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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **122**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy
03/01/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; establishing "Start Seeing Motorcycles" special plates;
1.3 modifying allocation of the two-wheeled vehicle endorsement fee; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 171.06, subdivision 2a; proposing coding for
1.5 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

1.7 Section 1. [168.1294] "START SEEING MOTORCYCLES" PLATES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner shall issue special "Start Seeing
1.9 Motorcycles" license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

1.10 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup
1.11 truck, motorcycle, or recreational motor vehicle;

1.12 (2) pays a fee of \$10 for each set of plates;

1.13 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013, along with any other fees
1.14 required by this chapter;

1.15 (4) contributes a minimum of \$10 annually to the motorcycle safety fund, created under
1.16 section 171.06, subdivision 2a, paragraph (a), clause (1); and

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

1.19 Subd. 2. **Design.** The representatives of American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and
1.20 Education of Minnesota shall design the special plate to contain the inscription "Start Seeing
1.21 Motorcycles" between the bolt holes on the bottom of the plate with a design area on the
1.22 left side of the plate, subject to the approval of the commissioner.

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 plates; 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. **Fees.** Fees collected under subdivision 1, clause (2), and subdivision 3 are
2.9 credited to the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund.

2.10 Subd. 6. **No refund.** Contributions under this section must not be refunded.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018, for special "Start Seeing
2.12 Motorcycles" plates issued on or after that date.

2.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 171.06, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

2.14 Subd. 2a. **Two-wheeled vehicle endorsement fee.** (a) The fee for any duplicate driver's
2.15 license obtained for the purpose of adding a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement is increased
2.16 by \$18.50 for each first such duplicate license and \$13 for each renewal thereof. The
2.17 additional fee must be paid into the state treasury and credited as follows:

2.18 (1) \$11 of the additional fee for each first duplicate license, and \$7 of the additional fee
2.19 for each renewal, must be credited to the motorcycle safety fund, which is hereby created;
2.20 ~~provided that ten percent of fee receipts in excess of \$750,000 in a fiscal year must be~~
2.21 ~~credited to the general fund.~~

2.22 (2) The remainder of the additional fee must be credited to the general fund.

2.23 (b) All application forms prepared by the commissioner for two-wheeled vehicle
2.24 endorsements must clearly state the amount of the total fee that is dedicated to the motorcycle
2.25 safety fund.