

Senate File 59 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

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

1 Section 1. Section 35A.11, subsection 2, Code 2023, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Oi.* Distinguished service medal special
4 plates issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 20D.

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

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 20D. *Distinguished service medal plates.*

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

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

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

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