applicant shall surrender the regular registration
13 plates plate to the county treasurer. The fee for the
14 issuance of the special registration plates plate is twenty-
15 five dollars which shall be in addition to the regular annual
16 registration fee. The county treasurer shall validate the
17 special registration plates plate in the same manner as a
18 regular registration plates-are plate is validated under this
19 section with no additional registration fee being required
20 other than the regular annual registration fee.

21 13. PURPLE HEART PLATES PLATE. The owner of a motor
22 vehicle subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,
23 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
24 pickup who was awarded a purple heart medal by the United
25 States government for wounds received in military or naval
26 combat against an armed enemy of the United States, may upon
27 written application to the department and presentation of
28 satisfactory proof of the award of the purple heart medal,
29 order a special registration plates plate. The design of the
30 plates plate shall include a representation of a purple heart
31 medal and ribbon centered on the left side of the plate and
32 the words "Combat Wounded" centered on the bottom of the
33 plate. The plates shall be numbered in sequence beginning
34 with 00001. The application is subject to approval by the
35 department in consultation with the adjutant general. The

1 special registration ~~plates~~ plate shall be issued to the
2 applicant in exchange for the registration ~~plates~~ plate
3 previously issued to the person. The fee for the purple heart
4 ~~plates~~ plate shall be twenty-five dollars which shall be in
5 addition to the regular annual registration fee. The
6 department shall validate the special ~~plates~~ registration
7 plate in the same manner as a regular registration ~~plates-are~~
8 plate is validated under this section.

9 Sec. 10. Section 321.37, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
10 1991, is amended to read as follows:

11 ~~Registration-plates-issued-for-a-motor-vehicle-other-than-a~~
12 ~~motorcycle,-motorized-bicycle-or-a-truck-tractor-shall-be~~
13 ~~attached-to-the-motor-vehicle,-one-in-the-front-and-the-other~~
14 ~~in-the-rear.~~ The registration plate issued-for-a-motorcycle
15 or other-vehicle-required-to-be-registered-hereunder shall be
16 attached to the rear of the vehicle. The registration plate
17 issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of
18 the truck tractor. The special plate issued to a dealer shall
19 be attached on the rear of the vehicle when operated on the
20 highways of this state.

21 Sec. 11. Section 321.38, Code 1991, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 321.38 PLATES PLATE, METHOD OF ATTACHING -- IMITATIONS
24 PROHIBITED.

25 Every A registration plate shall at all times be securely
26 fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it
27 is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a
28 height of not less than twelve inches from the ground,
29 measuring from the bottom of the plate, in a place and
30 position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free
31 from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly
32 legible. ~~An-imitation~~ A plate or-plates imitating or
33 purporting to imitate the official registration plate of any
34 other state or territory of the United States or of any
35 foreign government shall not be fastened to the vehicle.

1 Sec. 12. Section 321.41, Code 1991, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 321.41 CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NAME OR FUEL TYPE.

4 ~~1. Whenever any~~ When a person after making application for
5 ~~or obtaining the registration of a vehicle shall move~~ moves
6 from the address named in the an application for registration
7 or shown upon a registration card such, the person shall
8 ~~within ten days thereafter~~ notify the county treasurer of the
9 county in which the application or registration of said the
10 vehicle is of record, in writing within ten days, of the
11 person's old and new addresses.

12 ~~2. Whenever~~ When the name of any a person who has made
13 ~~application for or obtained the registration of a vehicle is~~
14 ~~thereafter~~ legally changed such from the name in an
15 application for registration or shown upon a registration
16 card, the person shall within ten days notify the county
17 treasurer of the county in which the title of said the vehicle
18 is of record, within ten days, of such the person's former and
19 new name.

20 ~~3.~~ 3. A person who has registered a vehicle in a county,
21 other than the county designated on the vehicle registration
22 plate, may apply to the county treasurer where the vehicle is
23 registered for a new registration plates plate upon payment of
24 a fee of five dollars and the return of the former county
25 registration plates plate.

