

**House Study Bill 624 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON JONES)

**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.  
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 ~~for regular registration plates as provided in this section~~  
2 ~~to the extent the requirements are consistent with the section~~  
3 ~~authorizing a particular special vehicle registration plate.~~

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 Under current law, a person registering a motor vehicle may  
8 order special registration plates, including a variety of special  
9 registration plates with a distinguishing processed emblem. The  
10 special registration plates must be consistent with the design  
11 and color of regular registration plates but with a space  
12 reserved for a processed emblem on the left side of the plates.  
13 Certain special registration plates, including gold star, medal  
14 of honor, collegiate, fire fighter, natural resources, blackout,  
15 and flying our colors plates are not required to match the design  
16 of regular plates.

17 This bill authorizes a person applying for certain processed  
18 emblem special registration plates, including ex-prisoner of war  
19 plates; legion of merit plates; national guard plates; Pearl  
20 Harbor plates; purple heart plates; United States armed forces  
21 retired plates; silver or bronze star plates; distinguished  
22 service, navy, or air force cross plates; soldier's, navy and  
23 marine corps, or airman's medal plates; combat infantryman badge,  
24 combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat  
25 action medal, and combat medical badge plates; gold star plates;  
26 or United States veteran plates to request, at no additional  
27 cost, that the issued plates be navy along the top and red  
28 along the bottom, containing a white space in the middle of  
29 the plate displaying the plate's letters and numbers in black,  
30 with a gray image of a bald eagle behind the plate's letters  
31 and numbers. This plate design matches the current design  
32 for special flying our colors plates. A person may exchange  
33 previously issued special registration plates for the applicable  
34 special registration plates for which the person is eligible with  
35 a plate design described in the bill at no additional cost.

1 The bill also makes conforming changes.

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