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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2607)

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 610)

(As Amended and Passed by the House April 8, 2024)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to vehicles, including the initial registration  
2 and issuance of certificate of title by certain county  
3 treasurers and the definitions of terms for purposes of  
4 motor vehicle franchisers, providing fees, and including  
5 effective date provisions.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.20, subsection 4, Code 2024, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. Notwithstanding [this section](#) or any other provision of  
4 law to the contrary, ~~if the program required by subsection~~  
5 ~~2 is not implemented by July 1, 2019,~~ an owner of a vehicle  
6 subject to registration or a lessor of a vehicle pursuant to  
7 chapter 321F that is subject to registration and has a gross  
8 vehicle weight of less than ten thousand pounds, may apply  
9 to the county treasurer of a county contiguous to the county  
10 designated for the owner under [subsection 1](#) for the initial  
11 registration and issuance of a certificate of title. However,  
12 any reference in this chapter to the county where a vehicle  
13 is registered or the county where a certificate of title was  
14 issued shall be deemed to refer to the applicable county  
15 described in subsection 1, regardless of which county treasurer  
16 received application for and issued the initial registration  
17 and certificate of title under this subsection. The fee for  
18 submitting an application under this subsection is one dollar,  
19 which is in addition to any other fee provided by law.

20 Sec. 2. Section 321.166, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22 2. Every registration plate or pair of plates shall display  
23 a registration plate number which shall consist of alphabetical  
24 or numerical characters or a combination thereof and the name  
25 of this state, which may be abbreviated. Every registration  
26 plate issued by the county treasurer shall display the name  
27 of the county, including any plate issued pursuant to section  
28 321.34, except Pearl Harbor and purple heart registration  
29 plates issued prior to January 1, 1997; ~~and~~ collegiate,  
30 fire fighter, and medal of honor registration plates; and  
31 regular registration plates issued pursuant to section  
32 321.20, subsection 4. Special truck registration plates shall  
33 display the word "special". The department may adopt rules to  
34 implement [this subsection](#).

35 Sec. 3. Section 322A.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2024,

1 is amended to read as follows:

2 ~~When~~ The following words and phrases when used in this  
3 chapter shall, unless the context otherwise requires for  
4 the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively  
5 ascribed to them:

6 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The following take effect July 1,  
7 2025:

8 1. The section of this Act amending section 321.20,  
9 subsection 4.

10 2. The section of this Act amending section 321.166,  
11 subsection 2.