26 ~~4.~~ 4. When a motor vehicle is modified to use a different
27 fuel type or to use more than one fuel type the person in
28 whose name the vehicle is registered shall within thirty days
29 notify the county treasurer of the county in which the
30 registration of the vehicle is of record of the new fuel type
31 or alternative fuel types. The county treasurer shall make
32 the record of such changes available to the department of
33 revenue and finance. If the vehicle uses or may use a special
34 fuel, the county treasurer shall issue a special fuel
35 identification sticker.

1 Sec. 13. Section 321.42, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1991, is amended to read as follows:

3 If a registration card, ~~or plate, or pair of plates~~ is lost
4 or becomes illegible, the owner shall immediately apply for a
5 replacement. The fee for a replacement registration card
6 ~~shall be~~ is three dollars. The fee for a replacement plate or
7 ~~pair of plates shall be~~ is five dollars. When the owner has
8 furnished information required by the department and paid the
9 proper fee, a duplicate, substitute, or new registration card
10 ~~or plate, or pair of plates~~ may be issued.

11 Sec. 14. Section 321.47, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
12 1991, is amended to read as follows:

13 ~~Whenever~~ When ownership of a vehicle is transferred under
14 ~~the provisions of~~ this section the registration plates plate
15 shall be removed and forwarded to the county treasurer of the
16 county where the vehicle is registered or to the department if
17 the vehicle is owned by a nonresident. Upon transfer the
18 vehicle shall not be operated upon the highways of this state
19 until the person entitled to possession of the vehicle applies
20 for and obtains registration for the vehicle.

21 Sec. 15. Section 321.52, subsection 1, Code 1991, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 1. When a vehicle is sold outside the state for purposes
24 other than for junk, the owner, dealer or otherwise, shall
25 detach the registration plates plate and registration card and
26 shall indicate on the reverse side of ~~such~~ the registration
27 card the name and address of the foreign purchaser or
28 transferee over the person's signature. The owner shall
29 surrender the registration plates plate and registration card
30 to the county treasurer, unless the registration plates ~~are~~
31 plate is properly attached to another vehicle, who shall
32 cancel the records and shall destroy the registration plates
33 plate and forward the registration card to the department.
34 The department shall make a notation on the records of the
35 out-of-state sale, and, after a reasonable period, may destroy

1 the files to that particular vehicle. The department is not
2 authorized to make a refund of license fees on a vehicle sold
3 out of state unless it receives the registration card
4 completed as provided in this section.

5 Sec. 16. Section 321.52, subsection 3, unnumbered
6 paragraph 1, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

7 When a vehicle for which a certificate of title is issued
8 is junked or dismantled by the owner, the owner shall detach
9 the registration ~~plates~~ plate and surrender the ~~plates~~ plate
10 to the county treasurer, unless the ~~plates-are~~ plate is
11 properly assigned to another vehicle. The owner shall also
12 surrender the certificate of title to the county treasurer.
13 Upon ~~surrendering~~ surrender of the certificate of title,
14 the county treasurer shall issue to the person, without fee, a
15 junking certificate, which shall authorize the holder to
16 possess, transport, or transfer ownership of the junked
17 vehicle by endorsement of the junking certificate. The county
18 treasurer shall hold the surrendered certificate of title,
19 registration receipt and, if applicable, the registration
20 ~~plates~~ plate for a period of fourteen days following the
21 issuance of a junking certificate under this subsection.
22 Within the fourteen-day period the person who was issued the
23 junking certificate and to whom the vehicle was titled or
24 assigned may surrender to the county treasurer the junking
25 certificate, and upon the person's payment of appropriate fees
26 and taxes and payment of any credit for registration fees
27 received by the person for the vehicle under section 321.46,
28 subsection 3, the county treasurer shall issue to the person a
29 certificate of title for the vehicle. After the expiration of
30 the fourteen-day period, a county treasurer shall not issue a
31 certificate of title for a junked vehicle for which a junking
32 certificate is issued. The county treasurer shall cancel the
33 record of the vehicle and forward the certificate of title to
34 the department.

35 Sec. 17. Section 321.57, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code

1 1991, is amended to read as follows:

2 Also-a A transporter may operate or move any a vehicle of
3 like type upon the highways solely for the purpose of delivery
4 ~~upon-it~~ when displaying thereon on the vehicle a like
5 ~~plates~~ plate issued to the transporter as provided in these
6 sections 321.58 and 321.62.

