

AN ACT  
CONCERNING REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED FOR BUSINESS-TRADE TRUCKS  
AND SPECIAL TRUCKS, AND INCLUDING APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 10, paragraph b, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

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. 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.

Sec. 2. Section 321.120, subsection 3, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3. Upon approval of the application and payment of the proper fees, the county treasurer shall issue regular registration plates for the vehicle which distinguish the vehicle as a business-trade truck. The department may adopt rules requiring the use of a sticker or other means to identify motor vehicles registered under this section.

Sec. 3. Section 321.121, Code 2011, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Upon approval of the application and payment of the proper fees, the county treasurer shall issue regular registration plates for the special truck. The department may adopt rules requiring the use of a sticker or other means to identify motor vehicles registered under this section.

Sec. 4. PHASED-IN ELIMINATION OF BUSINESS-TRADE TRUCK AND SPECIAL TRUCK PLATES.

1. It is the intent of the general assembly that the owners of business-trade trucks and special trucks have access to any of the specialty registration plates issued under section 321.34 under the same terms and conditions that apply to owners of other motor vehicles under that section, except that the issuance of special fire fighter plates shall be subject to the limitation imposed under section 321.34, subsection 10, as amended in this Act.

2. By January 1, 2012, the department of transportation shall discontinue the practice of issuing business-trade truck registration plates and special truck registration plates, and shall instead provide regular registration plates for new business-trade truck and special truck registrations. Current requirements and fees for business-trade truck and special truck registrations continue to apply. In conjunction with the transition to the issuance of regular registration plates for business-trade and special trucks, the following registration practices shall apply:

a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", current owners of vehicles with business-trade or special truck plates shall continue to use those plates until ownership of the vehicle is transferred or until a new series of Iowa registration plates is issued by the department of transportation.

b. The owner of a motor vehicle with current business-trade truck plates or special truck plates may elect to be issued specialty plates in lieu of the current registration plates for the vehicle, subject to the terms and conditions applicable under section 321.34.

c. The owner of a motor vehicle being registered for the first time as a business-trade truck or special truck may elect to be issued specialty plates in lieu of regular registration plates, subject to the terms and conditions applicable under section 321.34.

Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies for registration plates issued during registration periods beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

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President of the Senate

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KRAIG PAULSEN  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 312, Eighty-fourth General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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