CHAPTER 1083

FIRE FIGHTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES

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AN ACT relating to personalized fire fighter and emergency medical services special registration plates, and providing fees.

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

Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 10, paragraphs a, b, and d, Code 2024, are amended to read as follows:

a. ~~An owner referred to in subsection 12 who~~ Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the director may issue fire fighter plates to the owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer if the owner is a current or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department ~~may, upon written application to the department, order~~. The special registration plates, designed by the department in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire fighters' associations, ~~which~~ signify that the applicant is a current or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department.

b. The application shall be approved by the department in consultation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire fighters' associations, and the special registration plates shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to the person. An applicant who is the owner of a business-trade truck or special truck shall not be issued special fire fighter registration plates for more than one vehicle. The fee for the special plates is twenty-five dollars which shall be paid in addition to the regular annual registration fee. An applicant may obtain personalized fire fighter plates upon payment of the additional fee for personalized plates as provided in subsection 5 in addition to the special fire fighter fee and the regular registration fee. Personalized plates authorized by this subsection shall be limited to no more than five initials, letters, or combinations of numerals and letters. The department shall validate the special plates in the same manner as regular registration plates are validated under this section at the regular annual registration fee.

d. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered to be retired if the person is recognized by the chief of the fire department where the individual served, and on record, as officially retired from the fire department. Special fire fighter registration plates ~~with a fire fighter emblem~~ shall be surrendered~~, as provided in subsection 12,~~ in exchange for regular registration plates upon termination of the motor vehicle owner's membership in the paid or volunteer fire department, unless the person is a retired member in good standing.

Sec. 2. Section 321.34, subsection 10A, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

10A. *Emergency medical services plates.*

a. The owner of a motor vehicle referred to in subsection 12 who is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency medical services agency may, upon written application to the department, order special registration plates with an emergency medical services distinguishing processed emblem, designed by the department in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa emergency medical services association, which ~~plates signify~~ emblem signifies that the applicant is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency medical services agency. The application shall be approved by the department, in consultation with representatives designated by the Iowa emergency medical services association~~, and the special registration plates shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to the person. The fee for the special plates is twenty-five dollars which is in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The department shall validate the special plates in the same manner as regular registration plates are validated under this section at the regular annual registration fee~~.

b. The special plate fees collected by the director under ~~this subsection~~ subsection 12, paragraph "*a*", from the annual validation of letter-number designated emergency medical services plates, and subsection 12, paragraph "*c*", from the issuance and annual validation of personalized emergency medical services plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the emergency medical services fund created in section 135.25 the amount of the special fees collected in the previous month for issuance of emergency medical services plates.

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