

the United States Code, 38 U.S.C. § 1901 et seq. (1970), shall be exempt from payment of any automobile registration fee provided in this chapter, and shall be provided, without fee, with a registration plate. The disabled veteran, to be able to claim the above benefit, must be a resident of the state of Iowa. The disabled veteran may obtain a special or personalized plate under section 321.34 by paying the difference between the fee for a regular registration plate and the fee for the special or personalized registration plate.

Sec. 5. REFUNDS OF FEES — PILOT PROJECT. Notwithstanding the obligation to collect a fee for a renewal or duplicate of a nonoperator's identification card or a driver's license pursuant to section 321.190 or 321.191, the state department of transportation may conduct a pilot project for waiving or refunding such fees pursuant to rules adopted by the department. The department may conduct the pilot project at two driver's license stations in the state. In conducting the pilot project the department may waive payment of or refund all or a portion of the fees to an applicant for a renewal or a duplicate if the department determines that the service standard for timely issuance has not been met or an error on the license or identification card requires the applicant to return to the driver's license station. The decision of the department not to issue a refund is final and not subject to review pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa administrative procedure Act in chapter 17A.

Sec. 6. TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF RISE FUND MONEYS. Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in chapter 315, if the state transportation commission receives and files a letter from the director of transportation certifying that the state department of transportation's cash flow funding may be inadequate to meet anticipated road construction costs which arise during the period beginning on the effective date of this Act through June 30, 2001, the commission may authorize the temporary transfer of funds from the revitalize Iowa's sound economy (RISE) fund to the primary road fund. Transferred funds shall be repaid to the RISE fund within six months of transfer. The commission shall manage the RISE fund to ensure that funds will be available to meet contract obligations on approved RISE projects.

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 6 of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Approved April 7, 2000

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## CHAPTER 1217

### APPROPRIATIONS — ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FUNDING

S.F. 2416

**AN ACT** relating to energy conservation including making appropriations of petroleum overcharge funds.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. There is appropriated from those funds designated within the energy conservation trust created in section 473.11, for disbursement pursuant to section 473.11, to the following named agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. To the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights for qualifying energy conservation programs for low-income persons, including but not limited to energy weatherization projects, which target the highest energy users, and including administrative costs:

a. To be expended first from the office of hearings and appeals second-stage settlement (OHA) fund and the Warner/Imperial fund and the Diamond Shamrock fund and then the Stripper Well fund:

..... \$ 350,000

b. To be expended from the Exxon fund:

..... \$ 40,000

2. To the department of natural resources for the following purposes:

a. For the state energy program, from the Exxon fund:

..... \$ 60,000

b. For administration of petroleum overcharge programs from the Stripper Well fund, not to exceed the following amount:

..... \$ 150,000

Notwithstanding section 8.33, the unencumbered or unobligated moneys remaining at the end of any fiscal year from the appropriations made in subsections 1 and 2 shall not revert but shall be available for expenditure during subsequent fiscal years until expended for the purposes for which originally appropriated.

Approved April 14, 2000

**CHAPTER 1218**

**MERCHANT MARINE BONUS FUND**

*S.F. 2141*

**AN ACT** creating a merchant marine bonus fund and making an appropriation.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 35A.8, subsection 4, Code Supplement 1999, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

**NEW PARAGRAPH.** f. A merchant marine bonus fund is created in the state treasury. The merchant marine bonus fund shall consist of all moneys appropriated to the fund to pay the bonus compensation authorized in this subsection. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on investments or time deposits of the moneys in the merchant marine bonus fund shall be credited to the merchant marine bonus fund. Section 8.33 does not apply to moneys appropriated to the merchant marine bonus fund.

Sec. 2. **MERCHANT MARINE BONUS APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the merchant marine bonus fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For the payment of a compensation bonus to World War II merchant marine veterans as provided in section 35A.8:

..... \$ 150,000

Approved April 20, 2000