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SENATE FILE 2316
BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3044)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for deposit of certain fees relating to
2 specified motor vehicle registration plates to the veterans
3 trust fund.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 16, paragraph a, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a member
4 of the national guard, as defined in chapter 29A, may,
5 upon written application to the department, order special
6 registration plates with a national guard processed emblem
7 with the emblem designed by the department in cooperation
8 with the adjutant general which emblem signifies that the
9 applicant is a member of the national guard. The application
10 shall be approved by the department in consultation with the
11 adjutant general. The special plate fees collected by the
12 director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the annual
13 validation of letter-number designated national guard plates,
14 and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual
15 validation of personalized national guard plates shall be paid
16 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road
17 use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly
18 from the statutory allocations fund created under section
19 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee trust fund
20 created in section ~~35A.11~~ 35A.13 the amount of the special fees
21 collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous
22 month for national guard plates. Special registration plates
23 with a national guard processed emblem shall be surrendered, as
24 provided in subsection 12, in exchange for regular registration
25 plates upon termination of the owner's membership in the active
26 national guard.

27 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, subsection 17, paragraph a, Code
28 2020, is amended to read as follows:

29 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was at Pearl
30 Harbor, Hawaii, as a member of the armed services of the United
31 States on December 7, 1941, may, upon written application
32 to the department, order special registration plates with a
33 Pearl Harbor processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed
34 by the department in consultation with service organizations.
35 The application is subject to approval by the department.

1 The special plate fees collected by the director under
2 subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of
3 letter-number designated Pearl Harbor plates, and subsection
4 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of
5 personalized Pearl Harbor plates shall be paid monthly to the
6 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The
7 treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory
8 allocations fund created under section 321.145, subsection
9 2, to the veterans ~~license-fee~~ trust fund created in section
10 ~~35A.11~~ 35A.13 the amount of the special fees collected under
11 subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for Pearl
12 Harbor plates.

13 Sec. 3. Section 321.34, subsection 18, paragraph a, Code
14 2020, is amended to read as follows:

15 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who was awarded
16 a purple heart medal by the United States government for
17 wounds received in military or naval combat against an armed
18 enemy of the United States may, upon written application to
19 the department and presentation of satisfactory proof of the
20 award of the purple heart medal, order special registration
21 plates with a purple heart processed emblem. The design of
22 the emblem shall include a representation of a purple heart
23 medal and ribbon. The application is subject to approval by
24 the department in consultation with the adjutant general.
25 The special plate fees collected by the director under
26 subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of
27 letter-number designated purple heart plates, and subsection
28 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of
29 personalized purple heart plates shall be paid monthly to the
30 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The
31 treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory
32 allocations fund created under section 321.145, subsection
33 2, to the veterans ~~license-fee~~ trust fund created in section
34 ~~35A.11~~ 35A.13 the amount of the special fees collected under
35 subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for purple

1 heart plates.

2 Sec. 4. Section 321.34, subsection 19, paragraph a, Code
3 2020, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who is a retired
5 member of the United States armed forces may, upon written
6 application to the department and upon presentation of
7 satisfactory proof of membership, order special registration
8 plates with a United States armed forces retired processed
9 emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the department in
10 consultation with service organizations. The application is
11 subject to approval by the department. For purposes of this
12 subsection, a person is considered to be retired if the person
13 is recognized by the United States armed forces as retired
14 from the United States armed forces. The special plate fees
15 collected by the director under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a",
16 from the annual validation of letter-number designated armed
17 forces retired plates, and [subsection 12](#), paragraph "c", from
18 the issuance and annual validation of personalized armed forces
19 retired plates 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 veterans
23 ~~license fee trust~~ fund created in [section 35A.11](#) [35A.13](#) the
24 amount of the special fees collected under [subsection 12](#),
25 paragraph "a", in the previous month for armed forces retired
26 plates.

27 Sec. 5. Section 321.34, subsection 20, paragraph a, Code
28 2020, is amended to read as follows:

29 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who was awarded a
30 silver or a bronze star by the United States government, may,
31 upon written application to the department and presentation
32 of satisfactory proof of the award of the silver or bronze
33 star, order special registration plates with a silver or bronze
34 star processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the
35 department in consultation with the adjutant general. The

1 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection
2 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of letter-number
3 designated silver star and bronze star plates, and subsection
4 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of
5 personalized silver star and bronze star plates shall be paid
6 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use
7 tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from
8 the statutory allocations fund created under section 321.145,
9 subsection 2, to the veterans ~~license fee~~ trust fund created in
10 section ~~35A.11~~ 35A.13 the amount of the special fees collected
11 under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for
12 silver star and bronze star plates.

13 Sec. 6. Section 321.34, subsection 20A, paragraph a, Code
14 2020, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 and air force cross plates.

2 Sec. 7. Section 321.34, subsection 20B, paragraph a, Code
3 2020, is amended to read as follows:

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

26 Sec. 8. Section 321.34, subsection 20C, paragraph b, Code
27 2020, is amended to read as follows:

28 b. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who was awarded a
29 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action
30 ribbon, air force combat action medal, or combat medical
31 badge by the United States government may, upon written
32 application to the department and presentation of satisfactory
33 proof of the award, order special registration plates with a
34 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action
35 ribbon, air force combat action medal, or combat medical badge

1 processed emblem. The special plate fees collected by the
 2 director under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", from the annual
 3 validation of letter-number designated combat infantryman
 4 badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force
 5 combat action medal, and combat medical badge plates, and
 6 [subsection 12](#), paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual
 7 validation of personalized combat infantryman badge, combat
 8 action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action
 9 medal, and combat medical badge plates shall be paid monthly
 10 to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax
 11 fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the
 12 statutory allocations fund created under section 321.145,
 13 [subsection 2](#), to the veterans ~~license fee~~ trust fund created in
 14 section ~~35A.11~~ 35A.13 the amount of the special fees collected
 15 under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a", in the previous month for
 16 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action
 17 ribbon, air force combat action medal, and combat medical badge
 18 plates.

19 Sec. 9. Section 321.34, subsection 24, paragraph a, Code
 20 2020, is amended to read as follows:

21 a. An owner referred to in [subsection 12](#) who is the
 22 surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a deceased
 23 member of the United States armed forces who died while serving
 24 on active duty during a time of military conflict or who died
 25 as a result of such service may order special registration
 26 plates bearing a gold star emblem upon written application
 27 to the department accompanied by satisfactory supporting
 28 documentation as determined by the department. The gold star
 29 emblem shall be designed by the department in cooperation with
 30 the commission of veterans affairs. The special plate fees
 31 collected by the director under [subsection 12](#), paragraph "a",
 32 from the annual validation of letter-number designated gold
 33 star plates, and [subsection 12](#), paragraph "c", from the issuance
 34 and annual validation of personalized gold star plates shall
 35 be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in

1 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
2 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under
3 section 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans ~~license fee~~
4 trust fund created in ~~section 35A.11~~ 35A.13 the amount of the
5 special fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in
6 the previous month for gold star plates.

7 Sec. 10. Section 321.34, subsection 27, paragraph a, Code
8 2020, is amended to read as follows:

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

29 Sec. 11. REPEAL. Section 35A.11, Code 2020, is repealed.

30 Sec. 12. VETERANS LICENSE FEE FUND — DEPOSIT. Moneys that
31 remain unobligated or unexpended as of June 30, 2020, in the
32 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 shall be
33 deposited in the veterans trust fund created in section 35A.13.

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EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill provides for the deposit of certain fees relating
3 to special military-related motor vehicle registration plates
4 to the veterans trust fund instead of the veterans license fee
5 fund.

6 Code section 321.34, concerning special plates, is amended
7 to provide that an amount equal to the special fees collected
8 for the national guard special plates; Pearl Harbor special
9 plates; purple heart special plates; United States armed
10 forces retired special plates; silver or bronze star plates;
11 distinguished service, navy, or air force cross plates;
12 soldier's, navy and marine corps, or airman's medal plates; and
13 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action
14 ribbon, air force combat action medal, and combat medical badge
15 plates shall be transferred to the veterans trust fund created
16 in Code section 35A.13 instead of the veterans license fee fund
17 created in Code section 35A.11.

18 The bill repeals the veterans license fee fund and provides
19 that any moneys that remain unobligated or unexpended as of
20 June 30, 2020, in the veterans license fee fund shall be
21 deposited in the veterans trust fund.