

House File 2137 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public safety, including by creating a
2 public safety equipment fund and by providing for the
3 display of a special registration sticker on certain motor
4 vehicles in lieu of a front registration plate, and making
5 penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **80.48 Public safety equipment fund.**

2 1. A public safety equipment fund is created in the state
3 treasury under the control of the department. The fund shall
4 consist of moneys transferred to the fund pursuant to section
5 321.37A and any other moneys appropriated to or deposited
6 in the fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the
7 department for the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of
8 equipment used by the department.

9 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund
10 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a
11 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
12 expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding
13 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
14 the fund shall be credited to the fund.

15 Sec. 2. Section 321.37, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 1. Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other
18 than an autocycle, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or truck
19 tractor shall be attached to the motor vehicle, one in the
20 front and the other in the rear. However, subject to the
21 conditions set forth in section 321.37A, a person may display
22 a special registration sticker on the motor vehicle in lieu
23 of attaching a front registration plate. The registration
24 plate issued for an autocycle, motorcycle, or other vehicle
25 required to be registered ~~hereunder~~ under this chapter shall be
26 attached to the rear of the vehicle. The registration plate
27 issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of
28 the truck tractor. The special plate issued to a dealer shall
29 be attached on the rear of the vehicle when operated on the
30 highways of this state.

31 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **321.37A Special registration sticker.**

32 1. Upon application and payment of a fee of fifty dollars,
33 the department may issue a special registration sticker to the
34 owner of a motor vehicle other than an autocycle, motorcycle,
35 motorized bicycle, truck tractor, or motor vehicle operating

1 under a special plate issued to a dealer. The special
2 registration sticker may be displayed on the motor vehicle's
3 rear registration plate. If the special registration sticker
4 is displayed on the rear registration plate, the motor vehicle
5 may be operated without the front registration plate attached,
6 provided that the front registration plate is carried in the
7 vehicle at all times when the vehicle is operated on a public
8 highway and is available for inspection to any peace officer
9 upon the officer's request.

10 2. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
11 providing for the placement of the special registration sticker
12 on the rear registration plate.

13 3. The fees collected by the department under this section
14 shall be remitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in the
15 public safety equipment fund created in section 80.48 to be
16 used for the purposes specified for the fund.

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EXPLANATION

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

20 This bill authorizes the department of transportation (DOT)
21 to issue a motor vehicle special registration sticker that may
22 be displayed on the rear registration plate of certain motor
23 vehicles. If the special registration sticker is displayed
24 on the rear registration plate, the motor vehicle may be
25 operated without the front registration plate attached. The
26 front registration plate must be carried in the vehicle at all
27 times when the vehicle is operated on a public highway and
28 must be available for inspection to any peace officer upon
29 the officer's request. Requirements for the display of a
30 rear registration plate and annual validation sticker are not
31 altered by the bill.

32 The fee for a special registration sticker is \$50. The
33 fees collected by the DOT for special registration stickers
34 must be remitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in the
35 public safety equipment fund. The bill creates the public

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1 safety equipment fund and appropriates moneys in the fund
2 to the department of public safety (DPS) for the purchase,
3 maintenance, and replacement of equipment used by DPS.

4 By operation of law, a violation of the provisions of the
5 bill is punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20.