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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 4317

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
04/07/2026 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing access to surplus badges for certain peace
1.3 officers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

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

1.5 Section 1. [626.881] SURPLUS BADGES.

1.6 (a) Notwithstanding section 15.054 or 471.3459, a chief law enforcement officer may
1.7 provide at no cost a surplus badge used by a peace officer, to:

1.8 (1) the person to whom the badge had been issued when the person was initially hired
1.9 or during the course of the person's employment. The person may be currently employed
1.10 or retired. The person must be in good standing or have retired from the agency in good
1.11 standing; or

1.12 (2) the spouse or child of a deceased peace officer.

1.13 (b) A surplus badge provided under this section is decommissioned and may not be used
1.14 by a peace officer in the performance of their duties.

1.15 (c) For purposes of this section, "surplus badge" means a badge that bears any seal before
1.16 May 11, 2026, or the badge of a person who is retired bearing any seal.