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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring a one-year renewal of permanent handicapped  
2 identification devices and handicapped registration 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 321L.1, may, upon written application to the department, order  
10 handicapped registration plates designed by the department  
11 bearing the international symbol of accessibility. The  
12 handicapped registration plates shall only be issued if the  
13 application is accompanied with a statement from a physician  
14 licensed under chapter 148, 149, 150, or 150A, or a  
15 chiropractor licensed under chapter 151, written on the  
16 physician's or chiropractor's stationery, stating the nature  
17 of the applicant's or the applicant's child's handicap and  
18 such additional information as required by rules adopted by  
19 the department, including proof of residency of a child who is  
20 a handicapped person. If the application is approved by the  
21 department the handicapped registration plates shall be issued  
22 to the applicant in exchange for the previous registration  
23 plates issued to the person. The fee for the handicapped  
24 plates is five dollars which is in addition to the regular  
25 annual registration fee. The department shall validate the  
26 handicapped plates in the same manner as regular registration  
27 plates are validated under this section at the regular annual  
28 registration fee. However, the handicapped plates shall not  
29 be renewed without the applicant furnishing evidence to the  
30 department in accordance with section 321L.2, that the owner  
31 of the motor vehicle or the owner's child is still a  
32 handicapped person as defined in section 321L.1, ~~unless the~~  
33 ~~applicant has previously provided satisfactory evidence to the~~  
34 ~~department that the owner of the vehicle or the owner's child~~  
35 ~~is permanently handicapped in which case the furnishing of~~

1 ~~additional evidence shall not be required for renewal.~~

2 However, ~~an~~ An owner who has a child who is a handicapped  
3 person shall provide satisfactory evidence to the department  
4 that the handicapped child continues to reside with the owner.  
5 The handicapped registration plates shall be surrendered in  
6 exchange for regular registration plates when the owner of the  
7 motor vehicle or the owner's child no longer qualifies as a  
8 handicapped person as defined in section 321L.1 or when the  
9 owner's child who is a handicapped person no longer resides  
10 with the owner.

11 Sec. 2. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
12 1995, is amended to read as follows:

13 a. A handicapped resident of the state desiring a  
14 handicapped identification device shall apply to the  
15 department upon an application form furnished by the  
16 department providing the applicant's name, address, date of  
17 birth, and social security number and shall also provide a  
18 statement from a physician licensed under chapter 148, 149,  
19 150, or 150A, or a chiropractor licensed under chapter 151, or  
20 a physician or chiropractor licensed to practice in a  
21 contiguous state, written on the physician's or chiropractor's  
22 stationery, stating the nature of the applicant's handicap and  
23 such additional information as required by rules adopted by  
24 the department under section 321L.8. Handicapped registration  
25 plates must be ordered pursuant to section 321.34, subsection  
26 7. A handicapped person may apply for either one temporary or  
27 one permanent handicapped identification hanging device.  
28 Persons who seek a permanent handicapped identification device  
29 shall be required to furnish evidence upon initial application  
30 that they are permanently handicapped and furnish evidence at  
31 one-year intervals that they remain permanently handicapped.

32 ~~A person who has provided satisfactory evidence to the~~  
33 ~~department that the person is permanently handicapped shall~~  
34 ~~not be required to furnish evidence of being handicapped at a~~  
35 ~~later date, unless the department deems it necessary.~~ Persons

1 who seek ~~only~~ temporary handicapped identification stickers or  
2 hanging devices shall be required to furnish evidence upon  
3 initial application that they are temporarily handicapped and  
4 ~~in-addition~~, furnish evidence at three-month intervals that  
5 they remain temporarily handicapped. Temporary handicapped  
6 identification stickers and hanging devices shall be of a  
7 distinctively different color from permanent handicapped  
8 identification stickers and hanging devices.

9 Sec. 3. Section 321L.2, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph  
10 1, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

11 Each handicapped identification device shall be acquired by  
12 the department and sold at a cost not to exceed five dollars,  
13 to handicapped persons upon application on forms prescribed by  
14 the department. Before delivering a handicapped  
15 identification device to a handicapped person the department  
16 shall permanently affix to the device a unique number which  
17 may be used by the department to identify the individual to  
18 whom the device is issued. A ~~temporary~~ handicapped  
19 identification hanging device shall have the expiration date  
20 permanently affixed to the device. Expiration dates and  
21 identification numbers affixed to handicapped identification  
22 hanging devices shall be of sufficient size to be readable  
23 from outside the vehicle.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires a person who has been issued a permanent  
26 handicapped identification device, or the owner of a motor  
27 vehicle who is a handicapped person, or the parent or guardian  
28 of a handicapped child who has been issued a handicapped  
29 registration plate, to renew the device or registration plate  
30 on an annual basis by furnishing evidence that the person or  
31 the child is still handicapped. Current law does not require  
32 a handicapped person who has been issued a permanent  
33 handicapped identification device, or the owner of a motor  
34 vehicle who has been issued a permanent handicapped  
35 registration plate, to furnish any further evidence that the

1 person or the child is still handicapped.  
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