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HOUSE FILE 2092
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a single registration plate for motor vehicles
2 and providing an applicability provision and an effective
3 date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.21, subsection 3, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. The department shall also issue special mobile
4 equipment plates as applied for, which shall have displayed
5 the general distinguishing number assigned to the applicant.
6 Each plate ~~or-pair-of-plates~~ issued shall have displayed on
7 the face of the plate the words: Special Mobile Equipment.
8 The fee for each plate ~~or-pair-of-special-plates~~ is fifteen
9 dollars.

10 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, Code Supplement 1995, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 321.34 ~~PLATES~~ PLATE OR VALIDATION STICKER FURNISHED --
13 ~~RETAINED BY OWNER -- SPECIAL PLATES.~~

14 1. ~~PLATES~~ PLATE ISSUED. The county treasurer upon
15 receiving application, accompanied by proper fee, for
16 registration of a vehicle shall issue to the owner one
17 registration plate ~~for-a-motorcycle,-motorized-bicycle,-truck~~
18 ~~tractor,-trailer,-or-semitrailer-and-two-registration-plates~~
19 ~~for-every-other-motor-vehicle.~~ The registration plates plate,
20 including special registration plates, shall be assigned to
21 the owner of a vehicle. When the owner of a registered
22 vehicle transfers or assigns ownership of the vehicle to
23 another person, the owner shall remove the registration plates
24 plate from the vehicle. The owner shall forward the plates
25 plate to the county treasurer where the vehicle is registered
26 or the owner may have the plates plate assigned to another
27 vehicle within thirty days after transfer, upon payment of the
28 fees required by law. The owner shall immediately affix
29 ~~registration-plates~~ the plate retained by the owner to another
30 vehicle owned or acquired by the owner, providing the owner
31 complies with section 321.46. The department shall adopt
32 rules providing for the assignment of a registration plates
33 plate to the transferee of a vehicle for which a credit is
34 allowed under section 321.46, subsection 6.

35 2. VALIDATION STICKERS. In lieu of issuing a new

1 registration ~~plates~~ plate each registration year for a vehicle
2 renewing registration, the department may reassign the
3 registration ~~plates~~ plate previously issued to the vehicle and
4 may adopt and prescribe annual validation stickers indicating
5 payment of registration fees. The department shall issue two
6 validation stickers for each ~~set-of~~ registration ~~plates~~ plate.
7 One sticker shall specify the year of expiration of the
8 registration period. The second sticker shall specify the
9 month of expiration of the registration period and need not be
10 reissued annually. The month of registration shall not be
11 required on registration plates or validation stickers issued
12 for vehicles registered under chapter 326. ~~The stickers shall~~
13 ~~be displayed only on the rear registration plate, except that~~
14 ~~the stickers shall be displayed on the front registration~~
15 ~~plate of a truck tractor.~~

16 The state department of transportation shall promulgate
17 adopt rules to provide for the placement of motor vehicle
18 registration validation stickers on ~~all~~ a registration ~~plates~~
19 plate issued for ~~the~~ a motor vehicle when such validation
20 stickers are issued in lieu of issuing a new registration
21 ~~plates under the provisions of this section~~ plate.

22 3. RADIO OPERATORS ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. The owner of an
23 automobile, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
24 pickup who holds an amateur radio license issued by the
25 federal communications commission may, upon written
26 application to the county treasurer accompanied by a fee of
27 five dollars, order a special registration ~~plates~~ plate
28 bearing the call letters authorized the radio station covered
29 by the person's amateur radio license. When received by the
30 county treasurer, ~~such~~ a special registration ~~plates~~ plate
31 shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the
32 registration ~~plates~~ plate previously issued to the person.
33 Not more than one ~~set-of~~ special registration ~~plates~~ plate may
34 be issued to an applicant. ~~Said~~ The fee shall be in addition
35 to and not in lieu of the fee for a regular registration

1 ~~plates~~ plate. ~~Special A special~~ registration ~~plates~~ plate
2 must be surrendered upon expiration of the owner's amateur
3 radio license and the owner shall ~~thereupon~~ be entitled to the
4 owner's regular registration ~~plates~~ plate. The county
5 treasurer shall validate a special plates plate in the same
6 manner as a regular registration plates plate, upon payment of
7 five dollars in addition to the regular annual registration
8 fee.

9 4. MULTIYEAR PLATES PLATE. In lieu of issuing annual
10 registration plates for trailers and semitrailers, the
11 department may issue a multiyear registration plate for a
12 three-year period or a permanent registration plate for
13 trailers and semitrailers licensed under chapter 326 upon
14 payment of the appropriate registration fee. Payment of fees
15 to the department for a permanent registration plate shall, at
16 the option of the registrant, be made at five-year intervals
17 or on an annual basis. Fees from three-year and five-year
18 payments shall not be reduced or prorated.

19 5. PERSONALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES PLATE.

20 a. Upon application and the payment of a fee of twenty-
21 five dollars, the director may issue to the owner of a motor
22 vehicle registered in this state or a trailer or travel
23 trailer registered in this state, a personalized registration
24 ~~plates~~ plate marked with up to seven initials, letters, or
25 combination of numerals and letters requested by the owner.
26 However, a personalized registration plates plate for
27 motorcycles and motorized bicycles shall be marked with no
28 more than six initials, letters, or combinations of numerals
29 and letters. Upon receipt of the personalized registration
30 ~~plates~~ plate, the applicant shall surrender the regular
31 registration ~~plates~~ plate to the county treasurer. The fee
32 for issuance of the personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate
33 shall be in addition to the regular annual registration fee.

34 b. The county treasurer shall validate a personalized
35 registration ~~plates~~ plate in the same manner as a regular

1 registration ~~plates-are~~ plate is validated ~~under-this-section~~
2 at an annual fee of five dollars in addition to the regular
3 annual registration fee. A person renewing a personalized
4 registration plate within one month following the time
5 requirements under section 321.40 may renew the personalized
6 plate without paying the additional registration fee under
7 paragraph "a" but shall pay the five-dollar fee in addition to
8 the regular registration fee and any penalties subject to
9 regular registration plate holders for late renewal.

10 c. The fees collected by the director under this section
11 shall be paid to the treasurer of state and credited by the
12 treasurer of state as provided in section 321.145.

13 6. SAMPLE VEHICLE REGISTRATION ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. Vehicle A
14 vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate displaying the general
15 design of a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate, with the word
16 "sample" displayed on the plate, may be furnished to any
17 person upon payment of a fee of three dollars, except that
18 such plates may be furnished to governmental agencies without
19 cost. Sample A sample registration ~~plates~~ plate shall not be
20 attached to a vehicle moved on the highways of this state.

21 7. HANDICAPPED ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. The owner of a motor vehicle
22 subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,
23 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
24 pickup, who is a handicapped person, or who is the parent or
25 guardian of a child who resides with the parent or guardian
26 owner and who is a handicapped person, as defined in section
27 321L.1, may, upon written application to the department, order
28 a handicapped registration ~~plates~~ plate designed by the
29 department bearing the international symbol of accessibility.
30 The handicapped registration ~~plates~~ plate shall only be issued
31 if the application is accompanied with a statement from a
32 physician licensed under chapter 148, 149, 150, or 150A, or a
33 chiropractor licensed under chapter 151, written on the
34 physician's or chiropractor's stationery, stating the nature
35 of the applicant's or the applicant's child's handicap and

1 such additional information as required by rules adopted by
2 the department, including proof of residency of a child who is
3 a handicapped person. If the application is approved by the
4 department the handicapped registration ~~plates~~ plate shall be
5 issued to the applicant in exchange for the previous
6 registration ~~plates~~ plate issued to the person. The
7 department shall validate the handicapped ~~plates~~ plate in the
8 same manner as a regular registration plates-are plate is
9 validated ~~under this section~~ at the regular annual
10 registration fee. However, the handicapped ~~plates~~ plate shall
11 not be renewed without the applicant furnishing evidence to
12 the department that the owner of the motor vehicle or the
13 owner's child is still a handicapped person as defined in
14 section 321L.1, unless the applicant has previously provided
15 satisfactory evidence to the department that the owner of the
16 vehicle or the owner's child is permanently handicapped in
17 which case the furnishing of additional evidence shall not be
18 required for renewal. However, an owner who has a child who
19 is a handicapped person shall provide satisfactory evidence to
20 the department that the handicapped child continues to reside
21 with the owner. The handicapped registration ~~plates~~ plate
22 shall be surrendered in exchange for a regular registration
23 ~~plates~~ plate when the owner of the motor vehicle or the
24 owner's child no longer qualifies as a handicapped person as
25 defined in section 321L.1 or when the owner's child who is a
26 handicapped person no longer resides with the owner.

27 8. PRISONER OF WAR ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. The owner of a motor
28 vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,
29 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck or
30 pickup who was a prisoner of war during the second world war
31 at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946,
32 the Korean Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and
33 January 31, 1955, or the Vietnam Conflict at any time between
34 August 5, 1964, and June 30, 1973, all dates inclusive, may
35 upon written application to the department, order a special

1 registration plates plate designed by the department in
2 cooperation with the adjutant general which plates-signify
3 signifies that the applicant was a prisoner of war as defined
4 in this subsection. Each An applicant applying-for-special
5 registration-plates-under-this-subsection may purchase only
6 one set-of registration plates plate under this subsection.
7 The application is subject to approval by the department, in
8 consultation with the adjutant general, and the special
9 registration plates plate shall be issued to the applicant in
10 exchange for the registration plates plate previously issued
11 to the person. The special plates plate shall contain the
12 letters "POW" and three numerals and are is subject to an
13 annual registration fee of fifteen dollars. The department
14 shall validate the special plates plate in the same manner as
15 a regular registration plates-are plate is validated under
16 this-section.

17 9. NATIONAL GUARD PLATES PLATE. The owner of a motor
18 vehicle subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,
19 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck or
20 pickup who is a member of the national guard, as defined in
21 chapter 29A, may upon written application to the department,
22 order a special registration plates plate designed by the
23 department in co-operation with the adjutant general which
24 plates-signify signifies that the applicant is a member of the
25 national guard. The application shall be approved by the
26 department, in consultation with the adjutant general, and the
27 special registration plates plate shall be issued to the
28 applicant in exchange for the registration plates plate
29 previously issued to the person. The fee for the special
30 plates plate shall be five dollars which shall be in addition
31 to the regular annual registration fee. The department shall
32 validate the special plates plate in the same manner as a
33 regular registration plates-are plate is validated under this
34 section at the regular annual registration fee. Special A
35 special registration plates plate shall be surrendered in

1 exchange for a regular registration plates plate upon
2 termination of the owner's membership in the active national
3 guard.

4 10. COLLEGIATE PLATES PLATE.

5 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
6 director may issue to the owner of a motor vehicle, trailer,
7 or travel trailer registered in this state, a collegiate
8 registration plates plate. Upon receipt of the collegiate
9 registration plates plate, the applicant shall surrender the
10 regular registration plates plate to the county treasurer.

11 b. Collegiate registration plates shall be designed for
12 each of the three state universities. The collegiate
13 registration plates shall be designated as follows:

14 (1) The letters "ISU" followed by a four-digit number all
15 in cardinal on a gold background for Iowa state university of
16 science and technology.

17 (2) The letters "UNI" followed by a four-digit number all
18 in purple on a gold background for the university of northern
19 Iowa.

20 (3) The letters "UI" followed by a four-digit number all
21 in black on a gold background for the state university of
22 Iowa.

23 (4) In lieu of the letter number designation provided
24 under subparagraphs (1) through (3), the a collegiate
25 registration plates plate may be designated in the manner
26 provided for a personalized registration plates plate under
27 subsection 5, paragraph "a", in the colors designated for the
28 respective universities under subparagraphs (1) through (3).

29 c. The fees for a collegiate registration plate are as
30 follows:

31 (1) A registration fee of twenty-five dollars.

32 (2) A special collegiate registration fee of twenty-five
33 dollars.

34 These fees are in addition to the regular annual
35 registration fee. The fees collected by the director under

1 this subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of
2 state and credited by the treasurer of state to the road use
3 tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.24 and prior to the
4 revenues being credited to the road use tax fund under section
5 423.24, subsection 1, paragraph "d", the treasurer of state
6 shall credit monthly from those revenues respectively, to Iowa
7 state university of science and technology, the university of
8 northern Iowa, and the state university of Iowa, the amount of
9 the special collegiate registration fees collected in the
10 previous month for collegiate registration plates designed for
11 the university. The moneys credited are appropriated to the
12 respective universities to be used for scholarships for
13 students attending the universities.

14 d. The county treasurer shall validate a collegiate
15 registration ~~plates~~ plate in the same manner as a regular
16 registration ~~plates-are~~ plate is validated ~~under this section~~
17 at an annual fee of five dollars in addition to the regular
18 annual registration fee.

19 e. A collegiate registration plate shall not be issued if
20 its combination of alphanumeric characters are identical to
21 those contained on a current personalized registration plate
22 issued under subsection 5. However, the owner of a motor
23 vehicle who has a personalized registration plate issued for
24 the motor vehicle may, after proper application and payment of
25 fees, be issued a collegiate registration plate containing the
26 same alphanumeric characters as those on the personalized
27 plate. Upon receipt of the a collegiate registration ~~plates~~
28 plate, the owner shall surrender the personalized registration
29 ~~plates~~ plate to the county treasurer.

30 11. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. The owner
31 of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section
32 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery
33 truck or pickup who has been awarded the congressional medal
34 of honor may, upon written application to the department,
35 order a special registration ~~plates~~ plate which shall be red,

1 white, and blue in color and shall bear an emblem of the
2 congressional medal of honor and an identifying number. Each
3 ~~an applicant applying-for-special-registration-plates-under~~
4 ~~this-subsection~~ may purchase only one ~~set-of~~ registration
5 ~~plates-under-this-subsection~~ plate. The application is
6 subject to approval by the department and the special
7 registration ~~plates~~ plate shall be issued to the applicant in
8 exchange for the registration ~~plates~~ plate previously issued
9 to the person. The A special ~~plates-are~~ plate is subject to
10 an annual registration fee of fifteen dollars. The department
11 shall validate the a special ~~plates~~ plate in the same manner
12 as a regular registration ~~plates-are~~ plate is validated under
13 ~~this-section~~. The department shall not issue special
14 registration plates until service organizations in the state
15 have furnished the department either the special dies or the
16 cost of the special dies necessary for the manufacture of the
17 special registration plate.

18 12. PEARL HARBOR ~~PLATES~~ PLATE. ~~Effective-January-17-1990,~~
19 ~~the~~ The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under
20 section 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel
21 delivery truck or pickup who was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a
22 member of the armed services of the United States on December
23 7, 1941, may, upon written application to the department,
24 order a special registration ~~plates~~ plate. The special
25 registration ~~plates~~ plate shall bear the notation or emblem
26 reading "PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR, DECEMBER 7, 1941" followed by
27 four identifying letters or numbers. Each applicant applying
28 for a special registration ~~plates-under-this-subsection~~ plate
29 may purchase only one ~~set-of-registration-plates~~ plate. The
30 application is subject to approval by the department. Upon
31 receipt of the special registration ~~plates~~ plate, the
32 applicant shall surrender the regular registration ~~plates~~
33 plate to the county treasurer. The fee for the issuance of
34 the special registration ~~plates~~ plate is twenty-five dollars
35 which shall be in addition to the regular annual registration

1 fee. Seriously disabled veterans who are exempted from
2 payment of the annual registration fee under section 321.105,
3 shall pay only the twenty-five dollar fee for issuance of the
4 special registration plates plate. The county treasurer shall
5 validate the special registration plates plate in the same
6 manner as a regular registration plates-are plate is validated
7 under-this-section with no additional registration fee being
8 required other than the regular annual registration fee.

9 13. PURPLE HEART PLATES PLATE. The owner of a motor
10 vehicle subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,
11 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
12 pickup who was awarded a purple heart medal by the United
13 States government for wounds received in military or naval
14 combat against an armed enemy of the United States, may upon
15 written application to the department and presentation of
16 satisfactory proof of the award of the purple heart medal,
17 order a special registration plates plate. The design of the
18 plates shall include a representation of a purple heart medal
19 and ribbon centered on the left side of the plate and the
20 words "Combat Wounded" centered on the bottom of the plate.
21 The plates shall be numbered in sequence beginning with 00001.
22 The application is subject to approval by the department in
23 consultation with the adjutant general. The special
24 registration plates plate shall be issued to the applicant in
25 exchange for the registration plates plate previously issued
26 to the person. The fee for the purple heart plates plate
27 shall be twenty-five dollars which shall be in addition to the
28 regular annual registration fee. The department shall
29 validate the special plates plate in the same manner as a
30 regular registration plates-are plate is validated under-this
31 section.

32 14. SESQUICENTENNIAL PLATES PLATE.

33 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
34 director may issue sesquicentennial plates plate to the owner
35 of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section

1 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery
2 truck, pickup, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, or travel
3 trailer.

4 b. In lieu of the letter number designation, the a
5 sesquicentennial plates plate may be designated in the manner
6 provided for a personalized registration plates plate under
7 subsection 5, paragraph "a". A sesquicentennial plate shall
8 not be issued if its combination of alphanumeric characters is
9 identical to those contained on a current personalized
10 registration plate issued under subsection 5, or a
11 personalized collegiate registration plate issued under
12 subsection 10. However, the owner of a motor vehicle who has
13 either a personalized registration plates plate or a
14 personalized collegiate registration plates plate issued for a
15 vehicle may, after proper application and payment of fees, be
16 issued a sesquicentennial registration plate containing the
17 same alphanumeric characters as those on the personalized
18 registration plates plate or personalized collegiate
19 registration plates plate.

20 c. The special sesquicentennial fee for a letter number
21 designated sesquicentennial plates plate is fifteen dollars.
22 The fee for a personalized sesquicentennial plates plate is
23 twenty-five dollars which shall be paid in addition to the
24 special sesquicentennial fee of fifteen dollars. The fees
25 collected by the director under this subsection shall be paid
26 monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use
27 tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.24, and prior to the
28 crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section
29 423.24, subsection 1, paragraph "d", the treasurer of state
30 shall credit monthly from those revenues to the
31 sesquicentennial fund established in section 7G.1, the amount
32 of the special sesquicentennial fees collected in the previous
33 month for the sesquicentennial plates.

34 d. Upon receipt of the special registration plates plate,
35 the applicant shall surrender the current registration receipt

1 and plates plate to the county treasurer. The county
2 treasurer shall validate the special registration plates plate
3 in the same manner as a regular registration plates-are plate
4 is validated under-this-section. The annual special
5 sesquicentennial fee for a letter number designated plates
6 plate is ten dollars which shall be paid in addition to the
7 regular annual registration fee. The annual fee for a
8 personalized sesquicentennial plates plate is five dollars
9 which shall be paid in addition to the annual special
10 sesquicentennial fee and the regular annual registration fee.
11 The annual special sesquicentennial fee shall be credited as
12 provided under paragraph "c".

13 e. The sesquicentennial plate series shall not be
14 available to new applicants or renewable after January 1,
15 1997. Upon the expiration of the series, the owner of a motor
16 vehicle who has a personalized sesquicentennial plates plate
17 may, after proper application and payment of fees, be issued
18 either a personalized registration plates plate or a
19 personalized collegiate registration plates plate containing
20 the same alphanumeric characters as those on the personalized
21 sesquicentennial plates plate.

22 15. LEASED VEHICLES. Registration-plates A registration
23 plate authorized for issuance under this section may be issued
24 to the lessee of a motor vehicle if the lessee provides
25 evidence of a lease for a period of more than sixty days and
26 if the lessee complies with the requirements, under this
27 section, for issuance of the specific registration plates
28 plate.

29 16. FIRE FIGHTER PLATES PLATE. The owner of a motor
30 vehicle subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,
31 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck,
32 pickup, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, or travel trailer
33 who is a current or former member of a paid or volunteer fire
34 department, may upon written application to the department,
35 order a special registration plates plate, designed by the

1 department in cooperation with representatives designated by
2 the Iowa fire fighters' associations, which ~~plates-signify~~
3 signifies that the applicant is a current or former member of
4 a paid or volunteer fire department. The application shall be
5 approved by the department, in consultation with
6 representatives designated by the Iowa fire fighters'
7 associations, and the special registration ~~plates~~ plate shall
8 be issued to the applicant in exchange for the registration
9 ~~plates~~ plate previously issued to the person. The fee for the
10 special ~~plates~~ plate shall be twenty-five dollars which shall
11 be in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The
12 department shall validate the special ~~plates~~ plate in the same
13 manner as a regular registration ~~plates-are~~ plate is validated
14 ~~under-this-section~~ at the regular annual registration fee.

15 17. NATURAL RESOURCES ~~PLATES~~ PLATE.

16 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
17 director may issue a natural resources ~~plates~~ plate to the
18 owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section
19 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery
20 truck, pickup, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, or travel
21 trailer.

22 b. Natural resources plates shall be designed by the
23 department in cooperation with the department of natural
24 resources which design shall include on the plate the name of
25 the county where the vehicle is registered.

26 c. The special natural resources fee for a letter number
27 designated natural resources ~~plates~~ plate is thirty-five
28 dollars. The fee for a personalized natural resources ~~plates~~
29 plate is forty-five dollars which shall be paid in addition to
30 the special natural resources fee of thirty-five dollars. The
31 fees collected by the director under this subsection shall be
32 paid monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the
33 road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.24, and prior
34 to the crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under
35 section 423.24, subsection 1, paragraph "d", the treasurer of

1 state shall credit monthly from those revenues to the Iowa
2 resources enhancement and protection fund created pursuant to
3 section 455A.18, the amount of the special natural resources
4 fees collected in the previous month for the natural resources
5 plates.