7 Sec. 18. Section 321.89, subsection 1, paragraph b,
8 subparagraph (1), Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) A vehicle that has been left unattended on public
10 property for more than forty-eight hours and lacks a current
11 registration ~~plates~~ plate or two or more wheels or other parts
12 which renders the vehicle totally inoperable, or

13 Sec. 19. Section 321.96, Code 1991, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 321.96 PROHIBITED PLATES -- CERTIFICATES.

16 A person shall not display or cause or permit to be
17 displayed, or have in the person's possession, a vehicle
18 identification number or component part number except as
19 provided in this chapter, or a canceled, revoked, altered, or
20 fictitious registration number ~~plates~~ plate, registration
21 receipt, or certificate of title, as ~~the same are respectively~~
22 provided for in this chapter.

23 Sec. 20. Section 321.98, Code 1991, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 321.98 OPERATION WITHOUT REGISTRATION.

26 No A person shall not operate, nor shall an owner knowingly
27 permit to be operated upon any a highway any a vehicle
28 required to be registered and titled hereunder under this
29 chapter unless there ~~shall-be~~ is attached thereto to and
30 displayed ~~thereon~~ on the vehicle when and as required by this
31 chapter a valid registration card and registration plate or
32 ~~plates~~ issued therefor for the current registration year and
33 unless a certificate of title has been issued for such the
34 vehicle except as otherwise expressly permitted in this
35 chapter. Any A violation of this section is a simple

1 misdemeanor.

2 Sec. 21. Section 321.102, Code 1991, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 321.102 SUSPENDING OR REVOKING SPECIAL REGISTRATION.

5 The department is ~~also~~ authorized to suspend or revoke a
6 certificate or ~~the special plates~~ plate issued to a
7 manufacturer, transporter, or dealer upon determining that any
8 ~~said-person~~ the manufacturer, transporter, or dealer is not
9 lawfully entitled ~~thereto-or~~ to the certificate or special
10 plate, has made or knowingly permitted any an illegal use of
11 ~~such-plates-or~~ the special plate, has committed fraud in the
12 registration of vehicles, or has failed to give notices notice
13 of transfer when and as required by this chapter.

14 Sec. 22. Section 321.103, Code 1991, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 321.103 OWNER TO RETURN EVIDENCES OF REGISTRATION AND
17 TITLE.

18 ~~Whenever~~ When the department ~~as-authorized-hereunder~~
19 cancels, suspends, or revokes the registration of a vehicle,
20 or a certificate of title, or registration card, or
21 registration plate or ~~plates~~, or ~~any~~ nonresident or other
22 permit, or the registration of any a dealer, the owner or
23 person in possession ~~of-the-same~~ shall immediately return the
24 evidences of registration, certificate of title, or ~~plates~~
25 plate so canceled, suspended, or revoked to the department.

26 Sec. 23. Section 321.104, subsection 3, Code 1991, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 3. To fail to surrender a certificate of title,
29 registration card, or registration ~~plates~~ plate upon
30 cancellation, suspension, or revocation of the certificate or
31 registration by the department and notice as prescribed in
32 this chapter.

33 Sec. 24. Section 321.105, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
34 1991, is amended to read as follows:

35 The registration fee shall be paid to the county treasurer

1 at the same time the application is made for the registration
2 or reregistration of the motor vehicle or trailer. An owner
3 may, when applying for registration or reregistration of a
4 motor vehicle or trailer, request that the ~~plates~~ plate be
5 mailed to the owner's ~~post-office~~ post office address. The
6 owner's request shall be accompanied by a mailing fee as
7 determined annually by the director.

8 Sec. 25. Section 321.126, subsections 1, 3, and 4, Code
9 1991, are amended to read as follows:

10 1. If the motor vehicle is destroyed by fire or accident,
11 or junked and its identity as a motor vehicle entirely
12 eliminated, the owner in whose name the motor vehicle was
13 registered at the time of destruction or dismantling shall
14 return the ~~plates~~ registration plate to the department and
15 within thirty days ~~thereafter~~ make a statement of such ~~the~~
16 destruction or dismantling and make claim for refund. With
17 reference to the destruction or dismantling of a vehicle, ~~no a~~
18 refund shall ~~not~~ be allowed unless a junking certificate has
19 been issued, as provided in section 321.52.

20 3. If the motor vehicle is placed in storage by the owner
21 upon the owner's entry into the military service of the United
22 States, the owner shall return the ~~plates~~ registration plate
23 to the county treasurer or the department and make a statement
24 regarding the storage and military service and make claim for
25 refund. ~~Whenever~~ When the owner of a motor vehicle ~~so~~ placed
26 in storage desires to again register the vehicle, the county
27 treasurer or department shall compute and collect the fees for
28 registration for the registration year commencing in the month
29 the vehicle is removed from storage.

30 4. If the motor vehicle is registered by the county
31 treasurer during the current registration year and the owner
32 or lessee registers the vehicle for proportional registration
33 under chapter 326, the owner of the registered vehicle shall
34 surrender the registration ~~plates~~ plate to the county
35 treasurer and may file a claim for refund. In lieu of a

1 refund, a credit for the registration fees paid to the county
2 treasurer may be applied by the department to the owner or
3 lessee's proportional registration fees upon the surrender of
4 the county ~~plates~~ plate and registration.

5 Sec. 26. Section 321.134, subsection 1, Code 1991, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 1. On the first day of the second month following the
8 beginning of each registration year a penalty of five percent
9 of the annual registration fee shall be added to the
10 registration fees not paid by that date and an additional
11 penalty of five percent shall be added the first day of each
12 succeeding month, until the fee is paid. A penalty shall not
13 be less than five dollars. If the owner of a vehicle
14 surrenders the registration ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle prior
15 to the ~~plates~~ plate becoming delinquent, to the county
16 treasurer of the county where the vehicle is registered, or to
17 the department if the vehicle is registered under chapter 326,
18 the owner may register the vehicle any time thereafter upon
19 payment of the registration fee for the registration year
20 without penalty. The penalty on vehicles registered under
21 chapter 326 shall accrue February 1 of each year.

22 Sec. 27. Section 321.166, subsections 2 and 6, Code 1991,
23 are amended to read as follows:

24 2. ~~Every~~ The registration plate ~~or-pair-of-plates~~ shall
25 display a registration plate number which shall consist of
26 alphabetical or numerical characters or a combination thereof
27 and the name of this state, which may be abbreviated. Every
28 registration plate issued by the county treasurer shall
29 display the name of the county except plates issued for truck
30 tractors, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, travel trailers,
31 semitrailers and trailers. The year of expiration or the date
32 of expiration shall be displayed on vehicle registration
33 plates, except plates issued under section 321.19. Special
34 truck registration plates shall display the word "special".

35 6. ~~Registration-plates~~ A registration plate issued to a

1 disabled veteran under ~~the provisions of~~ section 321.105,
2 shall display the alphabetical characters "DV" which shall
3 precede the registration plate number. The ~~plates~~ plate may
4 also display a handicapped identification sticker if issued to
5 the disabled veteran by the department under section 321.2.

6 Sec. 28. Section 321J.4A, subsections 3 through 7, Code
7 1991, are amended to read as follows:

8 3. If the court issues an impoundment order, the
9 registration certificate and registration ~~plates~~ plate shall
10 be surrendered to the court either three days after the order
11 is issued or on the date specified by the court, whichever is
12 later. The court shall forward surrendered registration
13 certificates to the county recorder within seven days after
14 surrender. The court may destroy the surrendered registration
15 ~~plates~~ plate. Except as provided in subsection 5, a new
16 registration ~~plates~~ plate shall not be issued to the defendant
17 or owner until the driver's license of the violator has been
18 reissued or reinstated. The court shall notify the director
19 within ten days after issuing an impoundment order.

