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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to national wild turkey federation special
2 registration plates, and making appropriations.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2024, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11E. *National wild turkey federation plates.*

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

10 b. National wild turkey federation plates shall be designed
11 by the department in cooperation with the Iowa chapter of the
12 national wild turkey federation.

13 c. The special national wild turkey federation fee for
14 letter-number designated national wild turkey federation plates
15 is twenty-five dollars. An applicant may obtain personalized
16 national wild turkey federation plates upon payment of the fee
17 for personalized plates as provided in subsection 5, which is
18 in addition to the special national wild turkey federation fee.

19 d. The fees collected by the director under this subsection
20 shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited
21 in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall
22 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund created
23 under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the general fund of the
24 state the amount of the special fees collected in the previous
25 month for national wild turkey federation plates. Such
26 moneys are appropriated to the department of natural resources
27 to distribute in the form of grants to support wild turkey
28 habitat conservation and hunting in Iowa. In the awarding of
29 grants, the department of natural resources shall give first
30 consideration to any state chapter of a nonprofit organization
31 supporting wild turkey habitat conservation and improvement,
32 and efforts to increase the number of hunters in this state,
33 and similar nonprofit organizations. Notwithstanding section
34 8.33, moneys appropriated under this subsection shall not
35 revert to the general fund of the state.

1 e. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
2 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to
3 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate
4 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular
5 registration plates are validated under this section. The
6 annual special national wild turkey federation fee for
7 letter-number designated plates is ten dollars which shall be
8 paid in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The
9 annual fee for personalized national wild turkey federation
10 plates is ten dollars which shall be paid in addition to the
11 annual special national wild turkey federation fee and the
12 regular annual registration fee. The annual special national
13 wild turkey federation fee shall be credited as provided under
14 paragraph "d".

15 f. The department shall not condition the issuance of
16 national wild turkey federation plates on the receipt of any
17 number of orders for national wild turkey federation plates.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This bill authorizes the department of transportation (DOT)
22 to design and issue national wild turkey federation (NWTF)
23 special registration plates. The NWTF is a national nonprofit
24 organization dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey
25 and the preservation of wild turkey hunters' hunting heritage.

26 The bill provides that the special NWTF fee for
27 letter-number designated NWTF plates is \$25. An applicant may
28 obtain personalized NWTF plates by paying an additional \$25
29 fee for personalized registration plates as provided in Code
30 section 321.34(5), which is in addition to the special NWTF
31 fee. The annual special NWTF fee for letter-number designated
32 plates is \$10, which is in addition to the regular annual
33 registration fee. Similarly, the annual fee for personalized
34 NWTF plates is \$10, which is in addition to both the annual
35 special NWTF fee and the regular annual registration fee.

1 The fees collected by the DOT must be paid monthly to the
2 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The
3 treasurer of state must transfer monthly from the statutory
4 allocations fund to the general fund of the state the amount
5 of the special fees collected in the previous month for the
6 NWTF plates. Such moneys are appropriated to the department of
7 natural resources (DNR) to distribute in the form of grants to
8 support wild turkey habitat conservation and hunting in Iowa.
9 In awarding the grants, DNR must give first consideration to
10 any state chapter of a nonprofit organization supporting wild
11 turkey habitat conservation and improvement, and efforts to
12 increase the number of hunters in Iowa, and similar nonprofit
13 organizations.

14 The bill prohibits the DOT from conditioning the issuance
15 of NWTF plates on the receipt of any number of orders for NWTF
16 plates.

17 Under current law, nonprofit organizations are authorized
18 to apply to the DOT for approval to issue a decal of the
19 organization's own design to be displayed on special
20 registration plates with space reserved for an organizational
21 decal. The nonprofit organization may charge a fee and retain
22 any payment received for the organizational decal. Code
23 section 321.34(13) sets forth the application process and
24 certain limitations for nonprofit organizations and decal
25 designs.