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6664 Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

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

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

1.6 Section 1. 168.1211 WINTER SPORTS CONSERVATION SPECIAL PLATES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Issuance of plates. The commissioner must issue winter sports
1.8 conservation 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 vehicle;

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

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 \$..... upon initial application and a minimum of \$..... annually to the
1.16 winter sports conservation account; and

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

1.19 Subd. 2. Design. The commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes the
1.20 phrase "WINTER SPORTS CONSERVATION."

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. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under
2.7 subdivision 1, clause (5), must be deposited in the winter sports conservation account, which
2.8 is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is first appropriated to the
2.9 commissioner of public safety for the annual cost of administering the account. The remaining
2.10 money is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources as follows: (1)
2.11 notwithstanding section 84.83, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), 50 percent for grants-in-aid to
2.12 develop, maintain, and groom snowmobile trails and acquire easements; and (2) 50 percent
2.13 for distribution to Keep It Clean MN for efforts to reduce waste on ice under section 97C.363.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027, for special plates issued
2.15 on or after that date.