

House File 100 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) special registration
2 plates, providing fees, and making appropriations.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2025, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11E. *U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates.*

4 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
5 director may issue U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates to the owner of
6 a motor vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,
7 subsection 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor home, multipurpose
8 vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer.

9 b. The department shall request and receive designs for the
10 U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates from members of the public. The
11 department shall allow members of the public to choose the final
12 design for the U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates by holding a vote on
13 the department's internet site.

14 c. The special U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) fee for letter-number
15 designated U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates is thirty-five dollars.
16 An applicant may obtain personalized U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates
17 upon payment of the fee for personalized plates as provided in
18 subsection 5, which is in addition to the special U.S.S. Iowa
19 (BB-61) fee. Personalized plates authorized by this subsection
20 may be limited to no more than five numerals, letters, or
21 combinations of numerals and letters if the department determines
22 limiting the number of numerals and letters is necessary due to
23 the final design of the plates.

24 d. The fees collected by the director under this subsection
25 shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
26 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
27 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under section
28 321.145, subsection 2, to the general fund of the state the
29 amount of the special fees collected in the previous month for
30 U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates. Such moneys are appropriated to
31 the department of veterans affairs to distribute in the form
32 of grants to organizations that maintain or fundraise for the
33 maintenance of the U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61). Notwithstanding section
34 8.33, moneys appropriated under this subsection shall not revert.

35 e. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the

1 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to
2 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate
3 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular
4 registration plates are validated under this section. The annual
5 special U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) fee for letter-number designated
6 plates is ten dollars which shall be paid in addition to the
7 regular annual registration fee. The annual fee for personalized
8 U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates is five dollars which shall be paid
9 in addition to the annual special U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) fee and the
10 regular annual registration fee. The annual special U.S.S. Iowa
11 (BB-61) fee shall be credited as provided under paragraph "d".

12 *f.* The department shall not condition the issuance of
13 U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates on the receipt of any number of orders
14 for U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates.

15 *g.* The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
16 administer this subsection.

17 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT LEGISLATION. If the final
18 design for U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) special registration plates, as
19 provided in this Act, does not comply with section 321.166,
20 subsection 2 or 9, or any other provision of law, the department
21 of transportation shall submit legislation for consideration by
22 the general assembly to make any necessary changes.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill requires the department of transportation (DOT) to
27 create and issue U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) special registration plates
28 based on a design chosen by public vote. The U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61)
29 is a retired battleship and the lead ship of her class, having
30 earned nine battle stars for World War II service and two for
31 Korean Conflict service. The ship was also awarded the navy
32 meritorious unit commendation, the navy occupation service medal,
33 and the armed forces expeditionary medal, and was four-time
34 recipient of the coveted navy "E" ribbon.

35 The DOT must request and receive designs for the U.S.S. Iowa

1 (BB-61) plates from members of the public. The DOT is required
2 to allow members of the public to choose the final design for
3 the U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates by holding a vote on the DOT's
4 internet site.

5 The bill provides that the special U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) fee for
6 letter-number designated U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates is \$35. An
7 applicant may obtain personalized U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates upon
8 payment of the \$25 fee for personalized plates set forth under
9 current law, which is in addition to the special U.S.S. Iowa
10 (BB-61) fee. Personalized U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates may be
11 limited to five numerals and letters if the DOT determines such
12 a limit is necessary due to the final design of the plates.
13 The annual special U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) fee for letter-number
14 designated plates is \$10, which is in addition to the regular
15 annual registration fee. The annual fee for personalized
16 U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates is \$5, which is in addition to the
17 annual special U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) fee and the regular annual
18 registration fee.

19 The fees collected by the DOT must be paid monthly to the
20 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund.
21 The treasurer of state must transfer monthly from the statutory
22 allocations fund to the general fund of the state the amount
23 of the special fees collected in the previous month for the
24 U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates. Such moneys are appropriated to
25 the department of veterans affairs to distribute in the form
26 of grants to organizations that maintain or fundraise for the
27 maintenance of the U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61).

28 The bill prohibits the DOT from conditioning the issuance of
29 U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates on the receipt of any number of orders
30 for U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61) plates.

31 Under current law, nonprofit organizations are authorized
32 to apply to the DOT for approval to issue a decal of the
33 organization's own design to be displayed on special registration
34 plates with space reserved for an organizational decal. The
35 nonprofit organization may charge a fee and retain any payment

1 received for the organizational decal. Code section 321.34(13)
2 sets forth the application process and certain limitations for
3 nonprofit organizations and decal designs.

4 The DOT is authorized to adopt rules to administer the bill,
5 and must submit legislation for consideration by the general
6 assembly if the final design of the plates does not comply with
7 current law.

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