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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing free motor vehicle registration for certain
2 veterans with service-connected disabilities.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 12A, paragraph b,
2 Code Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. An owner of a vehicle referred to in subsection 12 who
4 applies for any type of special registration plates associated
5 with service in the United States armed forces shall be issued
6 one set of the special registration plates at no charge and
7 subject to no annual registration fee if the owner is eligible
8 for, but has relinquished to the department or the county
9 treasurer or has not been issued, medal of honor registration
10 plates under subsection 8 or disabled veteran registration
11 plates under section 321.105, subsection 5 or 6.

12 Sec. 2. Section 321.105, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A veteran with a service-connected
15 disability rated at thirty percent or higher shall be exempt
16 from payment of the annual registration fee provided in this
17 chapter for one vehicle, and shall be provided, without fee,
18 with one set of regular registration plates or one set of any
19 type of special registration plates associated with service in
20 the United States armed forces for which the disabled veteran
21 qualifies under section 321.34. The disabled veteran, to be
22 able to claim the benefit, must be a resident of the state
23 of Iowa. In lieu of the set of regular or special military
24 registration plates available without fee, the disabled veteran
25 may obtain a set of nonmilitary special registration plates or
26 personalized plates issued under section 321.34 by paying the
27 additional fees associated with those plates.

28 Sec. 3. Section 321.166, subsection 6, Code 2011, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 6. Registration plates issued to a disabled veteran under
31 the provisions of section 321.105, subsection 5 or 6, shall
32 display the alphabetical characters "DV" which shall precede
33 the registration plate number. The plates may also display
34 a persons with disabilities parking sticker if issued to the
35 disabled veteran by the department under section 321L.2.

1 Sec. 4. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) Persons with disabilities parking sticker. An
4 applicant who owns a motor vehicle for which the applicant
5 has been issued registration plates under section 321.34 or
6 registration plates as a ~~seriously~~ disabled veteran under
7 section 321.105, subsection 5 or 6, may apply to the department
8 for a persons with disabilities parking sticker to be affixed
9 to the plates. The persons with disabilities parking stickers
10 shall bear the international symbol of accessibility.

11 Sec. 5. Section 321L.2, subsection 5, Code 2011, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 5. A seriously disabled veteran who has been provided with
14 an automobile or other vehicle by the United States government
15 under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 1901 et seq. (1970) is
16 not required to apply for a persons with disabilities parking
17 permit under this section unless the veteran has been issued
18 special registration plates or personalized plates for the
19 vehicle. The regular registration plates issued for the
20 disabled veteran's vehicle without fee pursuant to section
21 321.105, subsection 5, entitle the disabled veteran to all
22 of the rights and privileges associated with persons with
23 disabilities parking permits under this chapter.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides that a veteran of the United States armed
26 forces with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent
27 or higher is exempt from the payment of annual registration
28 fees for one vehicle. The veteran is entitled to one set
29 of disabled veteran registration plates to be issued free of
30 charge. Currently, disabled veteran registration plates are
31 available only to seriously disabled veterans who have been
32 provided with an automobile or other vehicle by the United
33 States government. The veteran may substitute any of the
34 special plates associated with military service in lieu of the
35 disabled veteran plates without additional fee, or the veteran

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1 may substitute a set of personalized plates or nonmilitary
2 special plates upon payment of the additional fees associated
3 with those plates. The use of the free registration plates
4 passes to the surviving spouse upon the death of the veteran.