6 d. Upon receipt of the special registration ~~plates~~ plate,
7 the applicant shall surrender the current registration receipt
8 and ~~plates~~ plate to the county treasurer. The county
9 treasurer shall validate the special registration ~~plates~~ plate
10 in the same manner as a regular registration ~~plates-are~~ plate
11 is validated ~~under-this-section~~. The annual special natural
12 resources fee for a letter number designated ~~plates~~ plate is
13 ten dollars which shall be paid in addition to the regular
14 annual registration fee. The annual fee for a personalized
15 natural resources ~~plates~~ plate is five dollars which shall be
16 paid in addition to the annual special natural resources fee
17 and the regular annual registration fee. The annual special
18 natural resources fee shall be credited as provided under
19 paragraph "c".

20 Sec. 3. Section 321.37, Code 1995, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 321.37 DISPLAY OF ~~PLATES~~ REGISTRATION PLATE.

23 ~~Registration-plates~~ A registration plate issued for a motor
24 vehicle other than ~~a-motorcycle, motorized-bicycle-or~~ a truck
25 tractor shall be attached to the rear of the motor vehicle,
26 ~~one-in-the-front-and-the-other-in-the-rear. The-registration~~
27 ~~plate-issued-for-a-motorcycle-or-other-vehicle-required-to-be~~
28 ~~registered-hereunder-shall-be-attached-to-the-rear-of-the~~
29 ~~vehicle.~~ The registration plate issued for a truck tractor
30 shall be attached to the front of the truck tractor. ~~The~~
31 ~~special-plate-issued-to-a-dealer-shall-be-attached-on-the-rear~~
32 ~~of-the-vehicle-when-operated-on-the-highways-of-this-state.~~

33 It is unlawful for the owner of a vehicle to place any
34 frame around or over the registration plate which does not
35 permit full view of all numerals and letters printed on the

1 registration plate.

2 Sec. 4. Section 321.166, subsection 2, Code 1995, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 2. Every registration plate ~~or-pair-of-plates~~ shall
5 display a registration plate number which shall consist of
6 alphabetical or numerical characters or a combination thereof
7 and the name of this state, which may be abbreviated. Every
8 registration plate issued by the county treasurer shall
9 display the name of the county except plates issued for truck
10 tractors, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, travel trailers,
11 semitrailers and trailers. The year of expiration or the date
12 of expiration shall be displayed on the vehicle registration
13 ~~plates~~ plate, except plates issued under section 321.19.
14 Special truck registration plates shall display the word
15 "special".

16 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act shall apply only to the
17 issuance of new registration plates by the state department of
18 transportation.

19 Sec. 6. CODE EDITOR. The Code editor shall make any
20 conforming changes to the Code that are necessary to bring the
21 Code into compliance with the issuance of a single motor
22 vehicle registration plate as required by this Act.

23 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
24 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill requires the state department of transportation
27 to issue single motor vehicle registration plates rather than
28 the double registration plates that are currently being
29 issued. The bill applies only to the issuance of new
30 registration plates. The bill directs the Code editor to make
31 conforming changes to the Code. The bill is effective upon
32 enactment.

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**HOUSE FILE 2092
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for House File 2092 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 2092 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue single motor vehicle registration plates. This bill applies only to the issuance of new registration plates.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The current cost to produce a pair of registration plates is \$2.70. The first plate costs \$1.90 and the second plate \$0.80 to manufacture.
2. The total number of registration plates to be reissued in FY 1997 will be approximately 3,000,000. Of these, approximately 2,467,000 will be produced in pairs.
3. The DOT will begin reissuing registration plates in December 1996. Of the 2,467,000 pairs of plates to be issued, 1,465,000 have already been manufactured through Prison Industries at a cost of \$3,955,000. House File 2092 would make 1,465,000 single plates already manufactured at a cost of \$1,172,000 (1,465,000 plates x \$0.80) unnecessary.
4. The current cost to manufacture all registration plates is \$7,688,000. The cost to manufacture single plates is \$5,714,000 which is a savings of \$1,974,000. Of this savings, \$1,172,000 has already been expended resulting in a net savings of \$802,000 for FY 1997.
5. The DOT estimates 1,171,000 plates to be ordered in FY 1998 at a cost of \$3,162,000. House File 2092 would reduce this cost to \$2,225,000, a savings of \$937,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

House File 2092 will result in an estimated savings of \$802,000 in FY 1997 and \$937,000 in FY 1998 to the Road Use Tax Fund.

SOURCES

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