

SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 4782

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DATE 03/25/2026 D-PG 6978 OFFICIAL STATUS Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing a grandparent special license plate; proposing  
1.3 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. 168.1257 MINNESOTA GRANDPARENT PLATES.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Issuance of plates. Notwithstanding section 168.1293, the commissioner  
1.7 must issue Minnesota grandparent special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant  
1.8 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 a fee in the amount specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set  
1.12 of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

1.13 (3) contributes a minimum of \$35 upon initial application and annually thereafter to the  
1.14 food shelf support account; and

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

1.17 Subd. 2. Design. The commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes an  
1.18 image of baby footprints to one side and reads "Minnesota proud grandparents."

1.19 Subd. 3. Plates transfer. On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer  
1.20 fee of \$5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle  
1.21 if the subsequent vehicle is:

- 2.1 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and  
2.2 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under  
2.4 subdivision 1, clause (3), must be deposited in the food shelf support account, which is  
2.5 established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated first  
2.6 to the commissioner of public safety to administer the account, and the remainder is  
2.7 appropriated to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for food shelf programs  
2.8 grants under section 142F.14.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027, for Minnesota  
2.10 grandparent plates issued on or after that date.