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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a special gold star motor vehicle registration
2 plate, establishing fees, and allocating fees to the veterans
3 trust fund.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.13, subsection 3, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Moneys credited to the trust fund from
1 4 the sale of gold star registration plates pursuant to section
1 5 321.34, subsection 24.
1 6 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 7 the following new subsection:
1 8 NEW SUBSECTION. 24. GOLD STAR PLATES.
1 9 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is an
1 10 immediate family member of a deceased veteran who died in
1 11 combat while serving in the United States armed forces may
1 12 order special registration plates bearing a gold star emblem
1 13 upon written application to the department accompanied by
1 14 satisfactory supporting documentation as determined by the
1 15 department. For purposes of this subsection, "immediate
1 16 family member" means a surviving spouse, parent, child, or
1 17 sibling of the deceased veteran.
1 18 b. The gold star emblem shall be designed by the
1 19 department in consultation with the commission of veterans
1 20 affairs.
1 21 c. The special fee for letter number designated gold star
1 22 plates is thirty-five dollars. The fee for personalized gold
1 23 star plates is twenty-five dollars, which shall be paid in
1 24 addition to the special gold star fee of thirty-five dollars.
1 25 The fees collected by the director under this subsection shall
1 26 be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the
1 27 road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior
1 28 to the crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under
1 29 section 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of
1 30 state shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the
1 31 veterans trust fund created in section 35A.13 the amount of
1 32 the special fees collected in the previous month for the gold
1 33 star plates. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys transferred
1 34 under this subsection shall not revert to the general fund of
1 35 the state.
2 1 d. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
2 2 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to
2 3 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate the
2 4 special registration plates in the same manner as regular
2 5 registration plates are validated under this section. The
2 6 annual special gold star fee for letter number designated
2 7 plates is ten dollars, which shall be paid in addition to the
2 8 regular annual registration fee. The annual special fee for
2 9 personalized plates is five dollars, which shall be paid in
2 10 addition to the annual special gold star fee and the regular
2 11 annual registration fee. The annual special gold star fee
2 12 shall be credited and transferred as provided under paragraph
2 13 "c".

EXPLANATION

2 15 This bill creates a special "gold star" motor vehicle
2 16 registration plate to be designed by the department of
2 17 transportation in consultation with the commission of veterans
2 18 affairs. The special plates will be available to immediate
2 19 family members of a deceased veteran who died in combat while

2 20 serving in the United States armed forces. The bill defines
2 21 "immediate family member" as a spouse, parent, child, or
2 22 sibling of the deceased veteran. The department is to
2 23 determine satisfactory supporting documentation to be provided
2 24 by an applicant for the special plates.
2 25 The special gold star registration plates shall be issued
2 26 for a special fee of \$35, plus an additional \$25 for a
2 27 personalized plate. The annual special renewal fee, which is
2 28 in addition to the regular annual registration fee for the
2 29 vehicle, is \$10, plus an additional \$5 for personalized
2 30 plates. Moneys from the \$35 special plate issuance fee and
2 31 the \$10 special plate renewal fee are to be transferred to the
2 32 veterans trust fund.
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