

House Study Bill 718 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

A BILL FOR

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

1 Section 1. Section 35A.11, subsection 2, Code 2024, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* Special forces special plates issued
4 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 16A.

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

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 16A. *Special forces plates.*

8 *a.* An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a member
9 of the United States army special forces may, upon written
10 application to the department and presentation of satisfactory
11 proof of such membership, order special registration plates
12 with a United States army special forces distinguishing
13 processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the
14 department in consultation with the adjutant general and must
15 include a representation of the special forces branch insignia.
16 The special plate fees collected by the director under
17 subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of
18 letter-number designated special forces plates, and subsection
19 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of
20 personalized special forces plates shall be paid monthly to the
21 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The
22 treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory
23 allocations fund created under section 321.145, subsection 2,
24 to the veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11
25 the amount of the special fees collected under subsection 12,
26 paragraph "a", in the previous month for special forces plates.

27 *b.* Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a", an owner
28 who is approved for special registration plates under this
29 subsection shall be issued one set of special registration
30 plates with a United States army special forces distinguishing
31 processed emblem at no charge.

32 *c.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
33 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
34 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
35 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment

1 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
2 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
3 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special
4 plates to the department and the department shall issue regular
5 registration plates to the surviving spouse.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill authorizes the department of transportation (DOT)
10 to issue special registration plates bearing a United States
11 army special forces distinguishing processed emblem designed
12 by the DOT in consultation with the adjutant general. The
13 processed emblem must include a representation of the special
14 forces branch insignia. The special forces are also referred
15 to as the "green berets". A person who is a member of the
16 special forces may apply to the DOT and present satisfactory
17 proof of such membership to order the plates.

18 Under current law, the fee for the issuance of special
19 registration plates with a processed emblem is \$25 which is
20 in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The bill
21 provides that a person who is approved for the special forces
22 plates must be issued one set of plates at no charge.

23 The bill requires the fees collected by the DOT for the
24 special forces plates to be paid monthly to the treasurer of
25 state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of
26 state must credit monthly from the statutory allocations fund
27 to the veterans license fee fund the amount of special fees for
28 special forces plates collected in the previous month.

29 The bill authorizes the surviving spouse of a person who was
30 issued special forces plates to continue to use or apply for
31 and use the plates subject to certain conditions.