

Senate File 2221 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of special disabled veteran
2 vehicle registration plates to certain disabled veterans who
3 qualify for a persons with disabilities parking permit.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2014, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14A. *Disabled veteran plates.* An owner
4 referred to in subsection 12, or an owner of a trailer used
5 to transport a wheelchair, who is a veteran of the armed
6 forces of the United States and, due to a service-connected
7 disability, is a person with a disability as defined in
8 section 321L.1 may, upon written application to the department,
9 order special registration plates with a disabled veteran
10 processed emblem. The processed emblem shall be designed by
11 the department in consultation with the adjutant general.
12 The special registration plates with a disabled veteran
13 processed emblem shall only be issued if the application is
14 accompanied by documentation identifying the person as a
15 disabled veteran with a service-connected disability along
16 with a statement from a physician licensed under chapter 148
17 or 149, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 148C, an
18 advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter
19 152, or a chiropractor licensed under chapter 151, written on
20 the physician's, physician assistant's, nurse practitioner's,
21 or chiropractor's stationery, stating the nature of the
22 applicant's service-connected disability and such additional
23 information as required by rules adopted by the department.
24 The application shall be approved by the department, and the
25 disabled veteran plates shall be issued to the applicant in
26 exchange for the registration plates previously issued to the
27 person. There shall be no fee in addition to the regular
28 annual registration fee for the disabled veteran plates issued
29 under this subsection. The registration plates with a disabled
30 veteran processed emblem shall be surrendered in exchange for
31 regular registration plates as provided in subsection 12 when
32 the owner of the vehicle no longer qualifies as a person with a
33 disability as defined in section 321L.1.

34 Sec. 2. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
35 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

1 (1) Persons with disabilities or disabled veteran
2 registration plates. An applicant may order persons
3 with disabilities registration plates or disabled veteran
4 registration plates pursuant to section 321.34. An applicant
5 may order a persons with disabilities registration plate or
6 a disabled veteran registration plate for a trailer used to
7 transport a wheelchair pursuant to section 321.34 in addition
8 to persons with disabilities registration plates or disabled
9 veteran registration plates ordered by the applicant for a
10 motor vehicle used to tow such a trailer pursuant to section
11 321.34.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill provides for the issuance of special vehicle
16 registration plates with a disabled veteran processed
17 emblem, to be designed by the department of transportation in
18 consultation with the adjutant general. The special disabled
19 veteran plates are available to the owner of a motor truck,
20 motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or
21 travel trailer who is a veteran of the armed forces of the
22 United States and, due to a service-connected disability, meets
23 the definition of a person with a disability eligible to use
24 persons with disabilities parking spaces. Application for
25 the disabled veteran registration plates must be accompanied
26 by documentation identifying the person as a disabled veteran
27 with a service-connected disability along with a statement
28 from a physician, physician assistant, advanced registered
29 nurse practitioner, or chiropractor stating the nature of the
30 applicant's service-connected disability and any additional
31 information required by rules adopted by the department. Upon
32 approval of the application by the department, the disabled
33 veteran registration plates shall be issued without any
34 additional fee, other than the regular registration fee for
35 the vehicle. The disabled veteran registration plates shall

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1 serve as a persons with a disability parking permit for the
2 disabled veteran. As with regular persons with disabilities
3 special plates, the disabled veteran plates are required to be
4 surrendered in exchange for regular registration plates when
5 the owner of the vehicle no longer qualifies as a person with a
6 disability for purposes of special parking privileges.