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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 678

- 02/01/2017 Authored by Quam, Cornish, Dettmer and Lillie
- The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy
- 03/20/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance
- 03/23/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
- 04/27/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- Joint Rule 2.03 has been waived for any subsequent committee action on this bill
- 05/04/2017 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
- Read for the Second Time
- 05/08/2017 Calendar for the Day
- Read for the Third Time
- Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate
- 05/11/2017 Passed by the Senate and returned to the House
- Presented to Governor
- 05/12/2017 Governor Approval

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to motor vehicles; establishing law enforcement memorial special license

1.3 plates; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

1.5 Section 1. 168.1294 LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL PLATES.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Issuance of plates. The commissioner shall issue special law enforcement

1.7 memorial license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

1.8 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup

1.9 truck, motorcycle, or recreational motor vehicle;

1.10 (2) pays an additional fee of \$10 for each set of plates;

1.11 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013, along with any other fees

1.12 required by this chapter;

1.13 (4) contributes \$25 upon initial application and a minimum of \$5 annually to the

1.14 Minnesota law enforcement memorial account; and

1.15 (5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and

1.16 licensing of drivers.

1.17 Subd. 2. Design. The commissioner shall adopt a suitable design for the plate that must

1.18 include a black line with a blue line of equal proportion above and below the black line,

1.19 representing the thin blue line.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer
2.2 fee of \$5, special plates may be transferred to another qualified motor vehicle that is
2.3 registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section
2.5 168.1293, subdivision 2.

2.6 Subd. 5. **Fees.** Fees collected under subdivision 1, clauses (2) and (3), and subdivision
2.7 3 are credited to the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund.

2.8 Subd. 6. **Contributions; memorial account; appropriation.** Contributions collected
2.9 under subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Minnesota law enforcement
2.10 memorial account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account
2.11 is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual
2.12 cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to the
2.13 Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association, to be used to further the mission of
2.14 the association in assisting the families and home agencies of Minnesota law enforcement
2.15 officers who have died in the line of duty.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018, for special law
2.17 enforcement memorial plates issued on or after that date.