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## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Bill: Senate File 312  
Committee: State Government  
Date: April 19, 2011  
Staff: Kristi Kielhorn (2-5290)  
Members: Representative Iverson

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### Business Trade Trucks

Senate File 312 makes changes to the license plates for business trade and specialty trucks and creates four new license plates. There is a strike after amendment that eliminates the new plates proposed by the bill.

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### Summary of Action

Passed Senate State Government 8-0-4  
Passed Senate 48-0  
Passed House State Government 21-0  
Passed House 94-0  
Signed by Governor

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### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1—Fire-Fighter Plates

This section makes it clear that an applicant for the special fire-fighter plates who is the owner of a business trade or specialty truck can only receive the special fire-fighter plates for one vehicle.

#### Sections 2 and 3—Business Trade & Specialty Truck Plates

These sections state that regular license plates with special stickers will now be issued for business trade and specialty trucks instead of the current (separate and distinct) plates.

#### Section 4—Elimination of Business Trade and Specialty Truck Plates

This section states that it is the intent of the legislature that owners of these trucks have the same access to specialty plates (fire-fighters, Iowa State, DNR, Drake, etc) that other Iowans do. It also states that by January 1, 2012 the DOT will discontinue the use of the separate business trade and specialty truck plates and instead issue regular ones (with some kind of sticker emblem). The current requirements and fees will remain the same. Business trade and specialty truck owners who have the old plates can continue using

them until the vehicle changes ownership or the DOT issues a new series of plates. They can also elect to get a specialty plate if they wish.

*Section 5—Applicability*

This section states that this bill applies to registration plates issued on or after January 1, 2012.