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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance and display of one motor
2 vehicle registration plate, including by requiring a study
3 on other means available to identify motor vehicles from the
4 front, and including transition provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8A.362, subsection 7, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. The director shall require that a sign be placed on
4 each state-owned motor vehicle in a conspicuous place which
5 indicates its ownership by the state. This requirement
6 shall not apply to motor vehicles requested to be exempt by
7 the director or by the commissioner of public safety. All
8 state-owned motor vehicles shall display a registration
9 ~~plates~~ plate bearing the word "official" except motor vehicles
10 requested to be furnished with an ordinary ~~plates~~ plate by the
11 director or by the commissioner of public safety pursuant to
12 section 321.19. The director shall keep an accurate record of
13 the registration plates used on all state-owned motor vehicles.
14 [This subsection](#) shall not apply to an assigned vehicle rented
15 or leased pursuant to [section 8A.367](#).

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.18, subsection 7, Code 2020, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 7. Any school bus in this state used exclusively for
19 the transportation of pupils to and from school or a school
20 function or for the purposes provided in section 285.1,
21 subsection 1, and [section 285.10, subsection 9](#), or used
22 exclusively for the transportation of children enrolled in a
23 federal head start program. Upon application the department
24 shall, without charge, issue a registration certificate and
25 registration ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall be attached
26 to the ~~front and~~ rear of each bus exempt from registration
27 under [this subsection](#).

28 Sec. 3. Section 321.19, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
29 2020, is amended to read as follows:

30 *c.* However, the director of the department of administrative
31 services or the director of transportation may order the
32 issuance of a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate for any
33 exempted vehicle used by any of the following:

34 (1) Peace officers or federal law enforcement officers in
35 the enforcement of the law.

1 (2) Persons enforcing chapter 124 and other laws relating to
2 controlled substances.

3 (3) Persons in the department of justice, the alcoholic
4 beverages division of the department of commerce, disease
5 investigators of the Iowa department of public health, the
6 department of inspections and appeals, and the department of
7 revenue, who are regularly assigned to conduct investigations
8 which cannot reasonably be conducted with a vehicle displaying
9 an "official" state registration plates plate.

10 (4) Persons who are federal agents or officers regularly
11 assigned to conduct investigations which cannot reasonably be
12 conducted with a vehicle displaying an "official" registration
13 plates plate.

14 (5) Persons in the Iowa lottery authority whose regularly
15 assigned duties relating to security or the carrying of
16 lottery tickets cannot reasonably be conducted with a vehicle
17 displaying an "official" registration plates plate.

18 (6) Persons in the economic development authority
19 who are regularly assigned duties relating to existing
20 industry expansion or business attraction, and mental health
21 professionals or health care professionals who provide off-site
22 or in-home medical or mental health services to clients of
23 publicly funded programs.

24 Sec. 4. Section 321.20B, subsection 4, paragraph a,
25 subparagraph (3), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2020, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 Issue a citation and remove the motor vehicle's license
28 plates plate and registration receipt.

29 Sec. 5. Section 321.20B, subsection 4, paragraph a,
30 subparagraph (3), subparagraph division (a), Code 2020, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (a) Upon removing the license plates plate and registration
33 receipt, the peace officer shall deliver the plates plate for
34 destruction, as appropriate, and forward the registration
35 receipt and evidence of the violation, as determined by the

1 department, to the county treasurer of the county in which the
2 motor vehicle is registered.

3 Sec. 6. Section 321.20B, subsection 4, paragraph a,
4 subparagraph (4), subparagraph division (a), Code 2020, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) Issue a citation, remove the motor vehicle's license
7 ~~plates~~ plate and registration receipt, and impound the motor
8 vehicle. The peace officer shall deliver the ~~plates~~ plate
9 for destruction, as appropriate, and forward the registration
10 receipt and evidence of the violation, as determined by the
11 department, to the county treasurer of the county in which the
12 motor vehicle is registered.

13 Sec. 7. Section 321.20B, subsection 4, paragraph b,
14 subparagraph (1), subparagraph divisions (a) and (b), Code
15 2020, are amended to read as follows:

16 (a) If the person was cited pursuant to paragraph "a",
17 subparagraph (3), the owner or driver shall provide a copy of
18 the receipt to the county treasurer of the county in which the
19 motor vehicle is registered and the owner shall be assessed a
20 fifteen dollar administrative fee by the county treasurer who
21 shall issue a new license ~~plates~~ plate and registration to the
22 person after payment of the fee.

23 (b) If the person was cited pursuant to paragraph "a",
24 subparagraph (4), the owner or driver, after the owner
25 provides proof of financial liability coverage to the clerk
26 of court, may claim the motor vehicle after such person pays
27 any applicable fine and the costs of towing and storage for
28 the motor vehicle, and the owner or driver provides a copy
29 of the receipt and the owner pays to the county treasurer of
30 the county in which the motor vehicle is registered a fifteen
31 dollar administrative fee, and the county treasurer shall issue
32 a new license ~~plates~~ plate and registration to the person.

33 Sec. 8. Section 321.20B, subsection 4, paragraph b,
34 subparagraph (2), subparagraph divisions (a) and (b), Code
35 2020, are amended to read as follows:

1 (a) Sign an admission of violation on the citation and
2 remit to the clerk of court a scheduled fine as provided in
3 section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph "f", for a violation of
4 subsection 1. Upon payment of the fine to the clerk of court of
5 the county where the citation was issued, payment of a fifteen
6 dollar administrative fee to the county treasurer of the
7 county in which the motor vehicle is registered, and providing
8 proof of payment of any applicable fine and proof of financial
9 liability coverages to the county treasurer of the county in
10 which the motor vehicle is registered, the treasurer shall
11 issue a new license plates plate and registration to the owner.

12 (b) Request an appearance before the court on the matter.
13 If the matter goes before the court, and the owner or driver
14 is found guilty of a violation of [subsection 1](#), the court
15 may impose a fine as provided in section 805.8A, subsection
16 14, paragraph "f", for a violation of [subsection 1](#), or the
17 court may order the person to perform unpaid community
18 service instead of the fine. Upon the payment of the fine
19 or the entry of the order for unpaid community service, the
20 person shall provide proof of payment or entry of such order
21 and the county treasurer of the county in which the motor
22 vehicle is registered shall issue a new license plates plate
23 and registration to the owner upon the owner providing proof
24 of financial liability coverage and paying a fifteen dollar
25 administrative fee to the county treasurer.

26 Sec. 9. Section 321.22, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 1. An urban transit company or system having a franchise
29 to operate in any city and any regional transit system may
30 make application to the department, upon forms furnished by
31 the department, for a certificate containing a distinguishing
32 number and for one or more ~~pairs of~~ registration plates to be
33 attached to the ~~front and~~ rear of buses owned or operated by
34 the transit company or system.

35 Sec. 10. Section 321.23, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 3. In the event an applicant for registration of a foreign
3 vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued is
4 able to furnish evidence of being the registered owner of the
5 vehicle to the county treasurer of the owner's residence,
6 although unable to surrender such certificate of title,
7 the county treasurer may issue a registration receipt and
8 ~~plates~~ plate upon receipt of the required annual registration
9 fee and the fee for new registration but shall not issue a
10 certificate of title ~~thereto~~ for the vehicle. Upon surrender
11 of the certificate of title from the foreign state, the county
12 treasurer shall issue a certificate of title to the owner, of
13 the vehicle or other person entitled ~~thereto~~, ~~of such vehicle~~
14 to the certificate of title as provided in this chapter. The
15 owner of a vehicle registered under this subsection shall not
16 be required to obtain a certificate of title in this state and
17 may transfer ownership of the vehicle to a motor vehicle dealer
18 licensed under chapter 322 if, at the time of the transfer,
19 the certificate of title is held by a secured party and the
20 dealer has forwarded to the secured party the sum necessary to
21 discharge the security interest pursuant to section 321.48,
22 subsection 1.

23 Sec. 11. Section 321.25, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 1. A vehicle may be operated upon the highways of this state
26 without a registration ~~plates~~ plate for a period of forty-five
27 days after the date of delivery of the vehicle to the purchaser
28 from a dealer if a card bearing the words "registration applied
29 for" is attached on the rear of the vehicle. The card shall
30 have plainly stamped or stenciled the registration number of
31 the dealer from whom the vehicle was purchased and the date
32 of delivery of the vehicle. In addition, a dealer licensed
33 to sell new motor vehicles may attach the card to a new motor
34 vehicle delivered by the dealer to the purchaser even if the
35 vehicle was purchased from an out-of-state dealer and the card

1 shall bear the registration number of the dealer that delivered
2 the vehicle. A dealer shall not issue a card to a person known
3 to the dealer to be in possession of a registration plates
4 plate which may be attached to the vehicle. A dealer shall
5 not issue a card unless an application for registration and
6 certificate of title has been made by the purchaser and a
7 receipt issued to the purchaser of the vehicle showing the fee
8 paid by the person making the application. Dealers' records
9 shall indicate the agency to which the fee is sent and the date
10 the fee is sent. The dealer shall forward the application by
11 the purchaser to the county treasurer or state office within
12 thirty calendar days from the date of delivery of the vehicle.
13 However, if the vehicle is subject to a security interest
14 and has been offered for sale pursuant to section 321.48,
15 subsection 1, the dealer shall forward the application by the
16 purchaser to the county treasurer or state office within thirty
17 calendar days from the date of the delivery of the vehicle to
18 the purchaser.

19 Sec. 12. Section 321.26, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 2. The county treasurer may adjust the renewal or expiration
22 date of vehicles when deemed necessary to equalize the number
23 of vehicles registered in each twelve-month period or for the
24 administrative efficiency of the county treasurer's office.
25 The adjustment shall be accomplished by delivery of a written
26 notice to the vehicle owner of the adjustment and allowance of
27 a credit for the remaining months of the unused portion of the
28 annual registration fee, rounded to the nearest whole dollar,
29 which amount shall be deducted from the annual registration
30 fee due at the time of registration. Upon receipt of the
31 notification the owner shall, within thirty days, surrender the
32 registration card and registration ~~plates~~ plate to the county
33 treasurer of the county where the vehicle is registered, except
34 that the registration ~~plates~~ plate shall not be surrendered
35 if a validation stickers sticker or other ~~emblems~~ emblem

1 is used to designate the month and year of expiration of
2 registration. Upon payment of the annual registration fee,
3 less the credit allowed for the remaining months of the
4 unused portion of the annual registration fee, the county
5 treasurer shall issue a new registration card and registration
6 ~~plates~~ plate, validation ~~stickers~~ sticker, or ~~emblems~~ emblem
7 which ~~indicate~~ indicates the month and year of expiration of
8 registration.

