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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to antique vehicle special registration plates.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2023, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11E. *Antique vehicle plates — identical*
4 *to model year.*

5 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
6 director shall issue antique vehicle plates to the owner
7 of a motor vehicle registered pursuant to section 321.115,
8 subsection 1.

9 b. Antique vehicle plates shall be designed by the
10 department and each plate issued shall be designed to be as
11 identical as practicable to the regular registration plate
12 issued in the model year of the antique vehicle.

13 c. (1) The special antique vehicle fee for letter-number
14 designated antique vehicle plates is fifty dollars. An
15 applicant may obtain personalized antique vehicle plates upon
16 payment of the fee for personalized plates as provided in
17 subsection 5, which is in addition to the special fee. The
18 fees collected by the director under this subsection shall be
19 paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the
20 road use tax fund.

21 (2) The treasurer of state shall credit monthly from the
22 statutory allocations fund created under section 321.145,
23 subsection 2, to the department of cultural affairs, the amount
24 of the special fees collected in the previous month for antique
25 vehicle plates. Moneys credited under this subparagraph are
26 appropriated to the department of cultural affairs to support
27 the state historical society for the purposes of preserving and
28 promoting automotive history within the state.

29 d. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
30 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to
31 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate
32 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular
33 registration plates are validated under this section. The
34 annual special antique vehicle fee for letter-number designated
35 antique vehicle plates is ten dollars which shall be paid

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

7 Sec. 2. Section 321.115, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
8 2023, is amended to read as follows:

9 c. (1) The owner of a motor vehicle registered under this
10 subsection may display authentic Iowa registration plates from
11 the model year of the motor vehicle, furnished by the person
12 and approved by the department, in lieu of the current and
13 valid Iowa registration plates issued for the vehicle, provided
14 that the current and valid Iowa registration plates and the
15 registration card issued for the vehicle are simultaneously
16 carried within the vehicle and are available for inspection to
17 any peace officer upon the officer's request.

18 (2) Alternatively, the owner of a motor vehicle registered
19 under this subsection may display antique vehicle special
20 registration plates issued under section 321.34, subsection
21 11E. The owner of a "limited use" antique vehicle displaying
22 antique vehicle special registration plates need not purchase
23 special "limited use" plates under section 321.60, but
24 must otherwise comply with the "limited use" registration
25 requirements in accordance with sections 321.58 through 321.62.

26 Sec. 3. Section 321.166, subsection 9, Code 2023, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 9. Special registration plates issued pursuant to section
29 321.34, other than gold star, medal of honor, collegiate, fire
30 fighter, natural resources, blackout, and flying our colors,
31 and antique vehicle registration plates, shall be consistent
32 with the design and color of regular registration plates
33 but shall provide a space on a portion of the plate for the
34 purpose of allowing the placement of a distinguishing processed
35 emblem or an organization decal. Special registration

1 plates shall also comply with the requirements for regular
2 registration plates as provided in [this section](#) to the extent
3 the requirements are consistent with the section authorizing a
4 particular special vehicle registration plate.

5 EXPLANATION

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

8 Under current law, a motor vehicle that is 25 model years
9 old or older may be registered as an antique vehicle. The
10 registration fee for an antique vehicle is generally \$50
11 per year, though it may be higher for certain motor homes
12 and vehicles weighing more than three tons, or lower for
13 vehicles owned by the same person since before January 1, 2009.
14 Alternatively, a motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, or
15 motor home may register as a "limited use" antique vehicle for
16 purposes of operating to and from state and county fairs or
17 other places of entertainment or education for exhibition or
18 educational purposes. The registration fee for "limited use"
19 antique vehicles is \$35 per year plus \$20 per year per special
20 "limited use" plate. An antique vehicle may display authentic
21 Iowa registration plates from the model year of the motor
22 vehicle, furnished by the person and approved by the department
23 of transportation (DOT), in lieu of the current and valid Iowa
24 registration plates issued for the vehicle, provided that the
25 current and valid Iowa registration plates and the registration
26 card issued for the vehicle are simultaneously carried within
27 the vehicle and are available for inspection upon a peace
28 officer's request.

29 This bill allows the owner of an antique vehicle to display
30 special registration plates that are designed by the DOT to
31 mirror plates from the model year of the motor vehicle and
32 that are furnished by the DOT. The bill requires the DOT to
33 issue antique vehicle special registration plates upon proper
34 application and payment of fees. The bill further requires
35 that the antique vehicle plate be designed to be as identical

1 as practicable to the regular registration plate issued for the
2 model year of the antique vehicle.

3 The bill provides that the special antique vehicle fee for
4 letter-number designated antique vehicle plates is \$50 and that
5 an applicant may obtain personalized antique vehicle plates
6 upon the payment of the \$25 fee for personalized plates set
7 forth under current law, which is in addition to the special
8 antique vehicle fee. The annual special antique vehicle
9 fee for letter-number designated plates is \$10, which is in
10 addition to the regular annual registration fee. The annual
11 fee for personalized antique vehicle plates is \$5, which is
12 in addition to the annual special antique vehicle fee and the
13 regular annual registration fee. The bill requires the fees
14 collected by the DOT for antique vehicle plates to be paid
15 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road use
16 tax fund. The treasurer of state must then credit monthly from
17 the statutory allocations fund to the department of cultural
18 affairs (DCA) the amount of special fees for antique vehicle
19 plates collected in the previous month. The moneys received by
20 the DCA under the bill are appropriated to the DCA to support
21 to the state of Iowa historical society to preserve and promote
22 automotive history within the state.

23 Finally, the bill provides that the owner of a "limited use"
24 antique vehicle displaying antique vehicle plates need not also
25 purchase "limited use" plates.