

**House File 779 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 292)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to persons eligible for special registration
- 2 plates with a veteran processed emblem.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 27, paragraph a, Code  
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who served in  
4 the armed forces or reserve forces of the United States or  
5 the Iowa national guard, regardless of the number of years  
6 of service, and was discharged under honorable conditions may,  
7 upon written application to the department and upon presentation  
8 of satisfactory proof of ~~military~~ service and discharge under  
9 honorable conditions, order special registration plates bearing  
10 a distinguishing processed emblem depicting the word "veteran"  
11 below an image of the American flag. The application is  
12 subject to approval by the department. The special plate fees  
13 collected by the director under subsection 12, paragraph "a",  
14 from the annual validation of letter-number designated United  
15 States veteran plates, and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from  
16 the issuance and annual validation of personalized United States  
17 veteran plates, shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state  
18 and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of  
19 state shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund  
20 created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans  
21 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the  
22 special fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the  
23 previous month for United States veteran plates.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT)  
28 is authorized to issue special registration plates with a  
29 distinguishing processed emblem depicting the word "veteran"  
30 below an image of the American flag to a motor vehicle owner  
31 who served in the armed forces of the United States and  
32 was discharged under honorable conditions. Pursuant to rules  
33 adopted by the DOT (761 IAC 401.31), an application for special  
34 plates with a veteran processed emblem must be submitted to  
35 the commission of veterans affairs on a form prescribed by the

1 DOT. The commission of veterans affairs must determine whether  
2 the applicant is a veteran and, if so, certify this fact on the  
3 application form.

4 This bill makes persons who served in the reserve forces of  
5 the United States or the Iowa national guard, regardless of  
6 the number of years of service, and who were discharged under  
7 honorable conditions eligible to receive special registration  
8 plates with a veteran processed emblem.

9 Under current law, "veteran", when used in Code chapter  
10 35 (veterans affairs), and in numerous other provisions by  
11 reference, includes former members of the reserve forces of the  
12 United States or the Iowa national guard who served at least 20  
13 years and who were discharged under honorable conditions; members  
14 of the reserve forces of the United States or the Iowa national  
15 guard who were activated for federal duty, other than training,  
16 for a minimum aggregate of 90 days, and were discharged under  
17 honorable conditions or were retired in accordance with federal  
18 law; and members of the reserve forces of the United States or  
19 the Iowa national guard who have served at least 20 years and who  
20 continue to serve.