

Senate File 2112 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to full-color special registration plates.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 11C, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 11C. ~~Blackout~~ Full-color plates.

4 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
5 director may issue ~~blackout~~ full-color 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. ~~Blackout~~ Full-color plates shall be designed by the
10 department. ~~A blackout plate's background shall be black, and~~
11 ~~the plate's letters and numbers shall be white. A full-color~~
12 plate's background shall be one color, and the plate's letters
13 and numbers shall be one color different from and distinctly
14 in contrast with the color of the plate's background. The
15 department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
16 establish acceptable colors and color combinations for a
17 full-color plate's background, letters, and numbers. The
18 department's rules shall allow full-color plates with a black
19 background and white letters and numbers.

20 c. The special ~~blackout~~ full-color fee for letter-number
21 designated ~~blackout~~ full-color plates is thirty-five dollars.
22 An applicant may obtain personalized ~~blackout~~ full-color plates
23 upon payment of the fee for personalized plates as provided
24 in [subsection 5](#), which is in addition to the special ~~blackout~~
25 full-color fee. The fees collected by the director under this
26 subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
27 deposited in the road use tax fund.

28 d. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
29 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to
30 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate
31 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular
32 registration plates are validated under [this section](#). The
33 annual special ~~blackout~~ full-color fee for letter-number
34 designated plates is ten dollars which shall be paid in
35 addition to the regular annual registration fee. The annual

1 fee for personalized ~~blackout~~ full-color plates is five dollars
2 which shall be paid in addition to the annual special ~~blackout~~
3 full-color fee and the regular annual registration fee. The
4 annual special ~~blackout~~ full-color fee shall be credited as
5 provided under paragraph "c".

6 e. The department shall not condition the issuance of
7 ~~blackout~~ full-color plates on the receipt of any number of
8 orders for ~~blackout~~ full-color plates.

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

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

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EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill replaces blackout special registration plates with
27 full-color special registration plates. The bill authorizes
28 the department of transportation (DOT) to design and issue
29 the full-color plates. The bill requires that a full-color
30 plate's background be one color and the plate's letters and
31 numbers be one color different from and distinctly in contrast
32 with the color of the plate's background. The DOT is required
33 to establish acceptable colors and color combinations for a
34 full-color plate's background, letters, and numbers. The
35 department's rules must allow full-color plates with a black

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1 background and white letters and numbers.

2 The bill does not otherwise alter the process to obtain the
3 plates or the fees for the plates, which are deposited in the
4 road use tax fund.