9 Sec. 13. Section 321.34, subsections 1, 2, and 3, Code 2020,
10 are amended to read as follows:

11 1. *Plates* Plate issued. The county treasurer upon receiving
12 application, accompanied by proper fee, for registration of a
13 vehicle shall issue to the owner one registration plate ~~for~~
14 ~~a motorcycle, motorized bicycle, autocycle, truck tractor,~~
15 ~~trailer, or semitrailer and two registration plates for every~~
16 ~~other motor vehicle~~. The registration ~~plates~~ plate, including
17 any special registration ~~plates~~ plate, shall be assigned
18 to the owner of a vehicle. When the owner of a registered
19 vehicle transfers or assigns ownership of the vehicle to
20 another person, the owner shall remove the registration ~~plates~~
21 plate from the vehicle. The owner shall forward the ~~plates~~
22 plate to the county treasurer where the vehicle is registered
23 or the owner may have the ~~plates~~ plate assigned to another
24 vehicle within thirty days after transfer, upon payment of the
25 fees required by law. The owner shall immediately affix the
26 registration ~~plates~~ plate retained by the owner to another
27 vehicle owned or acquired by the owner, providing the owner
28 complies with [section 321.46](#). The department shall adopt rules
29 providing for the assignment of a registration ~~plates~~ plate to
30 the transferee of a vehicle for which a credit is allowed under
31 section 321.46, subsection 6.

32 2. *Validation stickers*.

33 a. In lieu of issuing a new registration ~~plates~~ plate
34 each registration year for a vehicle renewing registration,
35 the department may reassign the registration ~~plates~~ plate

1 previously issued to the vehicle and may adopt and prescribe
2 an annual validation sticker indicating payment of annual
3 registration fees. The department shall issue one validation
4 sticker for each ~~set of registration plates~~ plate. The
5 sticker shall specify the month and year of expiration of the
6 registration ~~plates~~ plate. The sticker shall be displayed
7 ~~only on the rear registration plate, except that the sticker~~
8 ~~shall be displayed on the front registration plate of a truck~~
9 ~~tractor.~~

10 *b.* The state department of transportation shall adopt rules
11 to provide for the placement of the motor vehicle registration
12 validation sticker.

13 3. *Radio operators plates.* The owner of an automobile,
14 motorcycle, trailer, or motor truck who holds an amateur radio
15 license issued by the federal communications commission may,
16 upon written application to the county treasurer accompanied
17 by a fee of five dollars, order a special registration plates
18 plate bearing the call letters authorized the radio station
19 covered by the person's amateur radio license. When received
20 by the county treasurer, such special registration ~~plates~~
21 plate shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the
22 registration ~~plates~~ plate previously issued to the person. Not
23 more than one ~~set of special registration plates~~ plate may be
24 issued to an applicant. Said fee shall be in addition to and
25 not in lieu of the fee for a regular registration plates plate.
26 ~~Special~~ A special registration ~~plates~~ plate must be surrendered
27 upon expiration of the owner's amateur radio license and the
28 owner shall thereupon be entitled to the owner's regular
29 registration ~~plates~~ plate. The county treasurer shall validate
30 special plates in the same manner as regular registration
31 plates, upon payment of five dollars in addition to the regular
32 annual registration fee.

33 Sec. 14. Section 321.34, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
34 2020, is amended to read as follows:

35 *a.* Upon application and the payment of a fee of twenty-five

1 dollars, the director may issue to the owner of a motor
2 vehicle registered in this state or a trailer or travel trailer
3 registered in this state, a personalized registration plates
4 plate marked with up to seven initials, letters, or combination
5 of numerals and letters requested by the owner. However,
6 personalized registration plates for autocycles, motorcycles,
7 and motorized bicycles shall be marked with no more than six
8 initials, letters, or combinations of numerals and letters.
9 Upon receipt of the personalized registration plates plate,
10 the applicant shall surrender the regular registration plates
11 plate to the county treasurer. The fee for issuance of the
12 personalized registration plates plate shall be in addition to
13 the regular annual registration fee.

14 Sec. 15. Section 321.34, subsection 6, Code 2020, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 6. *Sample vehicle registration plates.* ~~Vehicle~~ A vehicle
17 registration plates plate displaying the general design of
18 a regular registration plates plate, with the word "sample"
19 displayed on the plate, may be furnished to any person upon
20 payment of a fee of three dollars, except that such plates may
21 be furnished to governmental agencies without cost. ~~Sample~~ A
22 sample registration plates plate shall not be attached to a
23 vehicle moved on the highways of this state.

24 Sec. 16. Section 321.34, subsection 7, paragraphs a and e,
25 Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

26 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
27 director may issue to the owner of a motor vehicle subject
28 to registration under [section 321.109, subsection 1](#), motor
29 truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, trailer over two
30 thousand pounds, or travel trailer registered in this state, a
31 collegiate registration plates plate created pursuant to this
32 subsection. Upon receipt of the collegiate registration plates
33 plate, the applicant shall surrender the regular registration
34 plates plate to the county treasurer.

35 e. A collegiate registration plate shall not be issued if

1 its combination of alphanumeric characters are identical to
2 those contained on a current personalized registration plate
3 issued under [subsection 5](#). However, the owner of a motor
4 vehicle who has a personalized registration plate issued for
5 the motor vehicle may, after proper application and payment
6 of fees, be issued a collegiate registration plate containing
7 the same alphanumeric characters as those on the personalized
8 plate. Upon receipt of the collegiate registration ~~plates~~
9 plate, the owner shall surrender the personalized registration
10 ~~plates~~ plate to the county treasurer.

11 Sec. 17. Section 321.34, subsection 7A, paragraphs b and c,
12 Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

13 *b.* Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
14 director may issue to the owner of a motor vehicle subject
15 to registration under [section 321.109, subsection 1](#), motor
16 truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, trailer over two
17 thousand pounds, or travel trailer registered in this state,
18 a collegiate registration ~~plates~~ plate created pursuant to
19 this subsection. The fee for the issuance of a collegiate
20 registration ~~plates~~ plate is twenty-five dollars, which fee
21 is in addition to the regular annual registration fee for the
22 vehicle. An applicant may obtain a personalized collegiate
23 registration plate upon payment of the additional fee for a
24 personalized plate as provided in [subsection 5](#) in addition to
25 the collegiate plate fee and the regular registration fee. The
26 county treasurer shall validate collegiate registration plates
27 issued under [this subsection](#) in the same manner as regular
28 registration plates, upon payment of five dollars in addition
29 to the regular annual registration fee. Upon receipt of the
30 collegiate registration ~~plates~~ plate, the applicant shall
31 surrender the regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the county
32 treasurer.

33 *c.* A personalized collegiate registration plate shall
34 not be issued if its combination of alphanumeric characters
35 are identical to those contained on a current personalized

1 registration plate issued under subsection 5. However, the
2 owner of a motor vehicle who has a personalized registration
3 plate issued for the motor vehicle may, after proper
4 application and payment of fees, be issued a collegiate
5 registration plate containing the same alphanumeric characters
6 as those on the personalized plate. Upon receipt of the
7 collegiate registration ~~plates~~ plate, the owner shall surrender
8 the personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate to the county
9 treasurer.

10 Sec. 18. Section 321.34, subsections 8, 8A, and 9, Code
11 2020, are amended to read as follows:

12 8. *Medal of honor plates.*

13 a. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration
14 under section 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motorcycle,
15 trailer, or motor truck who has been awarded the medal of
16 honor may, upon written application to the department, order a
17 special registration ~~plates~~ plate which shall be red, white,
18 and blue in color and shall bear an emblem of the medal of
19 honor and an identifying number. Each applicant applying for
20 a special registration ~~plates~~ plate under this subsection may
21 order only one ~~set of~~ registration ~~plates~~ plate under this
22 subsection. The application is subject to approval by the
23 department and the special registration ~~plates~~ plate shall
24 be issued at no charge to the applicant in exchange for the
25 registration ~~plates~~ plate previously issued to the person.
26 A person who is issued a special ~~plates~~ plate under this
27 subsection is exempt from payment of any annual registration
28 fee for the motor vehicle bearing the special ~~plates~~ plate.
29 The department shall validate the special plates in the same
30 manner as regular registration plates are validated under this
31 section. The department shall not issue special registration
32 plates until service organizations in the state have furnished
33 the department either the special dies or the cost of the
34 special dies necessary for the manufacture of the special
35 registration plate.

1 **b.** The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
2 ~~plates~~ plate under this subsection may continue to use the
3 special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration of the special
4 ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse's name. If the surviving
5 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special
6 ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the department shall issue a
7 regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the surviving spouse.

8 **8A. Ex-prisoner of war special plates.**

9 **a.** The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration
10 under section 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motorcycle,
11 trailer, or motor truck who was a prisoner of war during a
12 time of military conflict may, upon written application to
13 the department, order only one ~~set of~~ special registration
14 ~~plates~~ plate with an ex-prisoner of war processed emblem. The
15 emblem shall be designed by the department in cooperation
16 with the adjutant general and shall signify that the owner
17 was a prisoner of war as described in this subsection. The
18 application is subject to approval by the department, in
19 consultation with the adjutant general. The special ~~plates~~
20 plate shall be issued at no charge and ~~are~~ is subject to
21 an annual registration fee of fifteen dollars. The county
22 treasurer shall validate the special plates in the same
23 manner as regular registration plates are validated under this
24 section.

25 **b.** The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
26 ~~plates~~ plate under this subsection may continue to use or apply
27 for and use the special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration
28 of the special ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse's name and
29 upon payment of the annual registration fee. If the surviving
30 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special
31 ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the department shall issue a
32 regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the surviving spouse.

33 **9. Leased vehicles. Registration plates** A registration
34 plate under this section, including a disabled veteran ~~plates~~
35 plate specified in section 321.105, may be issued to the lessee

1 of a motor vehicle if the lessee provides evidence of a lease
2 for a period of more than sixty days and if the lessee complies
3 with the requirements, under [this section](#), for issuance of the
4 specific registration ~~plates~~ plate.

