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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to flying our colors special registration  
2 plates.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2020, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11D. *Flying our colors plates.*

4 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the  
5 director may issue flying our colors plates to the owner of a  
6 motor vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,  
7 subsection 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor home, multipurpose  
8 vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer.

9 b. Flying our colors plates shall be designed by the  
10 department. Flying our colors plates shall be navy along the  
11 top and red along the bottom, and contain a white space in the  
12 middle of the plate which shall include the plate's letters and  
13 numbers in black and a gray image of a bald eagle behind the  
14 plate's letters and numbers.

15 c. (1) The special flying our colors fee for letter-number  
16 designated flying our colors plates is thirty-five dollars.  
17 An applicant may obtain personalized flying our colors plates  
18 upon payment of the fee for personalized plates as provided in  
19 subsection 5, which is in addition to the special fee. The  
20 fees collected by the director under this subsection shall be  
21 paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the  
22 road use tax fund.

23 (2) The treasurer of state shall credit monthly from the  
24 statutory allocations fund created under section 321.145,  
25 subsection 2, to the flood mitigation fund created under  
26 section 418.10, the amount of the special fees collected in the  
27 previous month for flying our colors plates. This subparagraph  
28 is repealed July 1, 2023.

29 d. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the  
30 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to  
31 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate  
32 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular  
33 registration plates are validated under this section. The  
34 annual special flying our colors fee for letter-number  
35 designated flying our colors plates is ten dollars which

1 shall be paid in addition to the regular annual registration  
2 fee. The annual fee for personalized flying our colors  
3 plates is five dollars which shall be paid in addition to the  
4 annual special flying our colors fee and the regular annual  
5 registration fee. The annual special flying our colors fee  
6 shall be credited as provided under paragraph "c".

7 Sec. 2. Section 321.166, subsection 9, Code 2020, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 9. Special registration plates issued pursuant to section  
10 321.34, other than gold star, medal of honor, collegiate,  
11 fire fighter, natural resources, ~~and blackout,~~ and flying  
12 our colors registration plates, shall be consistent with the  
13 design and color of regular registration plates but shall  
14 provide a space on a portion of the plate for the purpose of  
15 allowing the placement of a distinguishing processed emblem or  
16 an organization decal. Special registration plates shall also  
17 comply with the requirements for regular registration plates  
18 as provided in [this section](#) to the extent the requirements are  
19 consistent with the section authorizing a particular special  
20 vehicle registration plate.

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EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill authorizes the department of transportation  
25 (DOT) to issue flying our colors special registration plates.  
26 The bill requires that the flying our colors plate is to be  
27 designed with navy along the top, red along the bottom, and  
28 contain a white space in the middle of the plate which must  
29 include the plate's letters and numbers in black and an image  
30 of a bald eagle behind the plate's letters and numbers.

31 The bill provides that a special flying our colors fee for  
32 letter-number designated flying our colors plates is \$35 and  
33 that an applicant may obtain personalized flying our colors  
34 plates upon the payment of the \$25 fee for personalized plates  
35 set forth under current law, which is in addition to the

1 special flying our colors fee. The bill requires the fees  
2 collected by the DOT for the flying our colors plates to be  
3 paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the  
4 road use tax fund.

5     Until July 1, 2023, the treasurer of state must credit  
6 monthly from the statutory allocations fund to the flood  
7 mitigation fund the amount of special fees for flying our  
8 colors plates collected in the previous month.

9     Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the  
10 applicant must surrender the current registration plates to  
11 the county treasurer. The county treasurer must validate the  
12 special registration plates in the same manner as regular  
13 registration plates are validated. The annual special flying  
14 our colors fee for letter-number designated plates is \$10,  
15 which is in addition to the regular annual registration fee.  
16 The annual fee for personalized flying our colors plates is \$5,  
17 which is in addition to the annual special flying our colors  
18 fee and the regular annual registration fee. The bill requires  
19 the annual special flying our colors fee to be credited in the  
20 same way as the special flying our colors fee.