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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5263

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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 transportation; establishing waterfowl critical habitat 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. [168.1289] MINNESOTA WATERFOWL CRITICAL HABITAT SPECIAL
1.6 LICENSE PLATES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Issuance of plates. The commissioner must issue waterfowl critical
1.8 habitat special license 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 motor vehicle;

1.11 (2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision
1.12 5, for each set of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

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

1.14 (4) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota critical habitat private
1.15 sector matching account established in section 84.943; and

1.16 (5) 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 commissioner of natural resources and other interested groups.

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 plate; 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.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (4), must
2.9 be deposited in the Minnesota critical habitat private sector matching account established
2.10 in section 84.943.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025, for waterfowl critical
2.12 habitat special plates issued on or after that date.