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HOUSE FILE 2156

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Passed House, (P.415) Date 3/3/94 Passed Senate, (P.845) Date 3/28/94
Vote: Ayes 96 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0
Approved March 31, 1994

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to size requirements for registration plates for
2 certain trailers and providing an effective date.

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

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H-5122

1 Amend House File 2156 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 32, by striking the words "have
3 the option to".

4 2. Page 2, by inserting after line 2 the
5 following:

6 "Sec. ____ . APPLICABILITY DATE. Section 4 of this
7 Act applies only to new registration plates issued to
8 owners on or after January 1, 1995."

9 3. Title page, line 2, by striking the words "an
10 effective date" and inserting the following:
11 "effective and applicability dates".

12 4. By renumbering as necessary.

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(P.415) *Adopted 3/3/94*

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1 Section 1. Section 321.166, subsection 1, Code 1993, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Registration plates shall be of metal and of a size not
4 to exceed six inches by twelve inches, except that the size of
5 plates issued for use on motorized bicycles, motorcycles,
6 motorcycle trailers, trailers with an empty weight of two
7 thousand pounds or less, and special mobile equipment shall be
8 established by the department.

9 Sec. 2. Section 321.166, subsection 3, Code 1993, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 3. The registration plate number shall be displayed in
12 characters which shall not exceed a height of four inches nor
13 a stroke width exceeding five-eighths of an inch. Special
14 plates issued to dealers shall display the alphabetical
15 character "D", which shall be of the same size of the
16 characters in the registration plate. The registration plate
17 number issued for motorized bicycles, motorcycles, trailers
18 with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or less, and
19 motorcycle trailers shall be a size prescribed by the
20 department.

21 Sec. 3. Section 321.166, subsection 4, Code 1993, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 4. The registration plate number, except on motorized
24 bicycle, motorcycle, motorcycle trailer, trailers with an
25 empty weight of two thousand pounds or less, and special
26 mobile equipment registration plates, shall be of sufficient
27 size to be readable from a distance of one hundred feet during
28 daylight.

29 Sec. 4. Section 321.166, Code 1993, is amended by adding
30 the following new subsection:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. The owner of a trailer with an empty
32 weight of two thousand pounds or less shall have the option to
33 receive registration plates for the trailer smaller than
34 plates regularly issued for automobiles pursuant to rules
35 adopted by the department in accordance with this section.

1 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on January
2 1, 1995.

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EXPLANATION

 This bill provides that an owner of a trailer with an empty weight of 2,000 pounds or less can obtain a registration plate, smaller in size than plates issued for cars, pursuant to rules adopted by the department of transportation. The bill provides a specific exemption from certain size requirements for registration plates and numbers for these trailers. The bill takes effect on January 1, 1995.

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(As Amended and Passed by the House March 3, 1994)

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House Amendments _____

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17 number issued for motorized bicycles, motorcycles, trailers
18 with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or less, and
19 motorcycle trailers shall be a size prescribed by the
20 department.

21 Sec. 3. Section 321.166, subsection 4, Code 1993, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 4. The registration plate number, except on motorized
24 bicycle, motorcycle, motorcycle trailer, trailers with an
25 empty weight of two thousand pounds or less, and special
26 mobile equipment registration plates, shall be of sufficient
27 size to be readable from a distance of one hundred feet during
28 daylight.

29 Sec. 4. Section 321.166, Code 1993, is amended by adding
30 the following new subsection:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. The owner of a trailer with an empty
*32 weight of two thousand pounds or less shall receive
33 registration plates for the trailer smaller than plates
34 regularly issued for automobiles pursuant to rules adopted by
35 the department in accordance with this section.

1 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on January
2 1, 1995.

3 Sec. 6. APPLICABILITY DATE. Section 4 of this Act applies
4 only to new registration plates issued to owners on or after
5 January 1, 1995.

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION PLATES FOR CERTAIN TRAILERS AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

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

Section 1. Section 321.166, subsection 1, Code 1993, is amended to read as follows:

1. Registration plates shall be of metal and of a size not to exceed six inches by twelve inches, except that the size of plates issued for use on motorized bicycles, motorcycles, motorcycle trailers, trailers with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or less, and special mobile equipment shall be established by the department.

Sec. 2. Section 321.166, subsection 3, Code 1993, is amended to read as follows:

3. The registration plate number shall be displayed in characters which shall not exceed a height of four inches nor a stroke width exceeding five-eighths of an inch. Special plates issued to dealers shall display the alphabetical character "D", which shall be of the same size of the characters in the registration plate. The registration plate number issued for motorized bicycles, motorcycles, trailers with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or less, and motorcycle trailers shall be a size prescribed by the department.

Sec. 3. Section 321.166, subsection 4, Code 1993, is amended to read as follows:

4. The registration plate number, except on motorized bicycle, motorcycle, motorcycle trailer, trailers with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or less, and special mobile equipment registration plates, shall be of sufficient size to be readable from a distance of one hundred feet during daylight.

Sec. 4. Section 321.166, Code 1993, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 8. The owner of a trailer with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or less shall receive registration plates for the trailer smaller than plates regularly issued for automobiles pursuant to rules adopted by the department in accordance with this section.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on January 1, 1995.

Sec. 6. APPLICABILITY DATE. Section 4 of this Act applies only to new registration plates issued to owners on or after January 1, 1995.

HAROLD VAN MAANEN
Speaker of the House

LEONARD L. BOSWELL
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2156, Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

ELIZABETH ISAACSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved *[Signature]* March 31, 1994

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor