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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to veteran and armed forces retired special
2 registration plates.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35A.11, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
2 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3 *d.* United States armed forces ~~retired~~ veteran special plates
4 issued pursuant to [section 321.34, subsection 19](#).

5 Sec. 2. Section 35A.11, subsection 2, paragraph j, Code
6 2018, is amended by striking the paragraph.

7 Sec. 3. Section 321.34, subsection 19, Code 2018, is amended
8 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
9 following:

10 19. *United States armed forces veteran special plates.*

11 *a.* An owner referred to in subsection 12 who served in the
12 armed forces of the United States and was discharged under
13 honorable conditions may, upon written application to the
14 department and upon presentation of satisfactory proof of
15 military service and discharge under honorable conditions,
16 order special registration plates bearing a distinguishing
17 processed emblem depicting the word "veteran" below a symbol
18 of the branch of the armed forces from which the owner was
19 discharged. The emblems shall be designed by the department
20 in consultation with service organizations. The application
21 is subject to approval by the department. The special plate
22 fees collected by the director under subsection 12, paragraph
23 "a", from the annual validation of letter-number designated
24 United States armed forces veteran plates, and subsection 12,
25 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of
26 personalized United States armed forces veteran plates, shall
27 be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
28 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
29 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under
30 section 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee
31 fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special fees
32 collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous
33 month for United States armed forces veteran plates.

34 *b.* Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a", an owner
35 who is approved for special registration plates under this

1 subsection shall be issued one set of special registration
2 plates bearing a distinguishing processed emblem depicting the
3 word "veteran" below a symbol of the branch of the armed forces
4 from which the owner was discharged at no charge.

5 c. The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
6 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
7 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
8 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
9 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
10 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
11 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special
12 plates to the department and the department shall issue regular
13 registration plates to the surviving spouse.

14 Sec. 4. Section 321.34, subsection 27, Code 2018, is amended
15 by striking the subsection.

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EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill eliminates United States armed forces retired
20 special registration plates, which have a branch-specific
21 processed emblem containing the words "retired military", and
22 United States veteran special registration plates, which have a
23 processed emblem containing the word "veteran" below an image
24 of the American flag.

25 The bill provides for the issuance of United States armed
26 forces veteran special registration plates to motor vehicle
27 owners who served in the armed forces of the United States and
28 were discharged under honorable conditions. The plates are
29 required to have a distinguishing processed emblem depicting
30 the word "veteran" below a symbol of the branch of the armed
31 forces from which the owner was discharged. The emblems must
32 be designed by the department of transportation (DOT) in
33 consultation with service organizations.

34 Under current law, the fee for issuance of letter-number
35 designated special plates is \$25, the annual fee for

1 letter-number designated special plates is \$5, the fee for
2 issuance of personalized special plates is an additional \$25,
3 and the annual fee for personalized special plates is an
4 additional \$5. The annual fees are in addition to the regular
5 annual registration fee. The bill provides that an owner who
6 is approved for United States armed forces veteran special
7 plates must be issued one set of plates at no charge. This
8 exemption does not include the fees for personalized plates.

9 The annual fees collected for letter-number designated
10 United States armed forces veteran special plates and the
11 issuance and annual fees collected for personalized United
12 States armed forces veteran special plates must be paid monthly
13 to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax
14 fund. The treasurer of state is required to transfer monthly
15 from the statutory allocations fund to the veterans license
16 fee fund the amount of the special fees collected for United
17 States armed forces veteran plates in the previous month. The
18 transfer to the veterans license fee fund does not include the
19 additional issuance and annual fees for personalized plates.

20 The bill provides that the surviving spouse of a person who
21 was issued United States armed forces veteran special plates
22 may continue to use or apply for and use the special plates
23 subject to registration of the special plates in the surviving
24 spouse's name and upon payment of the annual \$5 special plate
25 fee and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle.
26 If the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse must
27 return the special plates to the DOT and the DOT shall issue
28 regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.