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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to emergency medical services special
2 registration plates.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 10A, paragraph a,
2 Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The owner of a motor vehicle referred to in subsection
4 12 who is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency
5 medical services agency may, upon written application to the
6 department, order special registration plates, designed by the
7 department ~~in cooperation with representatives designated by~~
8 ~~the Iowa emergency medical services association, which plates~~
9 to signify that the applicant is a current member of a paid
10 or volunteer emergency medical services agency. The plate's
11 background shall be white and the plate's letters and numbers
12 shall be blue. The left side of the plate shall depict a
13 blue, six-pointed star with a white serpent and staff in the
14 middle, commonly referred to as the star of life. The letters
15 "EMS" shall appear on the bottom of the plate. The application
16 shall be approved by the department, in consultation with
17 representatives designated by the Iowa emergency medical
18 services association, and the special registration plates shall
19 be issued to the applicant in exchange for the registration
20 plates previously issued to the person. The fee for the
21 special plates is twenty-five dollars which is in addition to
22 the regular annual registration fee. The department shall
23 validate the special plates in the same manner as regular
24 registration plates are validated under [this section](#) at the
25 regular annual registration fee.

26 Sec. 2. Section 321.166, subsections 2 and 9, Code 2024, are
27 amended to read as follows:

28 2. Every registration plate or pair of plates shall display
29 a registration plate number which shall consist of alphabetical
30 or numerical characters or a combination thereof and the name
31 of this state, which may be abbreviated. Every registration
32 plate issued by the county treasurer shall display the name
33 of the county, including any plate issued pursuant to section
34 321.34, except Pearl Harbor and purple heart registration
35 plates issued prior to January 1, 1997; and collegiate,

1 fire fighter, emergency medical services, and medal of honor
2 registration plates. Special truck registration plates shall
3 display the word "special". The department may adopt rules to
4 implement [this subsection](#).

5 9. Special registration plates issued pursuant to section
6 321.34, other than gold star, medal of honor, collegiate,
7 fire fighter, emergency medical services, natural resources,
8 blackout, and flying our colors registration plates, shall be
9 consistent with the design and color of regular registration
10 plates but shall provide a space on a portion of the plate
11 for the purpose of allowing the placement of a distinguishing
12 processed emblem or an organization decal. Special
13 registration plates shall also comply with the requirements
14 for regular registration plates as provided in [this section](#) to
15 the extent the requirements are consistent with the section
16 authorizing a particular special vehicle registration plate.

17 Sec. 3. TRANSITION. A person applying for new or
18 replacement emergency medical services special registration
19 plates on or after the effective date of this Act shall receive
20 plates designed as described in this Act. The department of
21 transportation shall issue plates as described in this Act to
22 owners who were issued emergency medical services plates prior
23 to the effective date of this Act upon the next renewal of the
24 owner's registration if the owner chooses to retain emergency
25 medical services plates.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) is
30 authorized to issue emergency medical services (EMS) special
31 registration plates to the owner of a vehicle who is a current
32 member of a paid or volunteer EMS agency. The DOT designed the
33 plate in cooperation with representatives designated by the
34 Iowa EMS association.

35 This bill instead requires the plate's background to be

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1 white and the plate's letters and numbers to be blue. The left
2 side of the plate must depict the star of life. The letters
3 "EMS" must appear on the bottom of the plate.

4 The bill exempts EMS plates from the general requirements
5 to display the name of the county that issues the registration
6 plates and to be consistent with the design and color of
7 regular registration plates.

8 The bill provides transition provisions.