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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of legion of merit motor vehicle
2 registration plates and establishing a fee.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 1999, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. LEGION OF MERIT SPECIAL PLATES. The
4 owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section
5 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery
6 truck, or pickup who has been awarded the legion of merit may,
7 upon written application to the department and presentation of
8 satisfactory proof of the award of the legion of merit as
9 established by the Congress of the United States, order
10 special registration plates with a legion of merit processed
11 emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the department in
12 cooperation with the adjutant general and shall signify that
13 the owner was awarded the legion of merit. The application is
14 subject to approval by the department, in consultation with
15 the adjutant general. The special plates shall be issued at
16 no charge and are subject to an annual registration fee of
17 fifteen dollars. The county treasurer shall validate the
18 special plates in the same manner as regular registration
19 plates are validated under this section.

20 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
21 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
22 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
23 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
24 of the annual registration fee. If the surviving spouse
25 remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special
26 plates to the department and the department shall issue
27 regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill authorizes the state department of transportation
30 to issue legion of merit special registration plates to
31 persons who have been awarded the legion of merit award as
32 established by the United States Congress. The plates shall
33 display a legion of merit processed emblem, designed by the
34 department in cooperation with the adjutant general, and shall
35 be issued at no charge, subject to an annual \$15 registration

1 fee. The surviving spouse of a person who was issued the
2 special plates may continue to use or apply for and use the
3 special plates, unless the spouse has remarried. The
4 surviving spouse must register the plates in the surviving
5 spouse's name and pay the annual registration fee.

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