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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fees for special motor vehicle registration
2 plates issued to disabled veterans.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 12A, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 12A. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES -- ARMED FORCES SERVICES.

4 a. An owner of a type of vehicle referred to in subsection
5 12 who applies for any type of special registration plates
6 associated with service in the United States armed forces
7 shall be issued one set of the special registration plates at
8 no charge, but shall be subject to the annual registration fee
9 of fifteen dollars, if all of the following conditions are
10 met:

11 a- (1) The owner is eligible for, but has relinquished to
12 the department or the county treasurer or has not been issued,
13 congressional medal of honor, ex-prisoner of war, or legion of
14 merit special registration plates under this section, or
15 disabled veteran registration plates under section 321.105.

16 b- (2) The owner provides the appropriate information
17 regarding the owner's eligibility for any of the special
18 registration plates described in paragraph "a", and regarding
19 the owner's eligibility for the special registration plates
20 for which the owner has applied, as required by the
21 department.

22 b. A disabled veteran who is the owner of a type of
23 vehicle referred to in subsection 12 may apply for and receive
24 one set of any type of special registration plates associated
25 with service in the United States armed forces. The plates
26 shall be issued at no charge, but shall be subject to an
27 annual registration fee of five dollars. For purposes of this
28 paragraph, "disabled veteran" means a person who has suffered,
29 as a result of military service, at least a fifty percent
30 service-connected disability, or at least a forty percent
31 service-connected disability because of the amputation of a
32 lower extremity, and receives compensation from the United
33 States because of the disability.

34 c. A seriously disabled veteran who receives special
35 plates under this subsection shall be exempt from payment of

1 the ~~fifteen-dollar~~ annual registration fee as provided in
2 section 321.105.

3 d. Upon the death of the vehicle owner entitled to the
4 special registration plates, the special registration plates
5 shall be surrendered to the department or the county
6 treasurer.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides that a disabled veteran is eligible to
9 receive one set of any of the special motor vehicle
10 registration plates associated with service in the armed
11 forces at no charge. The annual registration fee for a
12 disabled veteran's motor vehicle registered with the special
13 plates is \$5, which is in lieu of the regular registration fee
14 and the special plate fee. The bill defines "disabled
15 veteran" as a person who has suffered, as a result of military
16 service, at least a 50 percent service-connected disability,
17 or at least a 40 percent service-connected disability because
18 of the amputation of a lower extremity, and receives
19 compensation from the United States because of the disability.
20 Certain seriously disabled veterans who have been provided
21 with a vehicle by the United States government are not
22 required to pay the annual registration fee for their
23 vehicles.

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