

Senate File 55 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the issuance of fire fighter special
2 registration plates for vehicles owned by certain revocable
3 trusts.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 10, paragraph a, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
4 director may issue fire fighter plates to the owner of a motor
5 vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109, subsection
6 1, autocycle, motor truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle,
7 motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer if the owner is a current
8 or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department, or
9 if the owner is a revocable trust, as defined in section 9H.1,
10 and the grantor, as defined in section 9H.1, is a current
11 or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department.
12 The special registration plates, designed by the department in
13 cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire
14 fighters' associations, signify that the applicant is a current
15 or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) is
20 authorized to issue fire fighter special registration plates to
21 an owner who is a current or retired member of a fire department
22 (fire fighter plates). An application for fire fighter plates
23 must be approved by the DOT in consultation with representatives
24 designated by the Iowa fire fighters' associations. For purposes
25 of Code chapter 321 (motor vehicles and law of the road), "owner"
26 means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle, or in
27 the event a vehicle is the subject of a security agreement with
28 an immediate right of possession vested in the debtor, then such
29 debtor is deemed the owner. A person is considered to be retired
30 from a fire department if the person is recognized on record, by
31 the chief of the fire department where the individual served, as
32 officially retired from the fire department.

33 This bill authorizes the DOT to issue fire fighter plates to
34 a vehicle owner that is a revocable trust if the grantor is a
35 current or retired member of a fire department. The special fee

1 for fire fighter plates is \$25 (plus \$5 for personalized plates),
2 in addition to the regular registration fee. The treasurer of
3 state is required to transfer moneys, equal to the amount the
4 road use tax fund receives from special fees for fire fighter
5 plates, each month from the statutory allocations fund to the
6 Paul Ryan memorial fire fighter safety training fund.

7 When used in the bill, "revocable trust" means a trust which
8 provides that the grantor retains the power to amend, modify,
9 or revoke the trust at any time prior to the death of the
10 grantor, regardless of whether, subsequent to the execution of
11 the revocable trust and at any time prior to death, the grantor
12 is legally competent to exercise the power to amend, modify, or
13 revoke the trust and regardless of when the trust is created;
14 and "grantor" means a natural person, other than a nonresident
15 alien as defined under Code section 9H.1, who is the creator of a
16 revocable trust or a trust.