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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3836

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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; authorizing Distinguished Flying Cross 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. [168.1245] DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS PLATE.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Issuance of plates. (a) The commissioner must issue Distinguished Flying
1.7 Cross special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

1.8 (1) is a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross;

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

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

1.12 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and
1.13 licensing of drivers.

1.14 (b) Application for issuance of Distinguished Flying Cross special license plates may
1.15 be made only at the time of renewal or first application for registration.

1.16 (c) The commissioner may issue only one set of Distinguished Flying Cross special
1.17 license plates, or a single plate in the case of a motorcycle, for each qualified applicant.

1.18 Subd. 2. Design. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of veterans
1.19 affairs, must design an emblem for the special plates that includes the Distinguished Flying
1.20 Cross medal and includes the phrase "DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS."

2.1 Subd. 3. **No fee.** The commissioner must issue a set of Distinguished Flying Cross special  
2.2 license plates to qualified applicants free of charge, and the plates must be replaced free of  
2.3 charge if they become damaged. No fee may be charged for a subsequent year when a motor  
2.4 vehicle listed in subdivision 1 upon which the Distinguished Flying Cross special license  
2.5 plates are placed is registered under section 168.017.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Plates transfer.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, Distinguished  
2.7 Flying Cross special license plates issued under this section may be transferred to another  
2.8 motor vehicle upon notification to the commissioner and without payment of a fee if the  
2.9 subsequent motor vehicle is:

2.10 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), to bear the special license  
2.11 plates; and

2.12 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special license plates were originally  
2.13 issued.

2.14 Subd. 5. **Exemption.** Special license plates issued under this section are not subject to  
2.15 section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027, for Distinguished Flying  
2.17 Cross special license plates issued on or after that date.