

Senate File 2234 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) special registration
2 plates, providing fees, and making appropriations.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 16A. *U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates.*

4 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
5 director may issue special registration plates displaying a
6 U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) processed emblem to the owner of a motor
7 vehicle referred to in subsection 12.

8 b. The department shall design the processed emblem to depict
9 the official crest of the U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) in consultation
10 with the U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) commissioning committee.

11 c. The special U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) fee for letter-number
12 designated U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates is thirty-five dollars.
13 An applicant may obtain personalized U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates
14 upon payment of the fee for personalized plates as provided in
15 subsection 5, which is in addition to the special U.S.S. Iowa
16 (SSN-797) fee. Personalized plates authorized by this subsection
17 shall be limited to no more than five numerals, letters, or
18 combinations of numerals and letters.

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 for
25 U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates. Such moneys are appropriated to
26 the department of veterans affairs to distribute in the form of
27 grants to organizations that provide suicide prevention support
28 to veterans. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated
29 under this paragraph shall not revert.

30 e. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
31 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to
32 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate
33 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular
34 registration plates are validated under this section. The annual
35 special U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) fee for letter-number designated

1 plates is ten dollars which shall be paid in addition to the
2 regular annual registration fee. The annual fee for personalized
3 U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates is five dollars which shall be paid
4 in addition to the annual special U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) fee and
5 the regular annual registration fee. The annual special U.S.S.
6 Iowa (SSN-797) fee shall be credited as provided under paragraph
7 "d".

8 f. The department shall not condition the issuance of U.S.S.
9 Iowa (SSN-797) plates on the receipt of any number of orders for
10 U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill authorizes the department of transportation (DOT)
15 to issue U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) special registration plates. The
16 U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) is a Virginia-class attack submarine.

17 The bill provides that the special U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) fee
18 for letter-number designated U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates is \$35.
19 An applicant may obtain personalized U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates
20 by paying an additional \$25 fee for personalized registration
21 plates as provided in Code section 321.34(5), which is in
22 addition to the special U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) fee. Personalized
23 U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates are limited to five numerals and
24 letters. The annual special U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) fee for
25 letter-number designated plates is \$10, which is in addition
26 to the regular annual registration fee. The annual fee for
27 personalized U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates is \$5, which is in
28 addition to both the annual special U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) fee and
29 the regular annual registration fee.

30 The fees collected by the DOT must be paid monthly to the
31 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund.
32 The treasurer of state must transfer monthly from the statutory
33 allocations fund to the general fund of the state an amount
34 equal to the special fees collected in the previous month for
35 U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates. Such moneys are appropriated to

1 the department of veterans affairs to distribute in the form of
2 grants to organizations that provide suicide prevention support
3 to veterans.

4 The bill prohibits the DOT from conditioning the issuance of
5 U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates on the receipt of any number of
6 orders for U.S.S. Iowa (SSN-797) plates.

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

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