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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; establishing Lake Minnetonka special license plates;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
1.4 168.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. 168.1289 LAKE MINNETONKA SPECIAL PLATES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Issuance of plates. The commissioner must issue Lake Minnetonka  
1.8 special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

1.9 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup  
1.10 truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

1.11 (2) pays an additional fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12,  
1.12 subdivision 5;

1.13 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

1.14 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

1.15 (5) contributes a minimum of \$40 annually to the boater safety account; and

1.16 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and  
1.17 licensing of drivers.

1.18 Subd. 2. Design. The commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design in consultation  
1.19 with the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District that includes the text, "Lake Minnetonka  
1.20 Conservation District."

2.1 Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer  
2.2 fee of \$5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle  
2.3 if the subsequent vehicle is:

2.4 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

2.5 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section  
2.7 168.1293, subdivision 2.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under  
2.9 subdivision 1, clause (5), must be deposited in the boater safety account, which is established  
2.10 in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the  
2.11 commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering  
2.12 the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to the Lake Minnetonka  
2.13 Conservation District to promote boater safety on Lake Minnetonka.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025, for Lake Minnetonka  
2.15 special plates issued on or after that date.