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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2028)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing a veteran to request that the veteran's
2 driver's license or nonoperator's identification card be
3 marked with the word "VETERAN" to indicate veteran status.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.189, Code 2011, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. *Veterans status.* Beginning no later
4 than July 1, 2013, a licensee who is an honorably discharged
5 veteran of the armed forces of the United States seeking to
6 obtain a license, other than a replacement license, pursuant
7 to this section may request that such a license be marked to
8 reflect the licensee's veteran status. Upon such a request
9 the word "VETERAN" shall be marked prominently on the face
10 of the license. Such a license shall be issued only upon
11 receipt of satisfactory proof of veteran status pursuant to
12 procedures established by the department in consultation with
13 the department of veterans affairs. This subsection shall
14 not apply to duplicate or substitute licenses or nonoperator
15 identification cards obtained pursuant to section 321.195.

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
17 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:

18 *b.* (1) The department shall not issue a card to a person
19 holding a driver's license. However, a card may be issued to a
20 person holding a temporary permit under section 321.181. The
21 card shall be identical in form to a driver's license issued
22 under section 321.189 except the word "nonoperator" shall
23 appear prominently on the face of the card.

24 (2) A nonoperator's identification card issued to a person
25 under eighteen years of age shall contain the same information
26 as any other nonoperator's identification card except that the
27 words "under eighteen" shall appear prominently on the face of
28 the card.

29 (3) A nonoperator's identification card issued to a
30 person eighteen years of age or older but under twenty-one
31 years of age shall contain the same information as any other
32 nonoperator's identification card except that the words "under
33 twenty-one" shall appear prominently on the face of the card.

34 (4) A nonoperator's identification card issued to an
35 honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United

1 States who satisfies the requirements of section 321.189,
2 subsection 8, shall contain the same information as any other
3 nonoperator's identification card except the word "VETERAN"
4 shall appear prominently on the face of the card.

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EXPLANATION

6 This bill provides that by July 1, 2013, a person who is
7 an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the
8 United States may request to have that status noted on the
9 person's driver's license or nonoperator's identification
10 card. A veteran may not request that such status appear on a
11 replacement, duplicate, or substitute license or nonoperator's
12 identification card. A veteran making such a request is
13 required to provide proof of veteran status. The license card
14 issued to the veteran will have the word "VETERAN" marked
15 prominently on its face.