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A BILL FOR

1 An Act eliminating fees for certain special license plates.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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Section 1. Section 129-124, subsections 8, 10, and 20, Code
2 1971, are amended to read as follows:

1. 129-124. SPECIAL PLATES. (A) PURPLE HEART SPECIAL PLATES. The owner of a
2 vehicle, subject to registration, who has been in the
3 service of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine
4 Corps, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine, or who has been
5 a member of the United States Armed Forces, or who has been
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16 The surviving spouse of a person who has issued special
17 plates under this subsection may continue to use the aged or
18 plate subject to registration of the vehicle, plates to use
19 surviving spouse's name and to pay annual fee of three dollars
20 annual registration fee, without payment of any registration
21 or taxation fee. If the surviving spouse remarries, the
22 surviving spouse shall return the special plates to the
23 department and the department shall issue regular registration
24 plates to the surviving spouse.

15 18. PURPLE HEART SPECIAL PLATES. An owner referred to in

1 subsection 12 who was awarded a purple heart medal by the
2 United States government for wounds received in military or
3 naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States may,
4 upon written application to the department and presentation of
5 satisfactory proof of the award of the purple heart medal,
6 order only one set of special registration plates with a
7 purple heart processed emblem. Notwithstanding subsection 12,
8 the plates shall be issued and validated without payment of
9 any fee. The design of the emblem shall include a
10 representation of a purple heart medal and ribbon. The
11 application is subject to approval by the department in
12 consultation with the adjutant general.

13 20. SILVER OR BRONZE STAR PLATES. An owner referred to in
14 subsection 12 who was awarded a silver or a bronze star by the
15 United States government, may, upon written application to the
16 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of the award
17 of the silver or bronze star, order only one set of special
18 registration plates with a silver or bronze star processed
19 emblem. Notwithstanding subsection 12, the plates shall be
20 issued and validated without payment of any fee. The emblem
21 shall be designed by the department in consultation with the
22 adjutant general.

23 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, subsection 8A, as enacted by 1997
24 Iowa Acts, Senate File 5, section 1, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 8A. EX-PRISONER OF WAR SPECIAL PLATES. The owner of a
27 motor vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,
28 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
29 pickup who was a prisoner of war during the Second World War
30 at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946,
31 the Korean Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and
32 January 31, 1955, or the Vietnam Conflict at any time between
33 August 5, 1964, and June 30, 1973, all dates inclusive, may,
34 upon written application to the department, order only one set
35 of special registration plates with an ex-prisoner of war

1 processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the
2 department in cooperation with the adjutant general and shall
3 signify that the owner was a prisoner of war as described in
4 this subsection. The application is subject to approval by
5 the department, in consultation with the adjutant general.
6 The special plates shall be issued at no charge and are
7 ~~subject to an annual fee registration of fifteen dollars.~~ The
8 county treasurer shall validate the special plates in the same
9 manner as regular registration plates are validated under this
10 section without payment of a fee.

11 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
12 plates under this subsection may continue to use the special
13 plates subject to registration of the special plates in the
14 surviving spouse's name ~~and upon payment of the annual~~
15 registration fee, without payment of any registration or
16 validation fee. If the surviving spouse remarries, the
17 surviving spouse shall return the special plates to the
18 department and the department shall issue regular registration
19 plates to the surviving spouse.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill provides that congressional medal of honor, ex-
22 prisoner of war, purple heart, and silver or bronze star
23 special license plates may be obtained without payment of a
24 registration fee and are to be validated without payment of a
25 fee. The bill also limits persons eligible for these plates
26 to one set.

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