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TRANSPORTATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of handicapped registration
2 plates.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 7, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. HANDICAPPED PLATES. The owner of a motor vehicle
4 subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,
5 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or
6 pickup, ~~who is a handicapped person, or who is the parent or~~
7 ~~guardian of a child who resides with the parent or guardian~~
8 ~~owner and who is a handicapped person, as defined in section~~
9 ~~321B.1,~~ may, upon written application to the department, order
10 handicapped registration plates designed by the department
11 bearing the international symbol of accessibility, if the
12 owner is a handicapped person or a parent or guardian of a
13 child who resides with the parent or guardian owner and is a
14 handicapped person, as defined in section 321L.1, or if a
15 person authorized by the owner to operate the vehicle is a
16 handicapped person and uses the vehicle as the authorized
17 user's principal means of transportation. The handicapped
18 registration plates shall only be issued if the application is
19 accompanied with a statement from a physician licensed under
20 chapter 148, 149, 150, or 150A, or a chiropractor licensed
21 under chapter 151, written on the physician's or
22 chiropractor's stationery, stating the nature of the
23 applicant's, ~~or the applicant's child's,~~ or the authorized
24 user's handicap and such additional information as required by
25 rules adopted by the department, including proof of residency
26 of a child or authorized user of the motor vehicle who is a
27 handicapped person. If the application is approved by the
28 department the handicapped registration plates shall be issued
29 to the applicant in exchange for the previous registration
30 plates issued to the person. The fee for the handicapped
31 plates is five dollars which is in addition to the regular
32 annual registration fee. The department shall validate the
33 handicapped plates in the same manner as regular registration
34 plates are validated under this section at the regular annual
35 registration fee. However, the handicapped plates shall not

1 be renewed without the applicant furnishing evidence to the
2 department that the owner of the motor vehicle, the authorized
3 user of the motor vehicle, or the owner's child is still a
4 handicapped person as defined in section 321L.1, unless the
5 applicant has previously provided satisfactory evidence to the
6 department that the owner of the vehicle, the authorized user
7 of the motor vehicle, or the owner's child is permanently
8 handicapped in which case the furnishing of additional
9 evidence shall not be required for renewal. However, an owner
10 who has a child who is a handicapped person shall provide
11 satisfactory evidence to the department that the handicapped
12 child continues to reside with the owner. The handicapped
13 registration plates shall be surrendered in exchange for
14 regular registration plates when the owner of the motor
15 vehicle, the authorized user of the motor vehicle, or the
16 owner's child no longer qualifies as a handicapped person as
17 defined in section 321L.1 or when the owner's child who is a
18 handicapped person no longer resides with the owner.

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EXPLANATION

20 This bill permits an owner of a vehicle subject to
21 registration to obtain handicapped plates so long as an
22 authorized user of the vehicle is handicapped and uses the
23 vehicle as the authorized user's primary means of
24 transportation.

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