

House Study Bill 769 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON WAYS
AND MEANS BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to driver's licenses and nonoperator's
2 identification cards marked to reflect gold star status.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.189, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8A. *Gold star status.* A licensee who is the
4 surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a deceased member
5 of the United States armed forces who died while serving on
6 active duty during a time of military conflict or who died as
7 a result of such service may request that the license be marked
8 to reflect the licensee's gold star status. Upon receipt of such
9 a request and satisfactory proof of eligibility, the department
10 shall issue a license with the phrase "GOLD STAR FAMILY" marked
11 prominently on the face of the license.

12 Sec. 2. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
13 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

14 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (05) Upon receipt of a request and
15 satisfactory proof of eligibility, a nonoperator's identification
16 card issued to a person who is the surviving spouse, parent,
17 child, or sibling of a deceased member of the United States
18 armed forces who died while serving on active duty during a time
19 of military conflict or who died as a result of such service,
20 must contain the same information as any other nonoperator's
21 identification card except the phrase "GOLD STAR FAMILY" must
22 appear prominently on the face of the card.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill authorizes a person who is the surviving spouse,
27 parent, child, or sibling of a deceased member of the United
28 States armed forces who died while serving on active duty
29 during a time of military conflict or who died as a result of
30 such service to request that the person's driver's license or
31 nonoperator's identification card, as applicable, be prominently
32 marked with the phrase "GOLD STAR FAMILY". Such a person is
33 eligible to apply for gold star special registration plates under
34 current law.

35 Under current law, a veteran who was honorably discharged from

1 the armed forces of the United States may similarly request that
2 the veteran's driver's license or nonoperator's identification
3 card be marked to reflect the veteran's status as a veteran.

4 A gold star symbol is used on state driver's licenses and
5 other identification cards to indicate compliance with federal
6 REAL ID requirements.

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