

House File 2351 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 624)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the design of special registration plates with
2 a distinguishing processed emblem associated with military
3 service, and including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 12, Code 2026, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* An applicant for special registration
4 plates with a distinguishing processed emblem issued pursuant
5 to subsection 8A, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 20A, 20B, 20C, 24,
6 or 27 may request the plates be navy along the top and red
7 along the bottom, containing a white space in the middle of
8 the plate displaying the plate's letters and numbers in black,
9 with a gray image of a bald eagle behind the plate's letters
10 and numbers, at no additional cost. A person may exchange
11 previously issued special registration plates consistent with the
12 design and color of regular registration plates and containing
13 such a distinguishing processed emblem for the applicable special
14 registration plates for which the person is eligible with a plate
15 design described in this paragraph at no additional cost.

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.166, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 9. Special registration plates issued pursuant to section
19 ~~321.34, other than gold star~~ must be consistent with the design
20 and color of regular registration plates and comply with the
21 requirements for regular registration plates to the extent the
22 requirements are consistent with the subsection authorizing a
23 particular special vehicle registration plate, and may provide
24 a space on a portion of the plate for the purpose of allowing
25 a distinguishing processed emblem or the placement of an
26 organization decal. However, medal of honor, collegiate, fire
27 fighter, natural resources, blackout, and flying our colors
28 registration plates, shall be consistent with the design and
29 color of regular registration plates but shall provide a space on
30 a portion of the plate for the purpose of allowing the placement
31 of a distinguishing processed emblem or an organization decal
32 and special registration plates issued in accordance with section
33 321.34, subsection 12, paragraph "Ob", must be consistent with
34 the design described for the plates, as applicable. Special
35 registration plates shall also comply with the requirements

1 along the bottom, containing a white space in the middle of
2 the plate displaying the plate's letters and numbers in black,
3 with a gray image of a bald eagle behind the plate's letters
4 and numbers. This plate design matches the current design
5 for special flying our colors plates. A person may exchange
6 previously issued special registration plates for the applicable
7 special registration plates for which the person is eligible with
8 a plate design described in the bill at no additional cost.

9 The bill also makes conforming changes.

10 The bill applies on and after December 1, 2028, or
11 the date the department of transportation (DOT) submits to
12 the Iowa administrative code editor for publication in the
13 Iowa administrative bulletin a statement by the director of
14 transportation that the applicable phase of the DOT's new records
15 system is implemented, whichever is earlier. The DOT is also
16 required to forward a copy of the statement to the Iowa Code
17 editor.