5 Sec. 19. Section 321.34, subsection 10, paragraphs a, b, and
6 d, Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

7 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who is a current
8 or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department may,
9 upon written application to the department, order a special
10 registration ~~plates~~ plate, designed by the department in
11 cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire
12 fighters' associations, which signify that the applicant
13 is a current or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire
14 department.

15 b. The application shall be approved by the department in
16 consultation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire
17 fighters' associations, and the special registration ~~plates~~
18 plate shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the
19 registration ~~plates~~ plate previously issued to the person. An
20 applicant who is the owner of a business-trade truck or special
21 truck shall not be issued a special fire fighter registration
22 ~~plates~~ plate for more than one vehicle. The fee for the
23 special ~~plates~~ plate is twenty-five dollars which shall be
24 paid in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The
25 department shall validate the special plates in the same manner
26 as regular registration plates are validated under [this section](#)
27 at the regular annual registration fee.

28 d. For purposes of [this subsection](#), a person is considered
29 to be retired if the person is recognized by the chief of the
30 fire department where the individual served, and on record,
31 as officially retired from the fire department. ~~Special A~~
32 special registration ~~plates~~ plate with a fire fighter emblem
33 shall be surrendered, as provided in [subsection 12](#), in exchange
34 for a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate upon termination of
35 the motor vehicle owner's membership in the paid or volunteer

1 fire department, unless the person is a retired member in good
2 standing.

3 Sec. 20. Section 321.34, subsection 10A, paragraph a, Code
4 2020, is amended to read as follows:

5 a. The owner of a motor vehicle referred to in subsection
6 12 who is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency
7 medical services agency may, upon written application to
8 the department, order a special registration ~~plates~~ plate,
9 designed by the department in cooperation with representatives
10 designated by the Iowa emergency medical services association,
11 which ~~plates signify~~ signifies that the applicant is a current
12 member of a paid or volunteer emergency medical services
13 agency. The application shall be approved by the department,
14 in consultation with representatives designated by the Iowa
15 emergency medical services association, and the special
16 registration ~~plates~~ plate shall be issued to the applicant
17 in exchange for the registration ~~plates~~ plate previously
18 issued to the person. The fee for the special ~~plates~~ plate is
19 twenty-five dollars which is in addition to the regular annual
20 registration fee. The department shall validate the special
21 plates in the same manner as regular registration plates are
22 validated under [this section](#) at the regular annual registration
23 fee.

24 Sec. 21. Section 321.34, subsection 11, paragraphs a, c, and
25 d, Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

26 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
27 director may issue a natural resources ~~plates~~ plate to the
28 owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section
29 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor home,
30 multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer.

31 c. (1) The special natural resources fee for a
32 letter-number designated natural resources ~~plates~~ plate
33 is forty-five dollars. The fee for a personalized natural
34 resources ~~plates~~ plate is forty-five dollars which shall be
35 paid in addition to the special natural resources fee of

1 forty-five dollars. The fees collected by the director under
2 this subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of
3 state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer
4 of state shall credit monthly from the statutory allocations
5 fund created under [section 321.145, subsection 2](#), to the Iowa
6 resources enhancement and protection fund created pursuant to
7 section 455A.18, the amount of the special natural resources
8 fees collected in the previous month for the natural resources
9 plates.

10 (2) From the moneys credited to the Iowa resources
11 enhancement and protection fund under subparagraph (1), ten
12 dollars of the fee collected for each natural resources plate
13 issued, and fifteen dollars from each renewal fee, shall be
14 allocated to the department of natural resources wildlife
15 bureau to be used for nongame wildlife programs.

16 *d.* Upon receipt of the special registration ~~plates~~ plate,
17 the applicant shall surrender the current registration ~~plates~~
18 plate to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall
19 validate the special registration plates in the same manner as
20 regular registration plates are validated under [this section](#).
21 The annual special natural resources fee for a letter-number
22 designated ~~plates~~ plate is twenty-five dollars which shall
23 be paid in addition to the regular annual registration fee.
24 The annual fee for a personalized natural resources ~~plates~~
25 plate is five dollars which shall be paid in addition to the
26 annual special natural resources fee and the regular annual
27 registration fee. The annual special natural resources fee
28 shall be credited as provided under paragraph *"c"*.

29 Sec. 22. Section 321.34, subsection 11A, paragraphs a, c,
30 and d, Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

31 *a.* Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
32 director may issue a "love our kids" ~~plates~~ plate to the owner
33 of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section
34 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor home,
35 multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer.

1 *c.* The special fee for a letter-number designated love
2 our kids ~~plates~~ plate is thirty-five dollars. The fee for a
3 personalized love our kids ~~plates~~ plate is twenty-five dollars,
4 which shall be paid in addition to the special love our kids
5 fee of thirty-five dollars. The fees collected by the director
6 under [this subsection](#) shall be paid monthly to the treasurer
7 of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer
8 of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations
9 fund created under [section 321.145, subsection 2](#), to the Iowa
10 department of public health the amount of the special fees
11 collected in the previous month for the love our kids plates.
12 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys transferred under this
13 subsection shall not revert to the general fund of the state.

14 *d.* Upon receipt of the special registration ~~plates~~ plate,
15 the applicant shall surrender the current registration ~~plates~~
16 plate to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall
17 validate the special registration plates in the same manner as
18 regular registration plates are validated under [this section](#).
19 The annual special love our kids fee for a letter-number
20 designated ~~plates~~ plate is ten dollars, which shall be paid in
21 addition to the regular annual registration fee. The annual
22 fee for a personalized love our kids ~~plates~~ plate is five
23 dollars, which shall be paid in addition to the annual special
24 love our kids fee and the regular annual registration fee. The
25 annual love our kids fee shall be credited as provided under
26 paragraph "*c*".

27 Sec. 23. Section 321.34, subsection 11B, paragraphs a, c,
28 and d, Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

29 *a.* Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
30 director may issue a "motorcycle rider education" ~~plates~~ plate
31 to the owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under
32 section 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor
33 home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel
34 trailer.

35 *c.* The special fee for a letter-number designated motorcycle

1 rider education ~~plates~~ plate is thirty-five dollars. The fee
2 for a personalized motorcycle rider education ~~plates~~ plate is
3 twenty-five dollars, which shall be paid in addition to the
4 special motorcycle rider education fee of thirty-five dollars.
5 The fees collected by the director under [this subsection](#) shall
6 be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
7 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
8 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under
9 section 321.145, subsection 2, to the department for use in
10 accordance with [section 321.179](#), the amount of the special
11 fees collected in the previous month for the motorcycle rider
12 education plates.

13 *d.* Upon receipt of the special registration ~~plates~~ plate,
14 the applicant shall surrender the current registration ~~plates~~
15 plate to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall
16 validate the special registration plates in the same manner as
17 regular registration plates are validated under [this section](#).
18 The annual special motorcycle rider education fee for a
19 letter-number designated ~~plates~~ plate is ten dollars, which
20 shall be paid in addition to the regular annual registration
21 fee. The annual fee for a personalized motorcycle rider
22 education ~~plates~~ plate is five dollars, which shall be paid
23 in addition to the annual special motorcycle rider education
24 fee and the regular annual registration fee. The annual
25 motorcycle rider education fee shall be credited as provided
26 under paragraph *c*.

27 Sec. 24. Section 321.34, subsection 11C, paragraphs a, c,
28 and d, Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

29 *a.* Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
30 director may issue a blackout ~~plates~~ plate to the owner of a
31 motor vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,
32 subsection 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor home, multipurpose
33 vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer.

34 *c.* The special blackout fee for a letter-number designated
35 blackout ~~plates~~ plate is thirty-five dollars. An applicant may

1 obtain a personalized blackout plates plate upon payment of the
2 fee for a personalized plates plate as provided in subsection
3 5, which is in addition to the special blackout fee. The fees
4 collected by the director under this subsection shall be paid
5 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use
6 tax fund.

7 *d.* Upon receipt of the special registration plates plate,
8 the applicant shall surrender the current registration plates
9 plate to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall
10 validate the special registration plates in the same manner as
11 regular registration plates are validated under this section.
12 The annual special blackout fee for a letter-number designated
13 plates plate is ten dollars which shall be paid in addition
14 to the regular annual registration fee. The annual fee for a
15 personalized blackout plates plate is five dollars which shall
16 be paid in addition to the annual special blackout fee and the
17 regular annual registration fee. The annual special blackout
18 fee shall be credited as provided under paragraph "c".

19 Sec. 25. Section 321.34, subsection 12, paragraphs a and b,
20 Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

21 *a.* The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration
22 pursuant to section 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motor
23 truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer,
24 or travel trailer may, upon written application to the
25 department, order a special registration plates plate with a
26 distinguishing processed emblem as authorized by this section
27 or as approved by the department. The fee for the issuance of
28 a special registration plates plate is twenty-five dollars for
29 each vehicle, unless otherwise provided by this section, which
30 fee is in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The
31 county treasurer shall validate special registration plates
32 with a distinguishing processed emblem in the same manner as
33 regular registration plates, upon payment of five dollars in
34 addition to the regular annual registration fee.

35 *b.* Upon receipt of a special registration plate with a

1 distinguishing processed emblem as authorized by [this section](#)
2 or as approved by the department, the applicant shall surrender
3 the regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the county treasurer.
4 An applicant no longer eligible for a special registration
5 plate shall surrender the special vehicle registration ~~plates~~
6 plate to the county treasurer for issuance of a regular
7 registration ~~plates~~ plate.

8 Sec. 26. Section 321.34, subsection 12A, Code 2020, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 12A. *Special registration plates — armed forces services.*

11 *a.* An owner of a vehicle referred to in [subsection 12](#) who
12 applies for any type of special registration ~~plates~~ plate
13 associated with service in the United States armed forces shall
14 be issued one ~~set of the~~ special registration ~~plates~~ plate at
15 no charge, but shall be subject to the annual registration
16 fee of fifteen dollars, if the owner is eligible for, but has
17 relinquished to the department or the county treasurer or has
18 not been issued, an ex-prisoner of war or legion of merit
19 special registration ~~plates~~ plate under [this section](#).

20 *b.* An owner of a vehicle referred to in [subsection 12](#) who
21 applies for any type of special registration ~~plates~~ plate
22 associated with service in the United States armed forces
23 shall be issued one ~~set of the~~ special registration ~~plates~~
24 plate at no charge and subject to no annual registration fee
25 if the owner is eligible for, but has relinquished to the
26 department or the county treasurer or has not been issued, a
27 medal of honor registration ~~plates~~ plate under [subsection 8](#)
28 or a disabled veteran registration ~~plates~~ plate under section
29 321.105.

30 *c.* The owner shall provide the appropriate information
31 regarding the owner's eligibility for any of the special
32 registration plates described in paragraph "a" or "b", and
33 regarding the owner's eligibility for the special registration
34 ~~plates~~ plate for which the owner has applied, as required by
35 the department.

1 *d.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a
 2 special ~~plates~~ plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to
 3 use the special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration of the
 4 special ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse's name and upon
 5 payment of the same annual registration fee, if applicable.
 6 If the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
 7 return the special ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the
 8 department shall issue a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to
 9 the surviving spouse.

10 Sec. 27. Section 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph a,
 11 subparagraph (1), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration
 13 pursuant to [section 321.109, subsection 1](#), autocycle, motor
 14 truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer,
 15 or travel trailer may upon request be issued a special
 16 registration ~~plates~~ plate that ~~contain~~ contains a space
 17 reserved for the placement of an organization decal. If the
 18 special ~~plates~~ are plate is requested at the time of initial
 19 application for registration and certificate of title for
 20 the vehicle, no special plate fee is required other than the
 21 regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the
 22 special ~~plates~~ are plate is requested as a replacement ~~plates~~
 23 plate, the owner shall surrender the current regular or special
 24 registration ~~plates~~ plate in exchange for the special ~~plates~~
 25 plate and shall pay a replacement plate fee of five dollars.
 26 The county treasurer shall validate special plates with an
 27 organization decal in the same manner as regular plates, upon
 28 payment of the annual registration fee.

29 Sec. 28. Section 321.34, subsections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
 30 20, 20A, and 20B, Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

31 14. *Persons with disabilities special plates.* An owner
 32 referred to in [subsection 12](#) or an owner of a trailer used to
 33 transport a wheelchair who is a person with a disability, or
 34 who is the parent or guardian of a child who resides with the
 35 parent or guardian owner and who is a person with a disability,

1 as defined in [section 321L.1](#), may, upon written application to
2 the department, order a special registration plates plate with
3 a persons with disabilities processed emblem designed by the
4 department bearing the international symbol of accessibility.
5 The special registration plates plate with a persons with
6 disabilities processed emblem shall only be issued if the
7 application is accompanied with a statement from a physician
8 licensed under [chapter 148](#) or [149](#), a physician assistant
9 licensed under [chapter 148C](#), an advanced registered nurse
10 practitioner licensed under [chapter 152](#), or a chiropractor
11 licensed under [chapter 151](#), written on the physician's,
12 physician assistant's, nurse practitioner's, or chiropractor's
13 stationery, stating the nature of the applicant's or the
14 applicant's child's disability and such additional information
15 as required by rules adopted by the department, including proof
16 of residency of a child who is a person with a disability. If
17 the application is approved by the department, the special
18 registration plates plate with a persons with disabilities
19 processed emblem shall be issued to the applicant. There
20 shall be no fee in addition to the regular annual registration
21 fee for the special registration plates plate with a persons
22 with disabilities processed emblem. The authorization for
23 a special registration plates plate with a persons with
24 disabilities processed emblem shall not be renewed without
25 the applicant furnishing evidence to the department that
26 the owner of the vehicle or the owner's child is still a
27 person with a disability as defined in [section 321L.1](#). An
28 owner who has a child who is a person with a disability shall
29 provide satisfactory evidence to the department that the child
30 with a disability continues to reside with the owner. The
31 registration plates plate with a persons with disabilities
32 processed emblem shall be surrendered in exchange for a regular
33 registration plates plate as provided in [subsection 12](#) when the
34 owner of the vehicle or the owner's child no longer qualifies
35 as a person with a disability as defined in [section 321L.1](#) or

1 when the owner's child who is a person with a disability no
2 longer resides with the owner.

3 15. *Legion of merit special plates.*

4 a. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration
5 under [section 321.109, subsection 1](#), autocycle, motorcycle,
6 trailer, or motor truck who has been awarded the legion of
7 merit shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration ~~plates~~
8 plate with a legion of merit processed emblem, upon written
9 application to the department and presentation of satisfactory
10 proof of the award of the legion of merit as established
11 by the Congress of the United States. The emblem shall be
12 designed by the department in cooperation with the adjutant
13 general and shall signify that the owner was awarded the legion
14 of merit. The application is subject to approval by the
15 department, in consultation with the adjutant general. The
16 special ~~plates~~ plate shall be issued at no charge and ~~are~~ is
17 subject to an annual registration fee of fifteen dollars. The
18 county treasurer shall validate the special plates in the same
19 manner as regular registration plates are validated under this
20 section.

21 b. The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
22 ~~plates~~ plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to use or apply
23 for and use the special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration
24 of the special ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse's name and
25 upon payment of the annual registration fee. If the surviving
26 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special
27 ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the department shall issue a
28 regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the surviving spouse.

29 16. *National guard special plates.*

30 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who is a
31 member of the national guard, as defined in [chapter 29A](#),
32 may, upon written application to the department, order a
33 special registration ~~plates~~ plate with a national guard
34 processed emblem with the emblem designed by the department in
35 cooperation with the adjutant general which emblem signifies

1 that the applicant is a member of the national guard. The
 2 application shall be approved by the department in consultation
 3 with the adjutant general. The special plate fees collected by
 4 the director under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", from the annual
 5 validation of letter-number designated national guard plates,
 6 and [subsection 12](#), paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual
 7 validation of personalized national guard plates shall be paid
 8 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road
 9 use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly
 10 from the statutory allocations fund created under section
 11 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund created
 12 in [section 35A.11](#) the amount of the special fees collected
 13 under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", in the previous month
 14 for national guard plates. ~~Special~~ A special registration
 15 ~~plates~~ plate with a national guard processed emblem shall be
 16 surrendered, as provided in [subsection 12](#), in exchange for
 17 a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate upon termination of the
 18 owner's membership in the active national guard.

19 *b.* Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", an owner
 20 who is approved for a special registration ~~plates~~ plate under
 21 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
 22 ~~plates~~ plate with a national guard processed emblem at no
 23 charge.

24 *c.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
 25 ~~plates~~ plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to use or apply
 26 for and use the special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration
 27 of the special ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse's name
 28 and upon payment of the annual five-dollar special plate fee
 29 and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If
 30 the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
 31 return the special ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the
 32 department shall issue a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to
 33 the surviving spouse.

34 17. *Pearl Harbor special plates.*

35 *a.* An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who was at Pearl

1 Harbor, Hawaii, as a member of the armed services of the United
 2 States on December 7, 1941, may, upon written application to
 3 the department, order a special registration plates plate with
 4 a Pearl Harbor processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed
 5 by the department in consultation with service organizations.
 6 The application is subject to approval by the department. The
 7 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection
 8 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of letter-number
 9 designated Pearl Harbor plates, and [subsection 12](#), paragraph
 10 "c", from the issuance and annual validation of personalized
 11 Pearl Harbor plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of
 12 state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer
 13 of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations
 14 fund created under [section 321.145, subsection 2](#), to the
 15 veterans license fee fund created in [section 35A.11](#) the amount
 16 of the special fees collected under [subsection 12](#), paragraph
 17 "a", in the previous month for Pearl Harbor plates.

18 *b.* Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", an owner
 19 who is approved for a special registration plates plate under
 20 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
 21 plates plate with a Pearl Harbor processed emblem at no charge.

22 *c.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
 23 plates plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to use or apply
 24 for and use the special plates plate subject to registration
 25 of the special plates plate in the surviving spouse's name
 26 and upon payment of the annual five-dollar special plate fee
 27 and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If
 28 the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
 29 return the special plates plate to the department and the
 30 department shall issue a regular registration plates plate to
 31 the surviving spouse.

32 18. *Purple heart special plates.*

33 *a.* An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who was awarded a
 34 purple heart medal by the United States government for wounds
 35 received in military or naval combat against an armed enemy

1 of the United States may, upon written application to the
 2 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of the award
 3 of the purple heart medal, order a special registration plates
 4 plate with a purple heart processed emblem. The design of
 5 the emblem shall include a representation of a purple heart
 6 medal and ribbon. The application is subject to approval by
 7 the department in consultation with the adjutant general. The
 8 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection
 9 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of letter-number
 10 designated purple heart plates, and subsection 12, paragraph
 11 "c", from the issuance and annual validation of personalized
 12 purple heart plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of
 13 state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer
 14 of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations
 15 fund created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the
 16 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount
 17 of the special fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph
 18 "a", in the previous month for purple heart plates.

19 *b.* Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a", an owner
 20 who is approved for a special registration plates plate under
 21 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
 22 ~~plates~~ plate with a purple heart processed emblem at no charge.

23 *c.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
 24 ~~plates~~ plate under this subsection may continue to use or apply
 25 for and use the special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration
 26 of the special ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse's name
 27 and upon payment of the annual five-dollar special plate fee
 28 and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If
 29 the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
 30 return the special ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the
 31 department shall issue a regular registration plates plate to
 32 the surviving spouse.

33 19. *United States armed forces retired special plates.*

34 *a.* An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a retired
 35 member of the United States armed forces may, upon written

1 application to the department and upon presentation of
 2 satisfactory proof of membership, order a special registration
 3 ~~plates~~ plate with a United States armed forces retired
 4 processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the
 5 department in consultation with service organizations. The
 6 application is subject to approval by the department. For
 7 purposes of [this subsection](#), a person is considered to be
 8 retired if the person is recognized by the United States armed
 9 forces as retired from the United States armed forces. The
 10 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection
 11 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of letter-number
 12 designated armed forces retired plates, and [subsection 12](#),
 13 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of
 14 personalized armed forces retired plates shall be paid monthly
 15 to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax
 16 fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the
 17 statutory allocations fund created under section 321.145,
 18 subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund created in
 19 section 35A.11 the amount of the special fees collected under
 20 subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for armed
 21 forces retired plates.

22 *b.* Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", an owner
 23 who is approved for a special registration ~~plates~~ plate under
 24 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
 25 ~~plates~~ plate with an armed forces retired processed emblem at
 26 no charge.

27 *c.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
 28 ~~plates~~ plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to use or apply
 29 for and use the special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration
 30 of the special ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse's name
 31 and upon payment of the annual five-dollar special plate fee
 32 and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If
 33 the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
 34 return the special ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the
 35 department shall issue a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to

1 the surviving spouse.

2 20. *Silver or bronze star plates.*

3 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who was awarded a
4 silver or a bronze star by the United States government, may,
5 upon written application to the department and presentation of
6 satisfactory proof of the award of the silver or bronze star,
7 order a special registration plates plate with a silver or
8 bronze star processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by
9 the department in consultation with the adjutant general. The
10 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection
11 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of letter-number
12 designated silver star and bronze star plates, and subsection
13 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of
14 personalized silver star and bronze star plates shall be paid
15 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use
16 tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from
17 the statutory allocations fund created under section 321.145,
18 subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund created in
19 section 35A.11 the amount of the special fees collected under
20 subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for silver
21 star and bronze star plates.

22 b. Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", an owner
23 who is approved for a special registration plates plate under
24 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
25 plates plate with a silver star or bronze star processed emblem
26 at no charge.

27 c. The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
28 plates plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to use or apply
29 for and use the special plates plate subject to registration
30 of the special plates plate in the surviving spouse's name
31 and upon payment of the annual five-dollar special plate fee
32 and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If
33 the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
34 return the special plates plate to the department and the
35 department shall issue a regular registration plates plate to

1 the surviving spouse.

2 20A. *Distinguished service, navy, or air force cross plates.*

3 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who was awarded
4 a distinguished service cross, a navy cross, or an air force
5 cross by the United States government may, upon written
6 application to the department and presentation of satisfactory
7 proof of the award, order a special registration plates plate
8 with a distinguished service cross, navy cross, or air force
9 cross processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the
10 department in consultation with the adjutant general. The
11 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection
12 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of letter-number
13 designated distinguished service cross, navy cross, and air
14 force cross plates, and [subsection 12](#), paragraph "c", from the
15 issuance and annual validation of personalized distinguished
16 service cross, navy cross, and air force cross plates shall
17 be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
18 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
19 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under
20 section 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee
21 fund created in [section 35A.11](#) the amount of the special fees
22 collected under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", in the previous
23 month for distinguished service cross, navy cross, and air
24 force cross plates.

25 b. Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", an owner
26 who is approved for a special registration plates plate under
27 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
28 plates plate with a distinguished service cross, navy cross, or
29 air force cross processed emblem at no charge.

30 c. The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
31 plates plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to use or apply
32 for and use the special plates plate subject to registration
33 of the special plates plate in the surviving spouse's name
34 and upon payment of the annual five-dollar special plate fee
35 and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If

1 the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
2 return the special ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the
3 department shall issue a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to
4 the surviving spouse.

5 20B. *Soldier's, navy and marine corps, or airman's medal*
6 *plates.*

7 *a.* An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who was awarded
8 a soldier's medal, a navy and marine corps medal, or an
9 airman's medal by the United States government may, upon
10 written application to the department and presentation of
11 satisfactory proof of the award, order a special registration
12 ~~plates~~ plate with a soldier's medal, navy and marine corps
13 medal, or airman's medal processed emblem. The emblem shall be
14 designed by the department in consultation with the adjutant
15 general. The special plate fees collected by the director
16 under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", from the annual validation
17 of letter-number designated soldier's medal, navy and marine
18 corps medal, and airman's medal plates, and [subsection 12](#),
19 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of
20 personalized soldier's medal, navy and marine corps medal, and
21 airman's medal plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer
22 of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer
23 of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations
24 fund created under [section 321.145, subsection 2](#), to the
25 veterans license fee fund created in [section 35A.11](#) the amount
26 of the special fees collected under [subsection 12](#), paragraph
27 "a", in the previous month for soldier's medal, navy and marine
28 corps medal, and airman's medal plates.

29 *b.* Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", an owner
30 who is approved for a special registration ~~plates~~ plate under
31 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
32 ~~plates~~ plate with a soldier's medal, navy and marine corps
33 medal, or airman's medal processed emblem at no charge.

34 *c.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
35 ~~plates~~ plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to use or apply

1 for and use the special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration
2 of the special ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse's name
3 and upon payment of the annual five-dollar special plate fee
4 and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If
5 the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
6 return the special ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the
7 department shall issue a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to
8 the surviving spouse.

9 Sec. 29. Section 321.34, subsection 20C, paragraphs b, c,
10 and d, Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

11 b. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was awarded a
12 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action
13 ribbon, air force combat action medal, or combat medical badge
14 by the United States government may, upon written application
15 to the department and presentation of satisfactory proof of
16 the award, order a special registration ~~plates~~ plate with a
17 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action
18 ribbon, air force combat action medal, or combat medical badge
19 processed emblem. The special plate fees collected by the
20 director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the annual
21 validation of letter-number designated combat infantryman
22 badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force
23 combat action medal, and combat medical badge plates, and
24 subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual
25 validation of personalized combat infantryman badge, combat
26 action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action
27 medal, and combat medical badge plates shall be paid monthly
28 to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax
29 fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the
30 statutory allocations fund created under section 321.145,
31 subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund created in
32 section 35A.11 the amount of the special fees collected under
33 subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for combat
34 infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon,
35 air force combat action medal, and combat medical badge plates.

1 *c.* Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph “*a*”, an owner
2 who is approved for a special registration ~~plates~~ plate under
3 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
4 ~~plates~~ plate with a combat infantryman badge, combat action
5 badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action medal,
6 or combat medical badge distinguishing processed emblem at no
7 charge.

8 *d.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued a special
9 ~~plates~~ plate under [this subsection](#) may continue to use or apply
10 for and use the special ~~plates~~ plate subject to registration
11 of the special ~~plates~~ plate in the surviving spouse’s name
12 and upon payment of the annual five-dollar special plate fee
13 and the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If
14 the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall
15 return the special ~~plates~~ plate to the department and the
16 department shall issue a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to
17 the surviving spouse.

18 Sec. 30. Section 321.34, subsection 21, paragraphs a and b,
19 Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

20 *a.* An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) may, upon written
21 application to the department, order a special registration
22 ~~plates~~ plate with an Iowa heritage emblem. The emblem shall
23 contain a picture of the American gothic house and the words
24 “Iowa Heritage” and shall be designed by the department in
25 consultation with the state historical society of Iowa.

26 *b.* The special Iowa heritage fee for a letter-number
27 designated ~~plates~~ plate is thirty-five dollars. The
28 special fee for a personalized Iowa heritage ~~plates~~ plate is
29 twenty-five dollars which shall be paid in addition to the
30 special fee of thirty-five dollars. The annual special Iowa
31 heritage fee is ten dollars for a letter-number designated
32 registration ~~plates~~ plate and is fifteen dollars for a
33 personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate which shall be paid in
34 addition to the regular annual registration fee.

35 Sec. 31. Section 321.34, subsections 22, 23, and 24, Code

1 2020, are amended to read as follows:

2 22. *Education plates.*

3 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#), upon written
4 application to the department, may order a special registration
5 ~~plates~~ plate with an education emblem. The education emblem
6 shall be designed by the department in cooperation with the
7 department of education.

8 b. The special school transportation fee for a letter-number
9 designated education ~~plates~~ plate is thirty-five dollars. The
10 fee for a personalized education ~~plates~~ plate is twenty-five
11 dollars, which shall be paid in addition to the special school
12 transportation fee of thirty-five dollars. The annual special
13 school transportation fee is ten dollars for a letter-number
14 designated registration ~~plates~~ plate and is fifteen dollars for
15 a personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate which shall be paid
16 in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The fees
17 collected by the director under [this subsection](#) shall be paid
18 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road
19 use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly
20 from the statutory allocations fund created under section
21 321.145, subsection 2, to the school budget review committee
22 in accordance with [section 257.31, subsection 17](#), the amount
23 of the special school transportation fees collected in the
24 previous month for the education plates.

25 23. *Breast cancer awareness plates.*

26 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
27 director may issue a breast cancer awareness ~~plates~~ plate to an
28 owner of a motor vehicle referred to in [subsection 12](#).

29 b. Breast cancer awareness plates shall contain an image
30 of a pink ribbon and shall be designed by the department in
31 consultation with the Susan G. Komen foundation.

32 c. The special fee for a letter-number designated breast
33 cancer awareness ~~plates~~ plate is thirty-five dollars. The fee
34 for a personalized breast cancer awareness ~~plates~~ plate is
35 twenty-five dollars, which shall be paid in addition to the

1 special breast cancer awareness fee of thirty-five dollars.
 2 The fees collected by the director under [this subsection](#) shall
 3 be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
 4 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
 5 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under
 6 section 321.145, subsection 2, to the Iowa department of public
 7 health the amount of the special fees collected in the previous
 8 month for the breast cancer awareness plates and such funds
 9 are appropriated to the Iowa department of public health. The
 10 Iowa department of public health shall distribute one hundred
 11 percent of the funds received monthly in the form of grants to
 12 support breast cancer screenings for both men and women who
 13 meet eligibility requirements like those established by the
 14 Susan G. Komen foundation. In the awarding of grants, the Iowa
 15 department of public health shall give first consideration
 16 to affiliates of the Susan G. Komen foundation and similar
 17 nonprofit organizations providing for breast cancer screenings
 18 at no cost in Iowa. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys
 19 transferred under [this subsection](#) shall not revert to the
 20 general fund of the state.

21 *d.* Upon receipt of the special registration ~~plates~~ plate,
 22 the applicant shall surrender the current registration ~~plates~~
 23 plate to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall
 24 validate the special registration plates in the same manner
 25 as regular registration plates are validated under this
 26 section. The annual special breast cancer awareness fee for
 27 a letter-number designated ~~plates~~ plate is ten dollars, which
 28 shall be paid in addition to the regular annual registration
 29 fee. The annual special fee for a personalized breast cancer
 30 awareness ~~plates~~ plate is five dollars, which shall be paid
 31 in addition to the annual special breast cancer awareness fee
 32 and the regular annual registration fee. The annual special
 33 breast cancer awareness fee shall be credited and transferred
 34 as provided under paragraph "c".

35 24. *Gold star plates.*

1 *a.* An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who is the
2 surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a deceased
3 member of the United States armed forces who died while serving
4 on active duty during a time of military conflict or who died
5 as a result of such service may order a special registration
6 ~~plates~~ plate bearing a gold star emblem upon written
7 application to the department accompanied by satisfactory
8 supporting documentation as determined by the department.
9 The gold star emblem shall be designed by the department in
10 cooperation with the commission of veterans affairs. The
11 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection
12 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of letter-number
13 designated gold star plates, and [subsection 12](#), paragraph "c",
14 from the issuance and annual validation of personalized gold
15 star plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
16 deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state
17 shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund
18 created under [section 321.145, subsection 2](#), to the veterans
19 license fee fund created in [section 35A.11](#) the amount of the
20 special fees collected under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", in
21 the previous month for gold star plates.

22 *b.* Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", an owner
23 who is approved for a special registration ~~plates~~ plate under
24 this subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
25 ~~plates~~ plate bearing a gold star emblem at no charge.

26 Sec. 32. Section 321.34, subsection 25, paragraph b, Code
27 2020, is amended to read as follows:

28 *b.* An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#), upon written
29 application to the department, may order a special registration
30 ~~plates~~ plate with a civil war sesquicentennial processed
31 emblem. The special plate fees collected by the director under
32 subsection 12, paragraphs "a" and "c", from the issuance and
33 annual validation of letter-number designated and personalized
34 civil war sesquicentennial plates shall be paid monthly to the
35 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The

1 treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory
 2 allocations fund created under [section 321.145, subsection 2](#),
 3 to the department of cultural affairs the amount of the special
 4 fees collected under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", in the
 5 previous month for civil war sesquicentennial plates, and such
 6 funds are appropriated to the department of cultural affairs to
 7 be used for the Iowa battle flag project.

8 Sec. 33. Section 321.34, subsection 26, paragraphs b and c,
 9 Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

10 *b.* An owner of a motor vehicle referred to in subsection
 11 12, upon written application to the department, may order
 12 a special registration plates plate with a fallen peace
 13 officers processed emblem. The special fee for a letter-number
 14 designated fallen peace officers plates plate is thirty-five
 15 dollars. The fee for a personalized fallen peace officers
 16 plates plate is twenty-five dollars, which shall be paid
 17 in addition to the special fallen peace officers fee of
 18 thirty-five dollars. The fees collected by the director under
 19 this paragraph shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state
 20 and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state
 21 shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund
 22 created under [section 321.145, subsection 2](#), to the department
 23 of public safety the amount of the special fees collected
 24 in the previous month for the fallen peace officers plates
 25 and such funds are appropriated to the department of public
 26 safety. The department of public safety shall distribute one
 27 hundred percent of the funds received monthly in the form of
 28 grants to nonprofit organizations that provide resources to
 29 assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families
 30 and affected coworkers of law enforcement officers killed in
 31 the line of duty. In the awarding of grants, the department
 32 of public safety shall give first consideration to concerns of
 33 police survivors, inc., and similar nonprofit organizations
 34 providing such resources. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys
 35 transferred under [this subsection](#) shall not revert to the

1 general fund of the state.

2 *c.* Upon receipt of the special registration ~~plates~~ plate,
3 the applicant shall surrender the current registration ~~plates~~
4 plate to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall
5 validate the special registration plates in the same manner
6 as regular registration plates are validated under this
7 section. The annual special fallen peace officers fee for a
8 letter-number designated ~~plates~~ plate is ten dollars, which
9 shall be paid in addition to the regular annual registration
10 fee. The annual special fee for a personalized fallen peace
11 officers ~~plates~~ plate is five dollars, which shall be paid
12 in addition to the annual special fallen peace officers fee
13 and the regular annual registration fee. The annual special
14 fallen peace officers fee shall be credited and transferred as
15 provided under paragraph "b".

16 Sec. 34. Section 321.34, subsection 27, Code 2020, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 27. *United States veteran plates.*

19 *a.* An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who served in
20 the armed forces of the United States and was discharged
21 under honorable conditions may, upon written application
22 to the department and upon presentation of satisfactory
23 proof of military service and discharge under honorable
24 conditions, order a special registration ~~plates~~ plate bearing a
25 distinguishing processed emblem depicting the word "veteran"
26 below an image of the American flag. The application is
27 subject to approval by the department. The special plate fees
28 collected by the director under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a",
29 from the annual validation of letter-number designated United
30 States veteran plates, and [subsection 12](#), paragraph "c", from
31 the issuance and annual validation of personalized United
32 States veteran plates, shall be paid monthly to the treasurer
33 of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer
34 of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations
35 fund created under [section 321.145, subsection 2](#), to the

1 veterans license fee fund created in [section 35A.11](#) the amount
2 of the special fees collected under [subsection 12](#), paragraph
3 "a", in the previous month for United States veteran plates.

4 *b.* Notwithstanding [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", an owner
5 who is approved for a special registration plate under this
6 subsection shall be issued one ~~set of~~ special registration
7 ~~plates~~ plate bearing a distinguishing processed emblem
8 depicting the word "veteran" below an image of the American
9 flag at no charge.

10 Sec. 35. Section 321.37, Code 2020, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **321.37 Display of ~~plates~~ registration plate.**

13 1. ~~Registration plates~~ The registration plate issued for a
14 motor vehicle other than an ~~autocycle, motorcycle, motorized~~
15 ~~bicycle, or a~~ truck tractor shall be attached to the rear of
16 the motor vehicle, ~~one in the front and the other in the rear.~~
17 ~~The registration plate issued for an autocycle, motorcycle,~~
18 ~~or other vehicle required to be registered hereunder shall be~~
19 ~~attached to the rear of the vehicle.~~ The registration plate
20 issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of
21 the truck tractor. The special plate issued to a dealer shall
22 be attached on the rear of the vehicle when operated on the
23 highways of this state.

24 2. ~~Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle which~~
25 ~~is model year 1948 or older, and reconstructed or specially~~
26 ~~constructed vehicles built to resemble a model year 1948~~
27 ~~vehicle or older, other than a truck registered for more than~~
28 ~~five tons, autocycle, motorcycle, or truck tractor, may display~~
29 ~~one registration plate on the rear of the vehicle if the other~~
30 ~~registration plate issued to the vehicle is carried in the~~
31 ~~vehicle at all times when the vehicle is operated on a public~~
32 ~~highway.~~

33 3. 2. It is unlawful for the owner of a vehicle to place
34 any frame around or over the registration plate which does not
35 permit full view of all numerals and letters printed on the

1 registration plate.

2 Sec. 36. Section 321.41, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 3. A person who has registered a vehicle in a county,
5 other than the county designated on the vehicle registration
6 plate, may apply to the county treasurer where the vehicle is
7 registered for a new registration plates plate upon payment
8 of a fee of five dollars and the return of the former county
9 registration ~~plates~~ plate.

10 Sec. 37. Section 321.42, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 1. If a registration card, or ~~or~~ plate, ~~or pair of plates~~
13 is lost or becomes illegible, the owner shall immediately
14 apply for replacement. The fee for a replacement registration
15 card is three dollars. The fee for a replacement plate ~~or~~
16 ~~pair of plates~~ other than a replacement of a special plate
17 issued pursuant to [section 321.60](#) is five dollars. The
18 fee for replacement of a special plate issued pursuant to
19 section 321.60 is forty dollars. When the owner has furnished
20 information required by the department and paid the proper fee,
21 a duplicate, substitute, or new registration card, or plate,
22 ~~or pair of plates~~ may be issued. The county treasurer or the
23 department may waive the fee for a replacement plate if the
24 plate is lost during a documented accident.

25 Sec. 38. Section 321.46, subsection 7, Code 2020, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 7. If a motor vehicle is leased and the lessee purchases
28 the vehicle upon termination of the lease, the lessor shall,
29 upon claim by the lessee with the lessor within six months of
30 the purchase, assign the annual registration fee credit and
31 registration ~~plates~~ plate for the leased motor vehicle to the
32 lessee. Credit shall be applied as provided in [subsection 3](#).

33 Sec. 39. Section 321.47, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 3. Whenever ownership of a vehicle is transferred under the

1 provisions of [this section](#), the registration ~~plates~~ plate shall
2 be removed and forwarded to the county treasurer of the county
3 where the vehicle is registered or to the department if the
4 vehicle is owned by a nonresident. Upon transfer the vehicle
5 shall not be operated upon the highways of this state until the
6 person entitled to possession of the vehicle applies for and
7 obtains registration for the vehicle.

8 Sec. 40. Section 321.52, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 1. When a vehicle is sold outside the state for purposes
11 other than for junk, the owner, dealer, or otherwise, shall
12 detach the registration ~~plates~~ plate and registration card and
13 shall indicate on the registration card the name and address
14 of the foreign purchaser or transferee over the person's
15 signature. Unless the registration ~~plates~~ are plate is
16 legally attached to another vehicle, the owner shall surrender
17 the registration ~~plates~~ plate and registration card to the
18 county treasurer, who shall cancel the records, destroy the
19 registration ~~plates~~ plate, and forward the registration card
20 to the department. The department shall make a notation on
21 the records of the out-of-state sale and, after a reasonable
22 period, may destroy the files for that particular vehicle.
23 The department is not authorized to make a refund of annual
24 registration fees on a vehicle sold out of state unless it
25 receives the registration card completed as provided in this
26 section.

27 Sec. 41. Section 321.52, subsection 3, paragraphs a and b,
28 Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

29 a. When a vehicle for which a certificate of title is issued
30 is junked or dismantled by the owner, the owner shall detach
31 the registration ~~plates~~ plate and surrender the ~~plates~~ plate to
32 the county treasurer, unless the ~~plates~~ are plate is properly
33 assigned to another vehicle. The owner shall also surrender
34 the certificate of title to the county treasurer, except when
35 the vehicle is disposed of pursuant to [subsection 2](#), paragraph

1 "b".

2 b. Upon the surrender of the certificate of title and
3 application for junking certificate, the county treasurer shall
4 issue to the person, without fee, a junking certificate, which
5 shall authorize the holder to possess, transport, or transfer
6 ownership of the junked vehicle by endorsement of the junking
7 certificate. The county treasurer shall hold the surrendered
8 certificate of title, registration receipt, application for
9 junking certificate, and, if applicable, the registration
10 ~~plates~~ plate for a period of fourteen days following the
11 issuance of a junking certificate under [this subsection](#).

12 Sec. 42. Section 321.57, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 3. ~~Also a~~ A transporter may operate or move any vehicle of
15 like type upon the highways solely for the purpose of delivery
16 upon likewise displaying ~~thereon~~ on the vehicle a like ~~plates~~
17 plate issued to the transporter as provided in these sections.

18 Sec. 43. Section 321.89, subsection 1, paragraph a,
19 subparagraph (1), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) A vehicle that has been left unattended on public
21 property for more than twenty-four hours and lacks a current
22 registration ~~plates~~ plate or two or more wheels or other parts
23 which renders the vehicle totally inoperable.

24 Sec. 44. Section 321.96, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 1. A person shall not display or cause or permit to be
27 displayed, or have in the person's possession, a vehicle
28 identification number or component part number except as
29 provided in [this chapter](#), or a canceled, revoked, altered,
30 or fictitious registration number ~~plates~~ plate, registration
31 receipt, or certificate of title, as the same are respectively
32 provided for in [this chapter](#).

33 Sec. 45. Section 321.98, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
34 2020, is amended to read as follows:

35 a. A valid registration card and registration plate ~~or~~

1 ~~plates~~ issued for the vehicle for the current registration
2 year are attached to and displayed on the vehicle when and as
3 required by [this chapter](#); and

4 Sec. 46. Section 321.101A, Code 2020, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 **321.101A Revocation of registration by county treasurer.**

7 The county treasurer may revoke the registration and
8 registration ~~plates~~ plate of a vehicle if the annual
9 registration fee or the fee for new registration is paid by
10 check, electronic payment, or credit card and the check,
11 electronic payment, or credit card is not honored by the
12 payer's financial institution or credit card company, upon
13 reasonable notice and demand. The owner of the vehicle or
14 person in possession of the registration and registration
15 ~~plates~~ plate for the vehicle shall immediately return the
16 revoked registration and registration ~~plates~~ plate to the
17 appropriate county treasurer's office.

18 Sec. 47. Section 321.103, Code 2020, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **321.103 Owner to return evidences of registration and title.**

21 ~~Whenever~~ If the department, as authorized ~~hereunder~~ under
22 this chapter, cancels, suspends, or revokes the registration
23 of a vehicle, or certificate of title, or registration
24 card, or registration plate ~~or plates~~, or any nonresident or
25 other permit or the registration of any dealer, the owner or
26 person in possession of the same shall immediately return the
27 evidences of registration, certificate of title, or ~~plates~~
28 plate so canceled, suspended, or revoked to the department.

29 Sec. 48. Section 321.104, subsection 3, Code 2020, is
30 amended to read as follows:

31 3. To fail to surrender a certificate of title, registration
32 card, or registration ~~plates~~ plate upon cancellation,
33 suspension, or revocation of the certificate or registration by
34 the department and notice as prescribed in [this chapter](#).

35 Sec. 49. Section 321.105, subsections 2 and 5, Code 2020,

1 are amended to read as follows:

2 2. The annual registration fee shall be paid to the county
3 treasurer at the same time the application is made for the
4 registration or reregistration of the motor vehicle or trailer.
5 An owner may, when applying for registration or reregistration
6 of a motor vehicle or trailer, request that the ~~plates~~ plate be
7 mailed to the owner's post office address. The owner's request
8 shall be accompanied by a mailing fee as determined annually by
9 the director in consultation with the Iowa county treasurers
10 association.

11 5. Seriously disabled veterans who have been provided with
12 an automobile or other vehicle by the United States government
13 under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. §3901 - 3904, shall be exempt
14 from payment of the registration fee ~~fees~~ provided in this
15 chapter for that vehicle, and shall be provided, without fee,
16 with one ~~set of~~ regular registration ~~plates~~ plate or one ~~set~~
17 of any type of special registration ~~plates~~ plate associated
18 with service in the United States armed forces for which the
19 disabled veteran qualifies under [section 321.34](#). The disabled
20 veteran, to be able to claim the benefit, must be a resident of
21 the state of Iowa. In lieu of the ~~set of~~ regular or special
22 military registration ~~plates~~ plate available without fee,
23 the disabled veteran may obtain a ~~set of~~ nonmilitary special
24 registration ~~plates~~ plate or personalized ~~plates~~ plate issued
25 under [section 321.34](#) by paying the additional fees associated
26 with ~~those plates~~ that plate.

27 Sec. 50. Section 321.115, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
28 2020, is amended to read as follows:

29 c. The owner of a motor vehicle registered under this
30 subsection may display an authentic Iowa registration plate
31 or set of plates from the model year of the motor vehicle,
32 furnished by the person and approved by the department, in
33 lieu of the current and valid Iowa registration ~~plates~~ plate
34 issued for the vehicle, provided that the current and valid
35 Iowa registration ~~plates~~ plate and the registration card issued

1 for the vehicle are simultaneously carried within the vehicle
2 and are available for inspection to any peace officer upon the
3 officer's request.

4 Sec. 51. Section 321.115A, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 1. A motor vehicle may be registered as a replica vehicle or
7 street rod. The annual registration fee is the fee provided
8 for in [section 321.109](#), [321.113](#), [321.122](#), or [321.124](#). The
9 owner of a vehicle registered under [this section](#) may display
10 a registration plate or set of plates from or representing
11 the model year of the motor vehicle or the model year of the
12 motor vehicle the registered vehicle is designed to resemble,
13 furnished by the person and approved by the department, in
14 lieu of the current and valid Iowa registration ~~plates~~ plate
15 issued for the vehicle, provided that the current and valid
16 Iowa registration ~~plates~~ plate and the registration card issued
17 for the vehicle are simultaneously carried within the vehicle
18 and are available for inspection to any peace officer upon the
19 officer's request.

20 Sec. 52. Section 321.120, subsection 3, Code 2020, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 3. Upon approval of the application and payment of the
23 proper fees, the county treasurer shall issue a regular
24 registration ~~plates~~ plate for the business-trade truck. The
25 department may adopt rules requiring the use of a sticker or
26 other means to identify motor vehicles registered under this
27 section.

28 Sec. 53. Section 321.121, subsection 2, Code 2020, is
29 amended to read as follows:

30 2. Upon approval of the application and payment of the
31 proper fees, the county treasurer shall issue a regular
32 registration ~~plates~~ plate for the special truck. The
33 department may adopt rules requiring the use of a sticker or
34 other means to identify motor vehicles registered under this
35 section.

1 Sec. 54. Section 321.126, subsection 1, paragraphs a, c, d,
2 and h, Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. If the vehicle is destroyed by fire or accident, or
4 junked and its identity as a vehicle entirely eliminated, the
5 owner in whose name the vehicle was registered at the time of
6 destruction or dismantling shall return the ~~plates~~ registration
7 plate to the department and within thirty days thereafter make
8 a statement of such destruction or dismantling and make claim
9 for refund. With reference to the destruction or dismantling
10 of a vehicle, no refund shall be allowed unless a junking
11 certificate has been issued, as provided in [section 321.52](#).

12 c. If the vehicle is placed in storage by the owner upon
13 the owner's entry into the military service of the United
14 States, the owner shall return the ~~plates~~ registration plate
15 to the county treasurer or the department and make a statement
16 regarding the storage and military service and make claim for
17 refund. Whenever the owner of a vehicle so placed in storage
18 desires to again register the vehicle, the county treasurer or
19 department shall compute and collect the fees for registration
20 for the registration year commencing in the month the vehicle
21 is removed from storage.

22 d. If the vehicle is registered by the county treasurer
23 during the current registration year and the owner or lessee
24 registers the vehicle for apportioned registration under
25 chapter 326, the owner of the registered vehicle shall
26 surrender the registration ~~plates~~ plate to the county treasurer
27 and may file a claim for refund. In lieu of a refund, a credit
28 for the annual registration fees paid to the county treasurer
29 may be applied by the department to the owner or lessee's
30 apportioned registration fees upon the surrender of the county
31 ~~plates~~ plate and registration.

32 h. If the owner of the vehicle moves out of state, the
33 owner may make a claim for a refund by returning the Iowa
34 registration ~~plates~~ plate, along with evidence of the vehicle's
35 registration in another jurisdiction, to the county treasurer

1 of the county in which the vehicle was registered within
2 six months of the out-of-state registration. For purposes
3 of [section 321.127](#), the unexpired months remaining in the
4 registration year shall be calculated on the basis of the
5 effective date of the out-of-state registration. However, for
6 the purpose of timely issuance of the refund, the claim for a
7 refund under this paragraph is considered to be filed on the
8 date the registration documents are received by the county
9 treasurer.

10 Sec. 55. Section 321.134, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 1. On the first day of the second month following the
13 beginning of each registration year a penalty of five percent
14 of the annual registration fee shall be added to the annual
15 registration fees not paid by that date and an additional
16 penalty of five percent shall be added the first day of each
17 succeeding month, until the fee is paid. A penalty shall
18 not be less than five dollars. If the owner of a vehicle
19 surrenders the registration ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle prior to
20 the ~~plates~~ plate becoming delinquent, to the county treasurer
21 of the county where the vehicle is registered, or to the
22 department if the vehicle is registered under [chapter 326](#),
23 the owner may register the vehicle any time thereafter upon
24 payment of the annual registration fee for the registration
25 year without penalty. To avoid a penalty or an additional
26 penalty in the case of a delinquent registration through a
27 county treasurer, if the last calendar day of a month falls
28 on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the payment deadline is
29 extended to include the first business day of the following
30 month. For payments made through a county treasurer's
31 authorized internet site only, if the last day of the month
32 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the electronic
33 payment must be entered by midnight on the first business day
34 of the next month. All other electronic payments must be
35 entered by midnight on the last day of the month preceding the

1 delinquent date.

2 Sec. 56. Section 321.166, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
3 2020, is amended to read as follows:

4 ~~b. Trailers~~ A trailer with an empty weights weight of two
5 thousand pounds or less may, upon request, be licensed with a
6 regular-sized license plates registration plate.

