

House File 2259 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 544)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for disabled
2 veterans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.105, subsection 5, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. a. Seriously disabled veterans who have been provided
4 with an automobile or other vehicle by the United States
5 government under the provisions of ~~§1901—1903, Tit. 38 of~~
6 ~~the United States Code,~~ 38 U.S.C. ~~§1901 et seq. (1970)~~ §3901
7 — §3904, shall be exempt from payment of the registration fee
8 fees provided in this chapter for that vehicle, and shall be
9 provided, without fee, with one set of regular registration
10 plates or one set of any type of special registration plates
11 associated with service in the United States armed forces for
12 which the disabled veteran qualifies under section 321.34. The
13 disabled veteran, to be able to claim the benefit, must be a
14 resident of the state of Iowa. In lieu of the set of regular
15 or special military registration plates available without fee,
16 the disabled veteran may obtain a set of nonmilitary special
17 registration plates or personalized plates issued under section
18 321.34 by paying the additional fees associated with those
19 plates.

20 b. A disabled veteran with a service-related disability
21 rating of fifty percent or higher as determined by the United
22 States department of veterans affairs shall be exempt from
23 payment of the registration fees provided in this chapter for
24 one vehicle, and shall be provided, without fee, with one
25 set of regular registration plates or one set of any type of
26 special registration plates associated with service in the
27 United States armed forces for which the disabled veteran
28 qualifies under section 321.34. The disabled veteran, to be
29 able to claim the benefit, must be a resident of the state
30 of Iowa. In lieu of the set of regular or special military
31 registration plates available without fee, the disabled veteran
32 may obtain a set of nonmilitary special registration plates or
33 personalized plates issued under section 321.34 by paying the
34 additional fees associated with those plates. However, if the
35 disabled veteran was issued or reassigned a set of nonmilitary

1 special registration plates or personalized plates in the
2 one-year period prior to July 1, 2016, the disabled veteran may
3 continue to use the plates without payment of the additional
4 fees associated with those plates.

5 Sec. 2. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
6 subparagraph (2), Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

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

15 Sec. 3. Section 321L.2, subsection 5, Code 2016, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 5. A seriously disabled veteran who has been provided with
18 an automobile or other vehicle by the United States government
19 under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. ~~§1901 et seq. (1970)~~ §3901 -
20 §3904, or a disabled veteran with a service-related disability
21 rating of fifty percent or higher as determined by the United
22 States department of veterans affairs is not required to apply
23 for a persons with disabilities parking permit under this
24 section unless the veteran has been issued special registration
25 plates or personalized plates for the vehicle. The regular
26 registration plates issued for the disabled veteran's vehicle
27 without fee pursuant to [section 321.105](#) entitle the disabled
28 veteran to all of the rights and privileges associated with
29 persons with disabilities parking permits under [this chapter](#).

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 Current law exempts seriously disabled veterans who have
34 been provided with an automobile or other vehicle by the United
35 States government from paying motor vehicle registration fees

1 or applying for a persons with disabilities parking permit.
2 This bill broadens these exemptions to include disabled
3 veterans with a service-related disability rating of 50 percent
4 or higher as determined by the United States department of
5 veterans affairs.

6 The bill provides such disabled veterans with one free set
7 of regular registration plates or one free set of any type of
8 special registration plates associated with service in the
9 United States armed forces for which the disabled veteran
10 qualifies under Code section 321.34. The bill requires the
11 disabled veteran to be a resident of the state of Iowa. In lieu
12 of the set of regular or special military registration plates
13 available without fee, the disabled veteran may obtain a set of
14 nonmilitary special registration plates or personalized plates
15 by paying the additional fees associated with those plates.
16 However, if the veteran was issued such plates prior to July
17 1, 2016, the veteran may continue to use the plates without
18 payment of the additional fees.

19 The bill also updates the reference to title 38 of the
20 United States Code relating to automobiles provided to disabled
21 veterans by the federal government.