20 4. a. A defendant or an owner may apply to the director
21 for a new registration ~~plates~~ plate, which must bear a special
22 series of numbers or letters so as to be readily identified by
23 traffic law enforcement officers. Application for and
24 acceptance of the special plates plate constitutes implied
25 consent for law enforcement officers to stop the vehicle
26 bearing the special plates plate at any time. The director
27 shall authorize the issuance of a special plates plate if any
28 either of the following apply:

29 (1) A member of the defendant's household has a valid
30 driver's license.

31 (2) The defendant or owner has a temporary restricted
32 license pursuant to section 321J.20.

33 The director may issue the special plates plate on payment
34 of a fifty dollar fee for each vehicle for which a special
35 plates-ate plate is requested.

1 b. Until the driver's license of the defendant is
2 reinstated or reissued, the defendant shall inform the
3 department that an impoundment order is in effect when
4 requesting any a new registration plates plate.

5 5. A registered owner shall not sell a motor vehicle
6 during the time its registration plates plate and registration
7 certificate have been ordered surrendered or during the time
8 its registration plates-bear plate bears a special series
9 number, unless the registered owner applies to the department
10 for consent to transfer title to the motor vehicle. If the
11 department is satisfied that the proposed sale is in good
12 faith and for valid consideration, that the registered owner
13 will be deprived of custody and control of the motor vehicle,
14 and that the sale is not for the purpose of circumventing the
15 ~~provisions~~ of this section, the department may certify its
16 consent to the county recorder. The county recorder shall
17 then transfer the registration certificate to the new owner
18 upon proper application and issue a new registration plates
19 plate. After the registration plates plate and registration
20 certificate have been ordered surrendered to the court under
21 this section, if the title to the motor vehicle is transferred
22 by the cancellation of a conditional sales contract, a sale
23 upon execution, or by decree or order of a court of competent
24 jurisdiction, the department shall order the registration
25 certificate surrendered to the new registered owner. The
26 county recorder shall then transfer the registration
27 certificate and issue a new registration plates plate to the
28 new registered owner.

29 6. This section is not intended to change or modify
30 taxation of motor vehicles or the time within which a motor
31 vehicle tax must be paid.

32 7. a. A person who fails to surrender any a registration
33 plates plate or a registration certificate to the court upon
34 demand under this section or who fails to comply with this
35 section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor and contempt of

1 court.

2 b. A person who operates a motor vehicle on a street or
3 highway at a time when a court has ordered the surrender of
4 its registration plate and registration certificate is guilty
5 of a simple misdemeanor as a separate and distinct offense
6 from any other penalty imposed in connection with driving
7 while under a license suspension or revocation.

8 Sec. 29. Section 321L.2, subsection 3, unnumbered
9 paragraph 2, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

10 4. A handicapped person who owns a motor vehicle for which
11 the handicapped person has been issued a radio operator
12 registration ~~plates~~ plate under section 321.34, subsection 3,
13 or a registration ~~plates~~ plate as a seriously disabled veteran
14 under section 321.105 may apply to the department for a
15 handicapped identification sticker to be affixed to the ~~plates~~
16 plate. The handicapped identification ~~stickers~~ sticker shall
17 bear the international symbol of accessibility. The
18 handicapped identification stickers shall be acquired by the
19 department and sold at a cost not to exceed five dollars, to
20 eligible handicapped persons upon application on forms
21 prescribed by the department.

22 Sec. 30. Section 326.15, subsections 1 and 2, Code 1991,
23 are amended to read as follows:

24 1. If the motor vehicle is destroyed by fire or accident,
25 or junked and its identity as a motor vehicle is entirely
26 eliminated, the owner in whose name the motor vehicle was
27 registered at the time of destruction or dismantling shall
28 return the ~~plates~~ registration plate to the department and
29 make a claim for refund. A refund is not allowed unless a
30 junking certificate has been issued, as provided in section
31 321.52.

32 2. If the motor vehicle is removed from the apportioned
33 fleet, the owner in whose name the motor vehicle was
34 registered shall return the ~~plates~~ registration plate to the
35 department and make a claim for refund. A refund shall not be

1 allowed without documentation of the subsequent registration
2 of the motor vehicle.

