CHAPTER 105

FIRE FIGHTER MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES — FEES

H.F. 656

AN ACT relating to fees charged for special fire fighter motor vehicle registration plates.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 100B.12 PAUL RYAN MEMORIAL FIRE FIGHTER SAFETY TRAINING FUND.

A Paul Ryan memorial fire fighter safety training fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department of public safety. The fund shall consist of fees transferred by the treasurer of state from the sale of special fire fighter license plates pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 10. Moneys in the fund shall be used exclusively by the fire service training bureau to offset fire fighter training costs. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund shall not revert to the general fund of the state at the end of the fiscal year, but shall remain available for expenditure by the fire service training bureau for fire fighter training in future fiscal years.

Sec. 2. Section 321.34, subsection 10, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

10. FIRE FIGHTER PLATES. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, pickup, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer

a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a current or former retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department, may, upon written application to the department, order special registration plates, designed by the department in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire fighters’ associations, which plates signify that the applicant is a current or former retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department.

b. The application shall be approved by the department, in consultation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire fighters’ associations, and the special registration plates shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to the person. The fee for the special plates shall be twenty-five dollars which shall be paid in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The department shall validate the special plates in the same manner as regular registration plates are validated under this section at the regular annual registration fee.

c. The special fees collected by the director under this subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.24, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section 423.24, subsection 1, paragraph “b”, the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the Paul Ryan memorial fire fighter safety training fund created pursuant to section 100B.12 the amount of the special fees collected in the previous month for the fire fighter plates.

d. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered to be retired if the person is recognized by the chief of the fire department where the individual served, and on record, as officially retired from the fire department. Special registration plates with a fire fighter emblem shall be surrendered, as provided in subsection 12, in exchange for regular registration plates upon termination of the motor vehicle owner’s membership in the paid or volunteer fire department, unless the person is a retired member in good standing.

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