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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 539)

Passed House, <sup>(p. 573)</sup> Date 3/10/98 Passed Senate, Date 3/23/98 (p. 801)  
Vote: Ayes 91 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 31 Nays 18  
Approved March 31, 1998

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to exemptions from distinguishing registration  
2 plates for motor vehicles.

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

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HF 2353

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3 follows:

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5 charge, distinguishing plates for vehicles thus exempted,  
6 which plates except plates on Iowa highway safety patrol  
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8 shall keep a separate record. Registration plates issued for  
9 Iowa highway safety patrol vehicles, except unmarked patrol  
10 vehicles, shall bear two red stars on a yellow background, one  
11 before and one following the registration number on the plate,  
12 which registration number shall be the officer's badge number.  
13 Registration plates issued for a county sheriff's patrol  
14 vehicles shall display one seven-pointed gold star followed by  
15 the letter "S" and the call number of the vehicle. However,  
16 the director of general services or the director of  
17 transportation may order the issuance of regular registration  
18 plates for any exempted vehicle used by peace officers in the  
19 enforcement of the law, persons enforcing chapter 124 and  
20 other laws relating to controlled substances, persons in the  
21 department of justice, the alcoholic beverages division of the  
22 department of commerce, the department of inspections and  
23 appeals, and the department of revenue and finance, who are  
24 regularly assigned to conduct investigations which cannot  
25 reasonably be conducted with a vehicle displaying "official"  
26 state registration plates, and persons in the lottery division  
27 of the department of revenue and finance whose regularly  
28 assigned duties relating to security or the carrying of  
29 lottery tickets cannot reasonably be conducted with a vehicle  
30 displaying "official" registration plates, and persons in the  
31 department of economic development who are regularly assigned  
32 duties relating to existing industry expansion or business  
33 attraction. For purposes of sale of exempted vehicles, the  
34 exempted governmental body, upon the sale of the exempted  
35 vehicle, may issue for in-transit purposes a pasteboard card

1 bearing the words "Vehicle in Transit", the name of the  
2 official body from which the vehicle was purchased, together  
3 with the date of the purchase plainly marked in at least one-  
4 inch letters, and other information required by the  
5 department. The in-transit card is valid for use only within  
6 forty-eight hours after the purchase date as indicated on the  
7 bill of sale which shall be carried by the driver.

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## EXPLANATION

9 This bill relates to the ability of the department of  
10 general services or the department of transportation to order  
11 the issuance of regular registration plates for certain  
12 exempted vehicles. The bill adds vehicles used by persons in  
13 the department of economic development who regularly are  
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15 business attraction. If a vehicle is not exempt, the  
16 registration plate bears the word "official".

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TRANSPORTATION

SENATE/HOUSE FILE <sup>Sub</sup> <sup>by</sup> SF (hr) 235  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL)

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32 business development efforts. For purposes of sale of  
33 exempted vehicles, the exempted governmental body, upon the  
34 sale of the exempted vehicle, may issue for in-transit  
35 purposes a pasteboard card bearing the words "Vehicle in

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HOUSE FILE 2353

AN ACT  
RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM DISTINGUISHING REGISTRATION PLATES  
FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

Section 1. Section 321.19, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

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 followed by the letter "S" and the call number of the vehicle. However, the director of general services or the director of transportation may order the issuance of regular registration plates for any exempted vehicle used by peace officers in the enforcement of the law, persons enforcing chapter 124 and other laws relating to controlled substances, persons in the department of justice, the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce, the department of inspections and appeals, and the department of revenue and finance, who are regularly assigned to conduct investigations which cannot reasonably be conducted with a vehicle displaying "official" state registration plates, and persons in the lottery division of the department of revenue and finance whose regularly assigned duties relating to security or the carrying of lottery tickets cannot reasonably be conducted with a vehicle

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RON J. CORBETT  
Speaker of the House

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2353, Seventy-seventh General Assembly.

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ELIZABETH ISAACSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 31, 1998

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor