

Senate Study Bill 3045 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BROWN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the display of a county name on vehicle
2 registration plates.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.166, subsection 2, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Every registration plate or pair of plates shall display
4 a registration plate number which shall consist of alphabetical
5 or numerical characters or a combination thereof and the name
6 of this state, which may be abbreviated. ~~Every A~~ registration
7 plate issued by the county treasurer ~~shall~~ may display the name
8 of the county, including any plate issued pursuant to section
9 321.34, except Pearl Harbor and purple heart registration
10 plates issued prior to January 1, 1997, ~~registration plates~~
11 ~~issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 13,~~ paragraph
12 ~~"d"~~, and collegiate, fire fighter, and medal of honor
13 registration plates. Special truck registration plates shall
14 display the word "special". The department may adopt rules to
15 implement this subsection.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 Under current law, every vehicle registration plate issued
20 by a county treasurer must display the name of the county,
21 including any special registration plates issued pursuant to
22 Code section 321.34, with limited exceptions.

23 This bill makes displaying the name of the county on such
24 plates optional and strikes an outdated reference in Code
25 section 321.166.

26 Under current law, it is unlawful for the owner of a vehicle
27 to place any frame around or over the registration plate which
28 does not permit full view of all numerals and letters printed
29 on the registration plate, including the county name. A
30 violation of this provision is a simple misdemeanor punishable
31 by a scheduled fine of \$30.