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SENATE FILE 130

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Senate File 130
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the numbering of motor vehicle registration
2 plates.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-
5 five (321.35), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, is
6 amended to read as follows:
7 Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it the
8 registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is
9 issued, the numerical designation of the county, as determined
10 by its alphabetical ranking among the counties of the state,
11 in which the vehicle is registered, ~~also~~ the name of this state,
12 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is
13 issued or the date of expiration thereof.

EXPLANATION

15 This bill requires that each registration plate for a
16 vehicle includes the numerical designation of the county, as
17 determined by its alphabetical rank, in which the vehicle is
18 registered. At present, registration plates include this
19 county number designation, but it is not required by law.

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1 Amend Senate File 130 by striking everything after
the
2 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the follow-
3 ing:
4 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point
thirty-
5 four (321.34), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:
6 321.34 PLATES OR VALIDATION STICKER FURNISHED. The
county
7 treasurer upon receiving application, accompanied by
8 proper fee, for registration of a vehicle shall issue
to
9 the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle,
truck
10 tractor, trailer, or semitrailer and two registration
11 plates for every other motor vehicle.
12 The county treasurer shall also issue to applicants
13 for registration of a truck or a truck tractor, not
14 including in the lowest registration class, a two decal-
15 comania emblems for each plate and which emblems
designates
16 the gross weight for which the vehicle is registered by
17 figures which show the gross weight in tons. Number
18 plates and weight limitation emblems which are issued
19 with registrations or registration increases are hereby
20 declared to be integral parts of the registration of the
21 vehicle for which issued. The weight limitation emblems
22 shall be applied to both sides of the vehicle, either to
23 the doors of the cab or to the lower front corner of the
24 box, or such other location as designated by the com-
25 missioner.

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1 In lieu of issuing new registration plates each year
2 for a vehicle renewing registration, the department may
3 reassign the registration plates previously issued to
4 such vehicle and may adopt and prescribe an annual
5 validation sticker indicating payment of registration
6 fee, which annual validation sticker shall be attached
7 to said registration plates bearing the numerals indi-
8 cating the year for which the original plates are
9 validated.
10 The owner of an automobile who holds an amateur radio
11 license issued by the federal communications commission
12 may, upon written application to the county treasurer
13 accompanied by a fee of five dollars, order special
14 registration plates bearing the call letters authorized
15 the radio station covered by his amateur radio license.
16 When received by the county treasurer, such special
regis-

17 tration plates shall be issued to the applicant in
18 exchange for the registration plates previously issued
19 to him. Not more than one set of special registration
20 plates may be issued to an applicant. Said fee shall be
21 in addition to and not in lieu of the fee for regular
22 registration plates.
23 Special registration plates must be surrendered upon
24 expiration of the owner's amateur radio license or upon
25 transfer of title to the automobile for which such plates

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1 have been issued; and the owner shall thereupon be en-
2 titled to his regular registration plates.
3 The county treasurer shall furnish the department
4 of public safety an alphabetically arranged list of those
5 to whom special plates have been issued.
6 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-
7 five (321.35), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:
8 321.35 NUMBERS ON PLATES. Every registration plate
9 shall have displayed upon it the registration number
10 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the
11 numerical designation of the county, as determined by
12 its alphabetical ranking among the counties of the
13 state, in which the vehicle is registered, also the
14 name of this state, which may be abbreviated, and the
15 year number for which it is issued or the date of
16 expiration thereof.
17 ~~The numbers on the plates issued for trucks and for~~
18 ~~truck tractors shall be so arranged on the plate as to~~
19 ~~leave a blank space three inches wide and four inches~~
20 ~~high at one end of the plate which is to be the location~~
21 ~~of the decalcomania gross weight emblem provided for in~~
22 ~~section 321.34- shall show the gross weight for which~~
23 ~~registered in as large figures as possible in the upper~~
24 ~~three inches and the word "ton" in the lower one inch~~
25 ~~of the emblem. The emblem shall be of such material~~

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1 and quality that it will remain legible during the full
2 registration period and that it cannot be removed from
3 the plate vehicle without its being destroyed.
4 All motor vehicle registration plates shall be
5 treated with a reflective material according to specifi-
6 cations prescribed by the commissioner of public safety.
7 Sec. 3. The provisions of this Act shall take effect
8 on January 1, 1975.

S-280

1 Amend Priebe-Hill amendment S-178 filed February 28 to
2 Senate File 130, page 3, line 22, by inserting before
3 the word "shall" the words "This-emblem".

S-280 Filed and adopted By PRIEBE and HILL
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H-419

1 Amend Senate File 130 as follows:
2 By inserting after line 10, page 4, the following:
3 Sec. Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321),
4 Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new
5 section:
6 NEW SECTION. INDIVIDUALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES.
7 1. Upon application and the payment of a fee of
8 fifty dollars, the commissioner may issue to the owner
9 of a motor vehicle, except a motor truck, which is
10 registered in this state as provided in this chapter,
11 a set of personalized registration plates marked with
12 the initials, letters, or a combination of numerals
13 and letters requested by the owner. There shall be no
14 duplication of registration numbers and the commissioner
15 may refuse to issue any combination of letters or num-
16 bers, or both letters and numbers, that may carry con-
17 notations offensive to good taste and decency or which
18 would be misleading or a duplication of previously
19 issued registration plates. Personalized registration
20 plates shall be issued only to the owner of the vehicle
21 on which the plates are to be displayed.
22 2. Upon receipt of the personalized registration
23 plates, the applicant shall surrender the regular
24 registration plates to the commissioner. Prior to
25 transfer of title to the motor vehicle, the personalized
26 registration plates shall be returned to the commissioner
27 and the owner shall be entitled to his regular registra-
28 tion plates without additional fee. The fee for a set
29 of personalized registration plates shall be in addition
30 to the regular annual registration fee provided under
31 section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred nine
32 (321.109) of the Code.
33 3. The personalized registration plates shall be
34 validated in the same manner as regular registration
35 plates are validated under section three hundred twenty-
36 one point thirty-four (321.34) of the Code.
37 4. The fees collected by the commissioner under
38 this section shall be paid to the treasurer of state
39 and credited by him as provided in section three hundred
40 twenty-one point one hundred forty-five (321.145) of
41 the Code.

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