

House File 2374 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Iowa's delta waterfowl 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 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11E. *Iowa's delta waterfowl plates.*

4 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
5 director may issue Iowa's delta waterfowl 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. Iowa's delta waterfowl plates shall be designed by the
10 department in cooperation with the Iowa chapters of the delta
11 waterfowl organization.

12 c. The special Iowa's delta waterfowl fee for letter-number
13 designated Iowa's delta waterfowl plates is twenty-five dollars.
14 An applicant may obtain personalized Iowa's delta waterfowl
15 plates upon payment of the fee for personalized plates as
16 provided in subsection 5, which is in addition to the special
17 Iowa's delta waterfowl fee.

18 d. The fees collected by the director under this subsection
19 shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
20 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
21 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under section
22 321.145, subsection 2, to the general fund of the state the
23 amount of the special fees collected in the previous month for
24 Iowa's delta waterfowl plates. Such moneys are appropriated to
25 the department of natural resources to distribute in the form
26 of grants to support delta waterfowl habitat conservation and
27 hunting in Iowa. In the awarding of grants, the department of
28 natural resources shall give first consideration to any state
29 chapter of a nonprofit organization supporting delta waterfowl
30 habitat conservation and improvement, and efforts to increase
31 the number of hunters in this state, and similar nonprofit
32 organizations. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated
33 under this subsection shall not revert.

34 e. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
35 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to

1 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate
2 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular
3 registration plates are validated under this section. The annual
4 special Iowa's delta waterfowl fee for letter-number designated
5 plates is ten dollars which shall be paid in addition to the
6 regular annual registration fee. The annual fee for personalized
7 Iowa's delta waterfowl plates is ten dollars which shall be paid
8 in addition to the annual special Iowa's delta waterfowl fee and
9 the regular annual registration fee. The annual special Iowa's
10 delta waterfowl fee shall be credited as provided under paragraph
11 "d".

12 f. The department shall not condition the issuance of Iowa's
13 delta waterfowl plates on the receipt of any number of orders for
14 Iowa's delta waterfowl plates.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill authorizes the department of transportation (DOT)
19 to design and issue Iowa's delta waterfowl (IDW) special
20 registration plates. The design must be in cooperation with
21 the Iowa chapters of the delta waterfowl organization. Delta
22 waterfowl is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the
23 conservation of delta waterfowl and the preservation of delta
24 waterfowl hunters' hunting heritage.

25 The bill provides that the special IDW fee for letter-number
26 designated IDW plates is \$25. An applicant may obtain
27 personalized IDW plates by paying an additional \$25 fee for
28 personalized registration plates as provided in Code section
29 321.34(5), which is in addition to the special IDW fee. The
30 annual special IDW fee for letter-number designated plates is
31 \$10, which is in addition to the regular annual registration fee.
32 Similarly, the annual fee for personalized IDW plates is \$10,
33 which is in addition to both the annual special IDW fee and the
34 regular annual registration fee.

35 The fees collected by the DOT must be paid monthly to the

1 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund.
2 The treasurer of state must transfer monthly from the statutory
3 allocations fund to the general fund of the state an amount
4 equal to the special fees collected in the previous month for
5 the IDW plates. Such moneys are appropriated to the department
6 of natural resources (DNR) to distribute in the form of grants
7 to support delta waterfowl habitat conservation and hunting in
8 Iowa. In awarding the grants, DNR must give first consideration
9 to any state chapter of a nonprofit organization supporting delta
10 waterfowl habitat conservation and improvement, and efforts to
11 increase the number of hunters in Iowa, and similar nonprofit
12 organizations.

13 The bill prohibits the DOT from conditioning the issuance of
14 IDW plates on the receipt of any number of orders for IDW plates.

15 Under current law, nonprofit organizations are authorized
16 to apply to the DOT for approval to issue a decal of the
17 organization's own design to be displayed on special registration
18 plates with space reserved for an organizational decal. The
19 nonprofit organization may charge a fee and retain any payment
20 received for the organizational decal. Code section 321.34(13)
21 sets forth the application process and certain limitations for
22 nonprofit organizations and decal designs. Additionally, the DOT
23 currently offers special ducks unlimited plates, upon application
24 and payment of the required fees.