

**House File 219 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to green warning special registration plates.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11E. *Green warning plates.*

4 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the  
5 director may issue green warning plates to the owner of a  
6 battery electric motor vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric  
7 motor vehicle, as those terms are defined in section 321.116,  
8 subject to registration.

9 b. Green warning plates shall be designed by the department  
10 and shall contain a green background. The department shall  
11 design green warning plates to serve as a warning to first  
12 responders about any unique hazards relating to battery  
13 electric motor vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric motor  
14 vehicles involved in a traffic accident or emergency.

15 c. There is no additional special fee for letter-number  
16 designated green warning plates. An applicant may obtain  
17 personalized green warning plates upon payment of the fee for  
18 personalized plates as provided in subsection 5.

19 d. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the  
20 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to  
21 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate  
22 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular  
23 registration plates are validated under this section. There  
24 is no additional annual fee for letter-number designated green  
25 warning plates. The annual fee for personalized green warning  
26 plates is five dollars, which shall be paid in addition to the  
27 regular annual registration fee.

28 Sec. 2. Section 321.166, subsection 9, Code 2021, is amended  
29 to read as follows:

30 9. Special registration plates issued pursuant to section  
31 321.34, other than gold star, medal of honor, collegiate, fire  
32 fighter, natural resources, blackout, and flying our colors,  
33 and green warning registration plates, shall be consistent with  
34 the design and color of regular registration plates but shall  
35 provide a space on a portion of the plate for the purpose of

1 allowing the placement of a distinguishing processed emblem or  
2 an organization decal. Special registration plates shall also  
3 comply with the requirements for regular registration plates  
4 as provided in [this section](#) to the extent the requirements are  
5 consistent with the section authorizing a particular special  
6 vehicle registration plate.

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EXPLANATION

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

10       This bill authorizes the department of transportation  
11 (DOT) to design and issue green warning special registration  
12 plates. The bill requires green warning plates to contain a  
13 green background and to be designed to serve as a warning to  
14 first responders about any unique hazards relating to battery  
15 electric motor vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric motor  
16 vehicles involved in a traffic accident or emergency.

17       The bill provides that there is no additional special fee for  
18 the issuance of letter-number designated green warning plates;  
19 however, an applicant obtaining personalized green warning  
20 plates must pay a \$25 fee as set forth under current law.

21       Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the  
22 applicant must surrender the current registration plates to  
23 the county treasurer. The county treasurer must validate the  
24 special registration plates in the same manner as regular  
25 registration plates are validated. There is no additional  
26 annual fee for letter-number designated green warning plates  
27 other than the regular annual registration fee. However, the  
28 annual fee for personalized green warning plates is \$5 as set  
29 forth under current law.