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TRANSPORTATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a special animal friendly motor vehicle
2 registration plate, establishing fees, and making an
3 appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2005, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 24. ANIMAL FRIENDLY PLATES.

4 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
5 director may issue animal friendly plates to an owner of a
6 motor vehicle referred to in subsection 12.

7 b. Animal friendly plates shall be designed by the
8 department in consultation with the Iowa board of veterinary
9 medicine.

10 c. The special fee for letter number designated animal
11 friendly plates is thirty-five dollars. The fee for
12 personalized animal friendly plates is twenty-five dollars,
13 which shall be paid in addition to the special animal friendly
14 fee of thirty-five dollars. The fees collected by the
15 director under this subsection shall be paid monthly to the
16 treasurer of state and credited to the road use tax fund.
17 Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the crediting of
18 revenues to the road use tax fund under section 423.43,
19 subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state shall
20 transfer monthly from those revenues to the department of
21 agriculture and land stewardship the amount of the special
22 fees collected in the previous month for the animal friendly
23 plates and such funds are appropriated to the department of
24 agriculture and land stewardship. The Iowa board of
25 veterinary medicine shall distribute one hundred percent of
26 the funds received monthly in the form of targeted grants to
27 public or private organizations that are engaged in pet
28 population control efforts, including but not limited to
29 nonprofit spay and neuter clinics. Notwithstanding section
30 8.33, moneys transferred under this subsection shall not
31 revert to the general fund of the state.

32 d. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
33 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to
34 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate the
35 special registration plates in the same manner as regular

1 registration plates are validated under this section. The
2 annual special animal friendly fee for letter number
3 designated plates is ten dollars, which shall be paid in
4 addition to the regular annual registration fee. The annual
5 fee for personalized animal friendly plates is five dollars,
6 which shall be paid in addition to the annual special animal
7 friendly fee and the regular annual registration fee. The
8 annual special animal friendly fee shall be credited and
9 transferred as provided under paragraph "c".

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill creates a special animal friendly motor vehicle
12 registration plate bearing an emblem to be designed by the
13 state department of transportation in consultation with the
14 Iowa board of veterinary medicine. The plate will be issued
15 for a special fee of \$35, plus an additional \$25 for a
16 personalized plate. The annual special renewal fee, which is
17 in addition to the regular annual registration fee for the
18 vehicle, is \$10, plus an additional \$5 for personalized
19 plates. Moneys from the \$35 special plate issuance fee and
20 the \$10 special plate renewal fee are appropriated to the
21 department of agriculture and land stewardship. The board of
22 veterinary medicine shall distribute the funds in the form of
23 grants to public and private organizations that work to
24 control pet overpopulation, such as nonprofit spay and neuter
25 clinics.

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