

House File 433 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to national wild turkey federation
- 2 special registration plates, providing fees, and making
- 3 appropriations.
- 4 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. *National wild turkey federation*
4 *plates.*

5 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
6 director may issue national wild turkey federation plates to the
7 owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section
8 321.109, subsection 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor home,
9 multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer.

10 b. National wild turkey federation plates shall be designed
11 by the department in cooperation with the Iowa chapter of the
12 national wild turkey federation.

13 c. The special national wild turkey federation fee for
14 letter-number designated national wild turkey federation plates
15 is twenty-five dollars. An applicant may obtain personalized
16 national wild turkey federation plates upon payment of the fee
17 for personalized plates as provided in subsection 5, which is in
18 addition to the special national wild turkey federation fee.

19 d. The fees collected by the director under this subsection
20 shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
21 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
22 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created under section
23 321.145, subsection 2, to the general fund of the state the
24 amount of the special fees collected in the previous month
25 for national wild turkey federation plates. Such moneys are
26 appropriated to the department of natural resources to distribute
27 in the form of grants to support wild turkey habitat conservation
28 and hunting in Iowa. In the awarding of grants, the department
29 of natural resources shall give first consideration to any
30 state chapter of a nonprofit organization supporting wild turkey
31 habitat conservation and improvement, and efforts to increase
32 the number of hunters in this state, and similar nonprofit
33 organizations. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated
34 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 national wild turkey federation fee for letter-number
6 designated plates is ten dollars which shall be paid in addition
7 to the regular annual registration fee. The annual fee for
8 personalized national wild turkey federation plates is ten
9 dollars which shall be paid in addition to the annual special
10 national wild turkey federation fee and the regular annual
11 registration fee. The annual special national wild turkey
12 federation fee shall be credited as provided under paragraph "d".
13 *f.* The department shall not condition the issuance of
14 national wild turkey federation plates on the receipt of any
15 number of orders for national wild turkey federation plates.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill authorizes the department of transportation (DOT)
20 to design and issue national wild turkey federation (NWTF)
21 special registration plates. The NWTF is a national nonprofit
22 organization dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and
23 the preservation of wild turkey hunters' hunting heritage.

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

34 The fees collected by the DOT must be paid monthly to the
35 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund.

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

11 The bill prohibits the DOT from conditioning the issuance of
12 NWTF plates on the receipt of any number of orders for NWTF
13 plates.

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