

House Study Bill 769 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON NORDMAN)

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:

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

13 Sec. 2. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
14 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

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

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

1 Under current law, a veteran who was honorably discharged
2 from the armed forces of the United States may similarly
3 request that the veteran's driver's license or nonoperator's
4 identification card be marked to reflect the veteran's status
5 as a veteran.

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