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HOUSE FILE 718
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 263)

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Vote: Ayes 94 Nays 4 Vote: Ayes 26 Nays 24
Approved 5/20/05

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing a refund of unexpired motor vehicle registration
2 fees to a vehicle owner who moves out of state.

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

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- 1 Amend House File 718 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 2, by striking the word
- 3 "subsection" and inserting the following:
- 4 "subsections".
- 5 2. Page 1, by inserting after line 15, the
- 6 following:
- 7 "NEW SUBSECTION. 6B. If a lessee surrenders
- 8 possession of a leased vehicle to the lessor prior to
- 9 the expiration of the lease agreement, either because
- 10 the lessee is leasing or purchasing another vehicle
- 11 from the lessor or because the lessee is moving out of
- 12 state, the lessor shall reimburse the lessee for the
- 13 amount of unexpired vehicle registration fees,
- 14 regardless of whether the lessor applies to the county
- 15 treasurer for a credit under section 321.46 or a
- 16 refund under this section. The reimbursement shall be
- 17 computed on the basis of the number of unexpired
- 18 months remaining in the registration year from the
- 19 date of surrender of possession of the vehicle to the
- 20 lessor."
- 21 3. Title page, line 1, by striking the words
- 22 "allowing a refund" and inserting the following:
- 23 "providing for refunds".
- 24 4. Title page, line 2, by striking the words "a
- 25 vehicle owner who moves out of state" and inserting
- 26 the following: "certain vehicle owners and lessees".
- 27 5. By renumbering as necessary.

By FORD of Polk

H-1112 FILED MARCH 18, 2005

1 Section 1. Section 321.126, Code 2005, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. If the owner of the motor vehicle
4 moves out of state, the owner may make a claim for a refund by
5 returning the Iowa registration plates, along with evidence of
6 the vehicle's registration in another jurisdiction, to the
7 county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle was
8 registered within six months of the out-of-state registration.
9 For purposes of section 321.127, the unexpired months
10 remaining in the registration year shall be calculated on the
11 basis of the effective date of the out-of-state registration.
12 However, for the purpose of timely issuance of the refund, the
13 claim for a refund under this subsection is considered to be
14 filed on the date the registration documents are received by
15 the county treasurer.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill allows the owner of a motor vehicle who moves out
18 of state to receive a refund for the unexpired portion of
19 registration fees. The claim for a refund shall be made by
20 returning the Iowa registration plates, along with evidence of
21 the vehicle's registration in another jurisdiction, to the
22 county treasurer within six months of the out-of-state
23 registration. The effective date of the new registration
24 shall be used as the basis for calculating the unexpired
25 portion of Iowa registration fees. The date that the
26 registration documents are received by the county treasurer
27 shall be considered the filing date for the claim for purposes
28 of the current requirement that the department has until the
29 last day of the month following the month in which the claim
30 is filed to issue a refund. Pursuant to current law, refunds
31 are not allowed for amounts less than \$10.

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AN ACT

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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 718, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 5/20, 2005

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor