

Senate File 223 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 73)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of special electric vehicle
2 registration plates, establishing fees, and including
3 effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. *Electric vehicle plates.*

4 a. The owner of a motor vehicle that operates on an electric
5 propulsion system or on a combination of an electric propulsion
6 system and an internal combustion propulsion system may,
7 upon written application to the department, order special
8 registration plates with an electric vehicle emblem. The
9 emblem shall be designed by the department in consultation with
10 the department of public safety.

11 b. Electric vehicle plates shall be issued as provided
12 in subsection 12. The special plate fees collected by the
13 director under subsection 12, paragraphs "a" and "c", from the
14 issuance and annual validation of letter-number designated and
15 personalized electric vehicle plates shall be paid monthly to
16 the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund.

17 c. When the owner of a motor vehicle with electric vehicle
18 plates transfers or assigns ownership of the vehicle to another
19 person, the owner shall remove the electric vehicle plates
20 from the vehicle. The owner shall forward the plates to the
21 county treasurer where the motor vehicle is registered or the
22 owner may have the plates assigned to another motor vehicle
23 that meets the requirements under paragraph "a". Electric
24 vehicle registration plates shall not be assigned to another
25 motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle operates on an electric
26 propulsion system or on a combination of an electric propulsion
27 system and an internal combustion propulsion system.

28 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
29 2014.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill directs the department of transportation to issue
32 a new special motor vehicle registration plate bearing an
33 electric vehicle emblem, to be designed by the department in
34 consultation with the department of public safety. The special
35 electric vehicle plates will be available only for motor

1 vehicles that operate on an electric propulsion system or on
2 a combination of electric propulsion and internal combustion
3 propulsion. The fees for electric vehicle plates are the
4 standard fees established for special registration plates. The
5 fee for issuance of the special plates is \$25. An applicant
6 for personalized special plates must pay the \$25 personalized
7 plate fee in addition to the \$25 special plate fee. The
8 special plate renewal fee is \$5, in addition to the annual
9 vehicle registration fee. For renewal of personalized special
10 plates, a \$5 personalized plate renewal fee applies in addition
11 to the \$5 special plate fee and the annual registration fee.
12 All fees for electric vehicle plates are to deposited in the
13 road use tax fund.

14 Under current law, when the owner of a vehicle transfers or
15 assigns ownership of the vehicle to another person, the owner
16 may have the plates assigned to another vehicle. Under the
17 bill, electric vehicle plates shall not be assigned to another
18 motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle operates on an electric
19 propulsion system or on a combination of electric propulsion
20 and internal combustion propulsion.

21 The bill takes effect January 1, 2014.