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House File 399

Passed on File. By MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMERCE AND TRADE.

Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-four (321.34), section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-seven (321.37) and section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred sixty-seven (321.167), Code 1950, relating to registration plates issued for motor vehicles.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-
2 four (321.34), Code 1950, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the period (.) following the word "vehicle" in line seven (7)
4 the following:

5 "Provided, however, that until December thirty-first,
6 nineteen hundred fifty-three, notwithstanding any other provision
7 of law, the department shall be authorized, whenever deemed neces-
8 sary within that period, to select and issue to each registrant of a motor
9 vehicle, for use during any registration year ending on or prior to
10 such date, a single registration plate in lieu of two such plates."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-seven
2 (321.37), Code 1950, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 period (.) following the word "rear" in line four (4) the following:

4 "Provided, however, that until December thirty-first, nineteen

5 hundred fifty-three, in the event that the department shall issue
6 for use any registration year ending on or prior to such
7 date a single registration plate for a motor vehicle, such plate
8 shall be attached to and displayed on the rear of such motor vehicle
9 and none need be displayed on its front."

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred
2 sixty-seven (321.167), Code 1950 is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the period (.) following the word "sequence" in line ten
4 (10) the following:

5 "Provided however, that the provisions contained herein
6 relating to duplicate number plates shall not apply in the event
7 that the department shall issue a single registration plate for
8 use during any registration year ending on or prior to December
9 thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 399

The national emergency now confronting us may result in a curtailment of the amount of metal which may be made available to the various states for the manufacture of registration plates. This bill is designed to give the department of public safety the authority to issue a single plate if the need arises due to a shortage or unavailability of critical materials. Under the bill's provisions such authority will expire, unless renewed, with the 1953 registration year. Provision is also made for the proper display of such single registration plate on the motor vehicle for which it is issued.