3 Sec. 31. Section 326.17, Code 1991, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 326.17 IOWA BASE PLATES.

6 Resident fleet owners shall be required to list Iowa as the
7 base state for all commercial vehicles which qualify under the
8 term "base state" as defined in this chapter, and Iowa base
9 plates shall be displayed on all such commercial vehicles.
10 Nonresident fleet owners subject to proportional registration
11 shall display an Iowa base plates plate if the commercial
12 vehicle qualifies as an Iowa based vehicle as defined in this
13 chapter.

14 Sec. 32. Section 326.22, Code 1991, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 326.22 OPERATIONAL LAWS OF IOWA APPLICABLE.

17 A nonresident registered vehicle is subject to all laws and
18 rules governing the operation of such a vehicle on the
19 highways of this state. The registration number ~~plates~~ plate,
20 stickers, or other identification assigned and furnished to
21 any a vehicle for the current registration year by the state
22 in which the vehicle is registered shall be displayed on the
23 vehicle substantially as provided in chapter 321 for vehicles
24 registered pursuant to ~~the-provisions-of~~ this chapter. In
25 addition, a fee set by the department to cover actual cost
26 shall be charged for each plate, sticker, or other
27 identification furnished for each vehicle registered in
28 accordance with ~~the-provisions-of~~ this section or extended
29 reciprocity in accordance with ~~the-provisions-of~~ this section.
30 A charge shall not be made for the initial registration
31 receipt or cab card issued for each vehicle registered
32 pursuant to an apportionment registration agreement. A fee
33 set by the department to cover actual costs shall be charged
34 for issuance of duplicate plates, stickers, or other
35 identification required, duplicate registration receipts, and

1 duplicate cab cards.

2 Sec. 33. ISSUANCE OF AND REPLACEMENT OF REGISTRATION
3 PLATES.

4 1. As of January 1, 1992, all new motor vehicle
5 registrants shall be issued the new single plate.

6 2. The replacement of existing registration plates for
7 motor vehicles shall be implemented by the state department of
8 transportation in accordance with the following schedule:

9 a. Registration plates issued to the owner of a motor
10 vehicle whose birth date falls on or between January 1 and
11 April 30, shall be replaced by July 1, 1992.

12 b. Registration plates issued to the owner of a motor
13 vehicle whose birth date falls on or between May 1 and August
14 31, shall be replaced by July 1, 1993.

15 c. Registration plates issued to the owner of a motor
16 vehicle whose birth date falls on or between September 1 and
17 December 31, shall be replaced by July 1, 1994.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill requires all vehicles registered in this state to
20 be issued one registration plate. The registration plate,
21 except for truck trailers, is to be displayed on the rear of
22 the vehicle.

23 This bill applies to the replacement of registration plates
24 by the state department of transportation to all registered
25 owners of motor vehicles and requires replacement by July 1,
26 1992, for an owner whose birth date falls on or between
27 January 1 and April 30; replacement by July 1, 1993, for an
28 owner whose birth date falls on or between May 1 and August
29 31, and replacement by July 1, 1994, for an owner whose birth
30 date falls on or between September 1 and December 31.

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**SENATE FILE 380
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for Senate File 380 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 380 requires all vehicles registered in Iowa to be issued one registration plate. The registration plate is to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. The replacement of existing plate shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

- A. Vehicle owners whose birth dates fall on or between January 1 and April 30, shall replace their plates by July 1, 1992.
- B. Vehicle owners whose birth dates fall on or between May 1 and August 31, shall replace their plates by July 1, 1993.
- C. Vehicle owners whose birth dates fall on or between September 1 and December 31, shall replace their plates by July 1, 1994.

Assumptions

1. There are a total of 2.4 million two-plated vehicles in Iowa.
2. The unit cost for manufacturing a pair of plates is \$1.20.
3. The unit cost for manufacturing a single plate is \$0.75.

Fiscal Effect

Cost for re-issuing two plates (2,400,000 x \$1.20)	\$2,380,000
Cost for issuing a single plate (2,400,000 x \$0.75)	1,800,000
Estimated Cost Savings	<u>\$1,080,000</u>

The above cost savings will be spread over a period of two years (FY 1992 - FY 1994).

(Source: Department of Transportation)

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