7 Sec. 57. Section 321.166, subsections 2, 6, 8, and 10, Code
8 2020, are amended to read as follows:

9 2. Every registration plate ~~or pair of plates~~ shall
10 display a registration plate number which shall consist
11 of alphabetical or numerical characters or a combination
12 ~~thereof~~ of characters and the name of this state, which may be
13 abbreviated. Every registration plate issued by the county
14 treasurer shall display the name of the county, including any
15 plate issued pursuant to [section 321.34](#), except Pearl Harbor
16 and purple heart registration plates issued prior to January 1,
17 1997; registration plates issued pursuant to section 321.34,
18 subsection 13, paragraph "d"; and collegiate, fire fighter, and
19 medal of honor registration plates. Special truck registration
20 plates shall display the word "special". The department may
21 adopt rules to implement [this subsection](#).

22 6. ~~Registration plates~~ A registration plate issued to a
23 disabled veteran under the provisions of [section 321.105](#) shall
24 display the alphabetical characters "DV" which shall precede
25 the registration plate number. The ~~plates~~ plate may also
26 display a persons with disabilities parking sticker if issued
27 to the disabled veteran by the department under [section 321L.2](#).

28 8. The owner of a trailer with an empty weight of two
29 thousand pounds or less shall receive a registration plates
30 plate for the trailer smaller than ~~plates~~ a plate regularly
31 issued for ~~automobiles~~ a motor vehicle pursuant to rules
32 adopted by the department in accordance with [this section](#)
33 unless the owner requests a regular-sized plates plate.

34 10. If the department reissues a new registration plate
35 design for a special registration plate under [section 321.34](#),

1 all persons who have purchased or obtained the special
2 registration ~~plates~~ plate shall not be required to pay the
3 issuance fee.

4 Sec. 58. Section 321.385A, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
5 2020, is amended to read as follows:

6 b. A citation issued for failure to have rear lamps as
7 required under [section 321.387](#) or a ~~rear~~ registration plate
8 light as required under [section 321.388](#) shall first provide for
9 a seventy-two hour period within which the person charged with
10 the violation shall replace or repair the lamps or light.

11 Sec. 59. Section 321.385A, subsection 2, Code 2020, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 2. If the person complies with the directive to replace or
14 repair the headlamp, rear lamps, or ~~rear~~ registration plate
15 light within the allotted time period, the citation shall be
16 expunged. If the person fails to comply within the allotted
17 time period, the citation shall be processed in the same manner
18 as other citations.

19 Sec. 60. Section 321.388, Code 2020, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **321.388 Illuminating plates.**

22 Either the rear lamp or a separate lamp shall be so
23 constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the
24 ~~rear~~ registration plate attached to the rear of the vehicle and
25 render it clearly legible from a distance of fifty feet to the
26 rear. When the ~~rear~~ registration plate is illuminated by an
27 electric lamp other than the required rear lamp, the two lamps
28 shall be turned on or off only by the same control switch at
29 all times when headlamps are lighted. [This section](#) does not
30 apply to commercial vehicles engaged exclusively in intrastate
31 commerce that are dump trucks or that are used exclusively for
32 the movement of construction materials and equipment to and
33 from construction projects.

34 Sec. 61. Section 321J.4B, subsection 5, paragraph f,
35 subparagraph (1), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

1 (1) If the vehicle subject to the court order is not in
2 the custody of a law enforcement agency, the person or agency
3 designated in the order as the person or agency responsible for
4 executing the order shall, upon receipt of the order, promptly
5 locate the vehicle specified in the order, seize the motor
6 vehicle and the ~~license plates~~ registration plate, and send or
7 deliver the vehicle's ~~license plates~~ registration plate to the
8 department.

9 Sec. 62. Section 321J.4B, subsection 7, Code 2020, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 7. a. Upon receipt of a notice of conviction of the
12 defendant for a violation of [subsection 2](#), the impounding
13 authority shall seize the motor vehicle's ~~license plates~~
14 registration plate and registration, and shall send or deliver
15 them to the department.

16 b. The department shall destroy ~~license plates~~ a
17 registration plate received under [this section](#) and shall not
18 authorize the release of the vehicle or the issuance of a new
19 ~~license plates~~ registration plate for the vehicle until the
20 period of impoundment or immobilization has expired, and the
21 fee and costs assessed under [subsection 10](#) have been paid. The
22 fee for issuance of a new ~~license plates~~ registration plate and
23 ~~certificates~~ certificate of registration shall be the same as
24 for the replacement of a lost, mutilated, or destroyed ~~license~~
25 ~~plates~~ registration plate and ~~certificates~~ certificate of
26 registration.

27 Sec. 63. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
28 subparagraphs (1) and (2), Code 2020, are amended to read as
29 follows:

30 (1) Persons with disabilities registration plates. An
31 applicant may order a persons with disabilities registration
32 ~~plates~~ plate pursuant to [section 321.34](#). An applicant may
33 order a persons with disabilities registration plate for a
34 trailer used to transport a wheelchair pursuant to section
35 321.34 in addition to a persons with disabilities registration

1 ~~plates~~ plate ordered by the applicant for a motor vehicle used
2 to tow such a trailer pursuant to [section 321.34](#).

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

11 Sec. 64. Section 321L.2, subsection 5, Code 2020, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 5. A seriously disabled veteran who has been provided with
14 an automobile or other vehicle by the United States government
15 under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. §3901 – 3904 is not required
16 to apply for a persons with disabilities parking permit under
17 this section unless the veteran has been issued a special
18 registration ~~plates~~ plate or personalized ~~plates~~ plate for the
19 vehicle. The regular registration ~~plates~~ plate issued for the
20 disabled veteran's vehicle without fee pursuant to section
21 321.105 ~~entitle~~ entitles the disabled veteran to all of the
22 rights and privileges associated with persons with disabilities
23 parking permits under [this chapter](#).

24 Sec. 65. Section 321L.2A, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
25 2020, is amended to read as follows:

26 e. The person carries in the motor vehicle a copy
27 of the statement from a physician, physician assistant,
28 advanced registered nurse practitioner, or chiropractor
29 which accompanied the person's application for a persons with
30 disabilities registration ~~plates~~ plate under [section 321.34](#) or
31 other persons with disabilities parking permit under section
32 321L.2 and which indicates the person is permanently unable to
33 walk. The person shall show the copy of the statement to any
34 peace officer upon request.

35 Sec. 66. Section 326.3, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code

1 2020, is amended to read as follows:

2 **b.** A recreational vehicle, a vehicle displaying a restricted
3 ~~plates~~ plate, a bus used in the transportation of chartered
4 parties, or a government-owned vehicle is not an apportionable
5 vehicle; except that a truck or truck tractor, or the power
6 unit in a combination of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight
7 of twenty-six thousand pounds or less, or a bus used in the
8 transportation of chartered parties may be registered under the
9 plan at the option of the registrant.

10 Sec. 67. Section 326.12, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2020,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 Registrants who delete commercial vehicles displaying an
13 Iowa base ~~plates~~ plate from the fleet after the commencement of
14 the registration year shall be allowed to transfer registration
15 credit to a replacement vehicle in accordance with this
16 section. Iowa shall allow credit for non-Iowa based deleted
17 vehicles only if the jurisdiction designated by the registrant
18 as the base jurisdiction of the deleted vehicle permits
19 transfer of registration credit to the replacement vehicle.
20 Allowance of credit for deleted vehicles shall be subject to
21 the following conditions:

22 Sec. 68. Section 721.8, Code 2020, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **721.8 Labeling publicly owned motor vehicles.**

25 All publicly owned motor vehicles shall bear at least
26 two labels in a conspicuous place, one on each side of the
27 vehicle. This label shall be designed to cover not less than
28 one square foot of surface. **This section** does not apply to
29 a motor vehicle which is specifically assigned by the head
30 of the department or office owning or controlling it, to
31 enforcement of police regulations or to motor vehicles issued
32 an ordinary registration ~~plates~~ plate pursuant to section
33 321.19, subsection 1.

34 Sec. 69. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor may make
35 any change the Code editor deems necessary to any Code section

1 that refers, in any context, to a set of, a pair of, or two
2 motor vehicle registration plates rather than one registration
3 plate, to correspond with the changes made in this Act if
4 there appears to be no doubt as to the proper method of making
5 the correction and the changes would not be contrary to or
6 inconsistent with this Act or any other Act.

7 Sec. 70. STUDY AND REPORT. The department of transportation
8 and the department of public safety shall jointly conduct a
9 study on the means available to identify a motor vehicle from
10 the front of the vehicle other than the display of a front
11 registration plate. The departments shall jointly submit
12 the results of the study, along with any recommendations, in
13 electronic form to the general assembly on or before December
14 31, 2020.

15 Sec. 71. TRANSITION PROVISIONS. The transition from the
16 use of registration plates on both the front and rear of
17 certain motor vehicles to the use of such plates on only the
18 front or rear of certain motor vehicles, as directed by this
19 Act, shall be accomplished in stages. A person applying for
20 a new or replacement registration plate on or after July 1,
21 2020, shall receive only one registration plate. Otherwise,
22 the transition shall not be accomplished until a new series of
23 registration plates is issued to replace a current series. The
24 department of transportation shall adopt rules to implement the
25 transition.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 Under current law, two registration plates are issued
30 for any motor vehicle other than an autocytle, motorcycle,
31 motorized bicycle, or truck tractor, and are required to be
32 attached to the front and rear of the vehicle, with certain
33 exceptions.

34 This bill provides that only one registration plate shall
35 be issued for a motor vehicle. The registration plate shall

1 be attached to the rear of the motor vehicle, except that the
2 registration plate for a truck tractor shall be attached to the
3 front of the truck tractor, consistent with current law.

4 The bill also makes corresponding Code language changes,
5 makes some Code language changes to enhance readability,
6 directs the Code editor to make changes to language referring
7 to two registration plates rather than one, if consistent with
8 the purposes of the Act and any other Act, and provides for the
9 transition from the use of two registration plates to the use
10 of one registration plate.

11 The bill also requires the department of transportation and
12 the department of public safety to jointly conduct a study
13 on the means available to identify a motor vehicle from the
14 front of the vehicle other than by the display of a front
15 registration plate, and to jointly submit the results of the
16 study, along with any recommendations, to the general assembly
17 on or before December 31, 2020.