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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing free motor vehicle registration for certain
- 2 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, paragraph b, 2 Code 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 fifty 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.

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- 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:
- 5. A seriously disabled veteran who has been provided with an automobile or other vehicle by the United States government under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 1901 et seq. (1970) is not required to apply for a persons with disabilities parking 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 50 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.