

House File 619 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to air medal special registration plates, and
- 2 providing fees.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 35A.11, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0i.* Air medal special plates issued pursuant
4 to section 321.34, subsection 20D.

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

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 20D. *Air medal plates.*

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

26 b. Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a", an owner who
27 is approved for special registration plates under this subsection
28 shall be issued one set of special registration plates with an
29 air medal distinguishing processed emblem at no charge.

30 c. The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
31 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply
32 for and use the special plates subject to registration of the
33 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
34 of the annual five dollar special plate fee and the regular
35 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving

1 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special
2 plates to the department and the department shall issue regular
3 registration plates to the surviving spouse.

4 EXPLANATION

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

7 This bill authorizes the department of transportation
8 (DOT) to issue special registration plates bearing an air
9 medal distinguishing processed emblem designed by the DOT in
10 consultation with the adjutant general. The processed emblem
11 must include a representation of the air medal. The air medal
12 was established in 1942 and is awarded for single acts of heroism
13 or meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.
14 A person who was awarded the air medal may apply to the DOT and
15 present satisfactory proof 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 air medal plates
20 must be issued one set of plates at no charge.

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

27 The bill authorizes the surviving spouse of a person who was
28 issued air medal plates to continue to use or apply for and use
29 the plates subject to certain conditions.