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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2517

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

03/22/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Policy and Finance

By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; clarifying placement of certain motor vehicle license
1.3 plates; providing for a penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section
1.4 169.79, subdivision 6; Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 357.021,
1.5 subdivision 6.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.79, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Other motor vehicles.** (a) If the motor vehicle is any kind of motor vehicle
1.9 other than those provided for in subdivisions 2 to 4, ~~one plate~~ two plates must be displayed
1.10 on. One plate must be displayed at the front and one on the rear of the vehicle and one
1.11 at the back. The two plates must either be mounted on the front and rear bumpers of
1.12 the vehicle or on the front and back of the vehicle exterior in places designed to hold a
1.13 license plate.

1.14 (b) A person who violates this subdivision is subject to a \$20 fine.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2012, and applies to
1.16 violations committed on or after that date.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 357.021, subdivision 6, is
1.18 amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 6. **Surcharges on criminal and traffic offenders.** (a) Except as provided
1.20 in this paragraph, the court shall impose and the court administrator shall collect a \$75
1.21 surcharge on every person convicted of any felony, gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or
1.22 petty misdemeanor offense, other than a violation of a law or ordinance relating to vehicle
1.23 parking, for which there shall be a \$12 surcharge. When a defendant is convicted of more

than one offense in a case, the surcharge shall be imposed only once in that case. In the Second Judicial District, the court shall impose, and the court administrator shall collect, an additional \$1 surcharge on every person convicted of any felony, gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or petty misdemeanor offense, including a violation of a law or ordinance relating to vehicle parking, if the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the \$1 surcharge. The surcharge shall be imposed whether or not the person is sentenced to imprisonment or the sentence is stayed. The surcharge shall not be imposed when a person is convicted of a petty misdemeanor for which no fine is imposed.

(b) If the court fails to impose a surcharge as required by this subdivision, the court administrator shall show the imposition of the surcharge, collect the surcharge, and correct the record.

(c) The court may not waive payment of the surcharge required under this subdivision. Upon a showing of indigency or undue hardship upon the convicted person or the convicted person's immediate family, the sentencing court may authorize payment of the surcharge in installments.

(d) The court administrator or other entity collecting a surcharge shall forward it to the commissioner of management and budget.

(e) If the convicted person is sentenced to imprisonment and has not paid the surcharge before the term of imprisonment begins, the chief executive officer of the correctional facility in which the convicted person is incarcerated shall collect the surcharge from any earnings the inmate accrues from work performed in the facility or while on conditional release. The chief executive officer shall forward the amount collected to the court administrator or other entity collecting the surcharge imposed by the court.

(f) A person who enters a diversion program, continuance without prosecution, continuance for dismissal, or stay of adjudication for a violation of chapter 169 must pay the surcharge described in this subdivision. A surcharge imposed under this paragraph shall be imposed only once per case.

(g) The surcharge does not apply to (1) administrative citations issued pursuant to section 169.999; or (2) a violation under section 169.79, subdivision 6.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2012, and applies to violations committed on or after that date.