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HOUSE FILE 444

BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act to exempt from registration fees and issue official
- 2 registration plates for any official vehicle leased for
- 3 a period of sixty days or more by a governmental body.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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HOUSE FILE 444
FISCAL NOTE

REQUESTED BY REPRESENTATIVE COREY

In compliance with a written request received February 7, 1983, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House File 444 pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 444 allows the state department of transportation to issue official plates without payment of registration fees for vehicles which are leased for a period of sixty days or more by a governmental body. This bill takes effect July 1 following enactment.

Approximately 40,000 official cars are currently registered and of these, 4,000 are leased cars being used for official purposes with regular registration. The annual average registration fee is \$45. The revenue loss would be \$180,000 to the Road Use Tax Fund.

The county and city portions of the Road Use Tax Fund distribution would also be proportionately lower. At the same time, owners of the leased vehicles will realize a reduction in outlays equal to the RUFT income deduction for registrations fees. Hopefully, these savings will be passed on to the lessee of these official vehicles.

(450D, 83-167, TAF)

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FILED MARCH 18, 1983

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

1 Section 1. Section 321.19, subsection 1, Code 1983, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. All vehicles owned or leased for a period of sixty
4 days or more by the government and used in the transaction
5 of official business by the representatives of foreign ~~powers~~
6 governments or by officers, boards, or departments of the
7 government of the United States, and by the state ~~of Iowa,~~
8 counties, municipalities and other political subdivisions
9 of ~~government~~ the state including vehicles used by an urban
10 transit company operated by a municipality and ~~such~~ self-
11 propelling vehicles ~~as are~~ used neither for the conveyance
12 of persons for hire, pleasure, or business nor for the
13 transportation of freight other than those used by an urban
14 transit company operated by a municipality, and all fire
15 trucks, providing they are not owned and operated for a
16 pecuniary profit, are ~~hereby~~ exempted from the payment of
17 the fees ~~in~~ imposed by this chapter ~~prescribed,~~ except as
18 provided for urban transit companies in subsection 2, but
19 ~~shall~~ are not be exempt from the penalties ~~herein~~ provided
20 in this chapter. The department shall furnish, on application,
21 free of charge, distinguishing plates for vehicles thus
22 exempted, which plates except plates on Iowa highway safety
23 patrol vehicles shall bear the word "official," and the
24 department shall keep a separate record. Registration plates
25 issued for Iowa highway safety patrol vehicles, except unmarked
26 patrol vehicles, shall bear two red stars on a yellow
27 background, one before and one following the registration
28 number on the plate which registration number shall be the
29 officer's badge number. Registration plates issued for a
30 county sheriff's patrol vehicles shall display one seven
31 pointed gold star on a green background followed by the letter
32 "S" and the call number of the vehicle. ~~Provided that~~ However,
33 the director of general services or the director of
34 transportation may order the issuance of regular registration
35 plates, for any ~~such~~ exempted vehicle, used by peace officers

1 in the enforcement of the law and persons enforcing chapter
2 204 and other laws relating to controlled substances. For
3 purposes of sale of exempted vehicles ~~exempted-as-herein~~
4 ~~indicated~~, the exempted governmental body, upon the sale of
5 the exempted vehicle, may issue for in-transit purposes a
6 pasteboard card bearing the words "Vehicle in Transit," the
7 name of the official body from which the vehicle was purchased,
8 together with the date of the purchase plainly marked in
9 ~~minimal-of~~ at least one-inch letters, and other information
10 which may be required by the department. The in-transit card
11 shall be valid for use only within forty-eight hours after
12 the purchase date as indicated on the bill of sale which shall
13 be carried by the driver.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The bill allows the state department of transportation
16 to issue official plates without payment of registration fees
17 for vehicles which are leased for a period of sixty days or
18 more by a governmental body. The bill takes effect July 1
19 following enactment.

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AN ACT

TO EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION FEES AND ISSUE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR ANY OFFICIAL VEHICLE LEASED FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY DAYS OR MORE BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

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

Section 1. Section 321.19, subsection 1, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

1. All vehicles owned or leased for a period of sixty days or more by the government and used in the transaction of official business by the representatives of foreign ~~powers~~ governments or by officers, boards, or departments of the government of the United States, and by the state ~~of Iowa~~, counties, municipalities and other political subdivisions of government the state including vehicles used by an urban transit company operated by a municipality and ~~such~~ self-propelling vehicles ~~as are~~ used neither for the conveyance

of persons for hire, pleasure, or business nor for the transportation of freight other than those used by an urban transit company operated by a municipality, and all fire trucks, providing they are not owned and operated for a pecuniary profit, are ~~hereby~~ exempted from the payment of the fees ~~as imposed by this chapter prescribed~~, except as provided for urban transit companies in subsection 2, but ~~shall~~ are not be exempt from the penalties ~~herein~~ provided in this chapter. The department shall furnish, on application, free of charge, distinguishing plates for vehicles thus exempted, which plates except plates on Iowa highway safety patrol vehicles shall bear the word "official," and the department shall keep a separate record. Registration plates issued for Iowa highway safety patrol vehicles, except unmarked patrol vehicles, shall bear two red stars on a yellow background, one before and one following the registration number on the plate which registration number shall be the officer's badge number. Registration plates issued for a county sheriff's patrol vehicles shall display one seven pointed gold star on a green background followed by the letter "S" and the call number of the vehicle. ~~Provided that~~ However, the director of general services or the director of transportation may order the issuance of regular registration plates, for any ~~such~~ exempted vehicle, used by peace officers in the enforcement of the law and persons enforcing chapter 204 and other laws relating to controlled substances. For purposes of sale of exempted vehicles ~~exempted as herein indicated~~, the exempted governmental body, upon the sale of the exempted vehicle, may issue for in-transit purposes a pasteboard card bearing the words "Vehicle in Transit," the name of the official body from which the vehicle was purchased, together with the date of the purchase plainly marked in ~~minimum of~~ at least one-inch letters, and other information which may be required by the department. The in-transit card shall be valid for use only within forty-eight hours after

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the purchase date as indicated on the bill of sale which shall be carried by the driver.

DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

ROBERT T. ANDERSON
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 444, Seventieth General Assembly.

JOSEPH O'HERN
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 29, 1983

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor