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A bill for an act
relating to transportation; modernizing provisions governing motor vehicles; eliminating certain antiquated, unnecessary, and obsolete provisions; making technical and conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 168.021, subdivision $1 ; 168.056 ; 168.10$, subdivision $1 b ; 168.12$, subdivisions $1,2,2 \mathrm{~b}, 2 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{e} ; 168.123$, subdivision $1 ; 168.1235$, subdivision $1 ; 168.124$, subdivision $1 ; 168.125$, subdivision $1 ; 168.1253$, subdivision $1 ; 168.129$, subdivision 1; 168.1296, subdivision $1 ; 168.1298$, subdivision $1 ; 169.685$, subdivision 7; 169.751; Laws 2009, chapter 158 , section 10 , as amended; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 168.0422; 168.055; 168A.20, subdivision 1a; 169.11; 169.36; 169.39; 169.725; 169.743; 169.754; 169.78; 169.7961; 169.983; 169A.60, subdivision 18; 171.28; 299D.02; 299D.04; 299D.05; 609B.202; Minnesota Rules, part 7409.4700, subpart 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. Disability plates; application. (a) When a motor vehicle registered under section 168.017 , a motorcycle as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 19 , a one-ton pickup truck as defined in seetion 168.002, stbdivision 21 b , or a self-propelled recreational vehicle as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 27 , is owned or primarily operated by a permanently physically disabled person or a custodial parent or guardian of a permanently physically disabled minor, the owner may apply for and secure from the commissioner (1) immediately, a temporary permit valid for 30 days if the applicant is eligible for the disability plates issued under this section and (2) two disability plates with attached emblems, one plate to be attached to the front, and one to the rear of the motor vehicle, truck, or recreational vehicle, or, in the case of a motorcycle, one disability plate the same size as a regular motorcycle plate.
(b) The commissioner shall not issue more than one plate to the owner of a motorcycle and not more than one set of plates to any owner of another vehicle described
in paragraph (a) at the same time unless the state Council on Disability approves the issuance of a second plate or set of plates to an owner.
(c) When the owner first applies for the disability plate or plates, the owner must submit a medical statement in a format approved by the commissioner under section 169.345, or proof of physical disability provided for in that section.
(d) No medical statement or proof of disability is required when an owner applies for a plate or plates for one or more vehicles listed in paragraph (a) that are specially modified for and used exclusively by permanently physically disabled persons.
(e) The owner of a vehicle listed in paragraph (a) may apply for and secure (i) immediately, a permit valid for 30 days, if the applicant is eligible to receive the disability plate or plates issued under this section, and (ii) a disability plate or plates for the vehicle if:
(1) the owner employs a permanently physically disabled person who would qualify for the disability plate or plates under this section; and
(2) the owner furnishes the motor vehicle to the physically disabled person for the exclusive use of that person in the course of employment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.056, is amended to read:

### 168.056 TOWING VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPTIONS.

Any person violating the provisions of seetions section 168.053 to 168.055 or 168.054 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The provisions of sections 168.053 to 168.057 shall not apply where such vehicle is being towed as a temporary movement for the purpose of making repairs, or for the purpose of pulling or towing such vehicle from one point to another point for the purpose of making repairs, or on repossessed cars being towed by an agent or employee of any person or bona fide finance company in the state where such towing is incidental to the repossession of such vehicle.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.10 , subdivision 1b, is amended to read:
Subd. 1b. Collector's vehicle, classic car plate. (a) Any motor vehicle manufactured between and including the years 1925 and 1948, and designated by the eommissioner as a full classic car because of its fine design, high engineering standards, and superior workmanship, and owned and operated solely as a collector's item shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number, verification of the vehicle's full classic car status from nationally published standards and guides as determined by the registrar, and that the vehicle
is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and that the motor vehicle qualifies to be classified as a classic car, and the owner pays a $\$ 25$ tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12 , the commissioner shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue a single number plate.
(b) The number plate so issued shall bear the inscription "Classic Car," "Minnesota," and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner has the power to revoke said plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.
(e) The following ears built between and ineluding 1925 and 1948 are elassic:
A.C.

Adler
Alfa Romeo
Alvis Speed 20, 25, and 4.3 litre.
Amilear
Aston Martin
Auburn All 8-eylinder and 12-eylinder models.
Audi
Austro-Daimler
Avions Voisin 12
Bentley
Blaekhawk
B.M.W. Models 327, 328, and 335 only.

Brewster (Heart-front Ford)
Bugatti
Butiek
Cadillae
1931 through 1942: series 90 only.
All 1925 through 1935.
All 12's and 16's.
1936-1948: Series 63, 65, 67,
$70,72,75,80,85$ and 90 only.
1938-1947: 60 speeial only.
1940-1947: All 62 Series.
1926 through 1930: Imperial 80.
1929: Imperial L .
1931 through 1937: Imperial Series CG,
$\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{CL}$, and CW.
All Newperts and Thunderbolts.
1934 CX.
1935 C-3.
1936 C-11.

|  | 1937 through 1948: Custom Imperial, Crown Imperial Series C-15, C-20, C-24, $\mathrm{C}-27, \mathrm{C}-33, \mathrm{C}-37$, and $\mathrm{C}-40$. |
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| Cord |  |
| Cunningham |  |
| Đagmar | Model 25-70 only. |
| Paimler |  |
| Delage |  |
| Delahaye |  |
| Poble |  |
| Dorris |  |
| Puesenbery |  |
| duPent |  |
| Franklin | All models exeept 1933-34 Olympie Sixes. |
| Frazer Nash |  |
| Graham | 1930-1931: Series 137. |
| Graham-Paige | 1929-1930: Series 837. |
| Hispano Suiza |  |
| Horeh |  |
| Hotehkiss |  |
| Invieta |  |
| Isetta Frasehini |  |
| Jagtar |  |
| Jordan | Speedway Series 'Z' only. |
| Kissel | 1925, 1926 and 1927: Model 8-75. |
|  | 1928: Model 8-90, and 8-90 White Eagle. |
|  | 1929: Model 8-126, and 8-90 White Eagle. |
|  | 1930: Model 8-126. |
|  | 1931: Model 8-126. |
| Lagonda |  |
| Laneia |  |
| La Salle | 1927 through 1933 only. |
| Lineeln | All models $K, L, K A$, and $K B$. |
|  | 1941: Model 168H. |
|  | 1942: Model 268H. |
| Lincoln Continental | 1939 through 1948. |
| Locomobile | All models 48 and 90. |
|  | 1927: Model 8-80. |
|  | 1928: Model 8-80. |
|  | 1929: Models 8-80 and 8-88. |
| Marmon | All 16-eylinder models. |
|  | 1925: Model 74. |
|  | 1926: Model 74. |

1927: Model 75.
1928: Model E75.
1931: Model 88, and Big 8.
Maybach
MeFarlan
Mereedes Benz
Mercer
M.G.

Minerva
Nash

Peerless

Pieree Arrow
Railton
Renault
Reo

Revere
Roamer
1925: Series 8-88, 6-54e, and 4-75.
1926: Series 4-75e, and 8-88.
1927-1928: Series 8-88.
1929: Series 8-88, and 8-125.
1930: Series 8-125.
Rohr
Rolls Royce
Ruxton
Salmson

Squire
Stearns Knight
Stevens Dtriyea
Steyr
Studebaker 1929-1933: President, exeept model 82.
Stutz
Sunbeam
Falbet
Tritmph
Vauxhall
Dolomite 8 and Gloria 6.
Series 25-70 and 30-98 only.
Voisin
Wills Saint Claire
(d) (c) No commercial vehicles such as hearses, ambulances, or trucks are considered to be classic cars.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. Plates; design, visibility, periods of issuance. (a) The commissioner, upon approval and payment, shall issue to the applicant the plates required by this chapter, bearing the state name and an assigned vehicle registration number. The number assigned by the commissioner may be a combination of a letter or sign with figures. The color of the plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned must be in marked contrast. The plates must be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably indicate the registration of the vehicle according to the rules of the commissioner.
(b) When a vehicle is registered on the basis of total gross weight, the plates issued must clearly indicate by letters or other suitable insignia the maximum gross weight for which the tax has been paid.
(c) Plates issued to a noncommercial vehicle as deffned in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 21a, must bear the inscription "noncommercial" unless the vehicle is displaying a special plate authorized and issued under this chapter.
(d) A one-ton pickup truck, as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision $21 b$, that is used for commercial purposes and is subject to section 168.185, is eligible to display special plates as authorized and issued under this chapter.
(e) The plates must be so treated as to be at least 100 times brighter than the conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, the plates, when viewed from a vehicle equipped with standard headlights, must be visible for a distance of not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet.
(f) The commissioner shall issue plates for the following periods:
(1) New plates issued pursuant to section 168.012 , subdivision 1 , must be issued to a vehicle for as long as the vehicle is owned by the exempt agency and the plate shall not be transferable from one vehicle to another but the plate may be transferred with the vehicle from one tax-exempt agency to another.
(2) Plates issued for passenger automobiles must be issued for a seven-year period. All plates issued under this paragraph must be replaced if they are seven years old or older at the time of registration renewal or will become so during the registration period.
(3) Plates issued under sections 168.053 and 168.27 , subdivisions 16 and 17 , must be for a seven-year period.
(4) Plates issued under subdivisions 2 c and 2 d and section 168.123 must be issued for the life of the veteran under section 169.79.
(5) Plates for any vehicle not specified in clauses (1) to (3) must be issued for the life of the vehicle.
(g) In a year in which plates are not issued, the commissioner shall issue for each registration a sticker to designate the year of registration. This sticker must show the year or years for which the sticker is issued, and is valid only for that period. The plates and stickers issued for a vehicle may not be transferred to another vehicle during the period for which the sticker is issued, except when issued for a vehicle registered under section 168.187.
(h) Despite any other provision of this subdivision, plates issued to a vehicle used for behind-the-wheel instruction in a driver education course in a public school may be transferred to another vehicle used for the same purpose without payment of any additional fee. The public school shall notify the commissioner of each transfer of plates under this paragraph. The commissioner may prescribe a format for notification.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
Subd. 2. Amateur radio licensee; special plates, rules. (a) The commissioner shall issue amateur radio plates to an applicant who:
(1) is an owner of a passenger automobile or recreational motor vehicle as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivisions 24 and 27 ;
(2) is a resident of this state;
(3) holds an official amateur radio station license or a citizens radio service class D license, in good standing, issued by the Federal Communications Commission;
(4) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013 ;
(5) pays a fee of $\$ 10$ for each set of special plates and any other fees required by this chapter; and
(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers;
(b) In lieu of the registration number required for identification under subdivision 1, the plates must indicate the official amateur call letters of the applicant, as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission, and the words "AMATEUR RADIO."
(c) This provision for the issue of special plates applies only if the applicant's motor vehicle is already registered in Minnesota so that the applicant has valid regular Minnesota plates issued for that motor vehicle under which to operate it during the time that it will take to have the necessary special plates made.
(d) If owning more than one motor vehicle of the type specified in this subdivision, the applicant may apply for special plates for each motor vehicle and, if each application complies with this subdivision, the commissioner shall furnish the applicant with the special plates, indicating the official amateur call letters and other distinguishing information as the commissioner considers necessary, for each of the motor vehicles.
(e) The commissioner may make reasonable rules governing the use of the special plates as will assure the full compliance by the owner of the special plates, with all existing laws governing the registration of motor vehicles and the transfer and use of the plates.
(f) Despite any contrary provision of subdivision 1 , the special plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred by an owner to another motor vehicle listed in paragraph (a) and registered to the same owner, upon the payment of a fee of $\$ 5$. The commissioner must be notified before the transfer and may prescribe a format for the notification.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.12, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:
Subd. 2b. Firefighters; special plates, rules. (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates, or a single license plate in the case of a motorcycle plate, to any applicant who:
(1) is a member of a fire department receiving state aid under chapter 69, has a letter from the fire chief, and is an owner of a passenger automobile as defined in seetion 168.002, subdivision 24, a one-ton pickup truck as defined in seetion 168.002, subdivision 21 b , or a motorcycle as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 19 ;
(2) pays a fee of $\$ 10$ and any other fees required by this chapter;
(3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and
(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.
(b) In lieu of the identification required under subdivision 1 , the special plates must bear an emblem of a Maltese Cross together with any numbers or characters prescribed by the commissioner.
(c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of a fire department as specified in this subdivision. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued is no longer a member of a fire department or when the motor vehicle ownership is transferred, the owner shall remove the special plates from the motor vehicle. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation of the special plates, or special motorcycle plate, either the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates or a regular motorcycle plate for the proper registration classification for the motor vehicle.
(d) A special motorcycle license plate issued under this subdivision must be the same size as a standard motorcycle license plate.
(e) Upon payment of a fee of $\$ 5$, plates issued under this subdivision for a passenger automobile or truck may be transferred to another passenger automobile or truck owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the plates were issued. On payment of a fee of \$5, a plate issued under this subdivision for a motorcycle may be transferred to another motorcycle owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the plate was issued.
(f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act, sections 14.001 to 14.69 , to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized in this subdivision.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.12, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:
Subd. 2c. National Guard; special plates, rules. (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates to any applicant who:
(1) is a regularly enlisted, commissioned, or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, other than an inactive member who is not a retired member, and is an owner of a passenger automobile as deffned in section 168.002, subdivision 24 ;
(2) pays a fee of $\$ 10$ and any other fees required by this chapter;
(3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter; and
(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.
(b) The adjutant general shall design the emblem for these special plates subject to the approval of the commissioner.
(c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner of the motor vehicle is an active or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard as specified in this subdivision. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued is no longer an active or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, the special plates must be removed from the vehicle by the owner. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation of the special plates, either the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle.
(d) While the person is an active or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, plates issued pursuant to this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by that individual upon payment of a fee of $\$ 5$.
(e) For purposes of this subdivision, "retired member" means an individual placed on the roll of retired officers or roll of retired enlisted members in the Office of the Adjutant General under section 192.18 and who is not deceased.
(f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.12, subdivision 2d, is amended to read:
Subd. 2d. Ready Reserve; special plates, rules. (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates to an applicant who:
(1) is not eligible for special National Guard plates under subdivision 2 c , is a member of the United States armed forces ready reserve as described in United States Code, title 10, section 10142 or 10143 , or a retired reserve as described in United States Code, title 10 , section 10154 , and is an owner of a passenger automobile as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 24 ;
(2) pays a fee of $\$ 10$ and any other fees required by this chapter;
(3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter; and
(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.
(b) The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design the emblem for these special plates subject to the approval of the commissioner.
(c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of the ready reserve. When the owner is no longer a member, the special plates must be removed from the motor vehicle by the owner. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. On removal or invalidation of the special plates, either the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle. While the owner is a member of the ready reserve, plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by that individual on paying a fee of $\$ 5$.
(d) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.12 , subdivision 2 e , is amended to read:
Subd. 2e. Volunteer ambulance attendants; special plates. (a) The commissioner shall issue special license plates to an applicant who:
(1) is a volunteer ambulance attendant as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 15 , and owns a motor vehicle taxed as a passenger automobile as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 24;
(2) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle;
(3) pays a fee of $\$ 10$ and any other fees required by this chapter; and
(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.
(b) An individual may use special plates issued under this subdivision only during the period that the individual is a volunteer ambulance attendant. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued ceases to be a volunteer ambulance attendant, the individual shall remove each set of special plates issued. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. When ownership of the motor vehicle is transferred, the individual shall remove the special plates from that motor vehicle. On removal or invalidation of the special plates, the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle. Special plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by the volunteer ambulance attendant on payment of a fee of $\$ 5$.
(c) The commissioner may adopt rules governing the design, issuance, and sale of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.123, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. General requirements; fees. (a) On payment of a fee of $\$ 10$ for each set of two plates, or for a single plate in the case of a motorcycle plate, payment of the registration tax required by law, and compliance with other applicable laws relating to vehicle registration and licensing, as applicable, the commissioner shall issue:
(1) special veteran's plates to an applicant who served in the active military service in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or of a nation or society allied with the United States in conducting a foreign war, was discharged under honorable conditions, and is a registered owner of a passenger automobile as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 24, recreational motor vehicle as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 27 , or one-ton pickup truck as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision $21 b$, but which is not a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 16 ; or
(2) a veteran's special motorcycle plate as described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), (f), (h), (i), or (j), or another special plate designed by the commissioner to an applicant who is a registered owner of a motorcycle as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 19, and meets the criteria listed in this paragraph and in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), (f), (h), (i), or (j). Plates issued under this clause must be the same size as regular motorcycle plates. Special motorcycle license plates issued under this clause are not subject to section 168.1293.
(b) The additional fee of $\$ 10$ is payable for each set of veteran's plates, is payable only when the plates are issued, and is not payable in a year in which stickers are issued instead of plates.
(c) The veteran must have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers, indicating character of discharge, at the time of application. If an applicant served in the active military service in a branch of the armed forces of a nation or society allied with the United States in conducting a foreign war and is unable to obtain a record of that service and discharge status, the commissioner of veterans affairs may certify the applicant as qualified for the veterans' plates provided under this section.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.1235, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. General requirements; fees. (a) The commissioner shall issue a special plate emblem for each plate to an applicant who:
(1) is a member of a congressionally chartered veterans service organization and is a registered owner of a passenger automobile as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 24 , pickup truck as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 26 , van as deffned in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 40 , or self-propelled recreational vehicle as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 27 ;
(2) pays the registration tax required by law;
(3) pays a fee of $\$ 10$ for each set of two plates, and any other fees required by this chapter; and
(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.
(b) The additional fee of $\$ 10$ is payable at the time of initial application for the special plate emblem and when the plates must be replaced or renewed. An applicant must not be issued more than two sets of special plate emblems for motor vehicles listed in paragraph (a) and registered to the applicant.
(c) The applicant must present a valid card indicating membership in the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.124, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. Issuance and design. (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing the inscription "MEDAL OF HONOR" to an applicant who:
(1) is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor;
(2) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 24, motorcycle as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 19, or recreational motor vehicle as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 27; and
(3) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.
(b) The special plates must be of a design and size determined by the commissioner. Only one set of plates, or a single plate in the case of a motorcycle, bearing the inscription "MEDAL OF HONOR" may be issued for each qualified applicant.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.125, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. Issuance and design. (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing the inscription "EX-POW" to any applicant who:
(1) is both a former prisoner of war and a registered owner of a passenger automobile as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 24 , motorcycle as defined in section 168.002 ,
subdivision 19, or recreational motor vehicle as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 27; and
(2) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.
(b) The special plates must be of a design and size to be determined by the commissioner. Only one set of plates, or a single plate in the case of a motorcycle, bearing the "EX-POW" inscription may be issued for each qualified applicant.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.1253, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given them in this subdivision.
(b) "Active service" has the meaning given in section 190.05, subdivision 5.
(c) "Eligible person" means a surviving spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, or sibling of a person who has died while serving honorably in active service. For the purposes of this section, an eligibility relationship may be established by birth or adoption.
(d) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle for personal use, not used for commercial purposes, and may include a passenger automobile as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 24 , motorcycle as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 19 , recreational vehicle as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 27 , pickup truck as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 26 , or van as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 40 .

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.129, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. General requirements and procedures. The commissioner shall issue special collegiate plates to an applicant who:
(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile as defined in seetion 168.002, subdivision 24;
(2) pays a fee as specified in section 168.12 , subdivision 5 , to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;
(3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013 ;
(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;
(5) contributes at least $\$ 25$ annually to the scholarship account established in subdivision 6; and
(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.1296, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. General requirements and procedures. (a) The commissioner shall issue critical habitat plates to an applicant who:
(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile as defined in seetion 168.002, subdivision 24 , or recreational vehicle as defmed in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 27 ;
(2) pays a fee of $\$ 10$ to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;
(3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013 ;
(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;
(5) contributes a minimum of $\$ 30$ annually to the Minnesota critical habitat private sector matching account established in section 84.943; and
(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.
(b) The critical habitat plate application must indicate that the annual contribution specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plate and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.
(c) Owners of recreational vehicles under paragraph (a), clause (1), are eligible only for special critical habitat license plates for which the designs are selected under subdivision 2, on or after January 1, 2006.
(d) Special critical habitat license plates, the designs for which are selected under subdivision 2, on or after January 1, 2006, may be personalized according to section 168.12, subdivision 2 a .

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.1298, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. General requirements and procedures. (a) The commissioner shall issue special "Support Our Troops" license plates to an applicant who:
(1) is an owner of a passenger automobile as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 24, one-ton pickup truck as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision $21 b$, recreational vehicle as defined in section 168.002 , subdivision 27 , or motorcycle as defined in seetion 168.002 , subdivision 19;
(2) pays a fee of $\$ 10$ to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;
(3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013 ;
(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;
(5) contributes a minimum of $\$ 30$ annually to the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account established in section 190.19; and
(6) complies with laws and rules governing registration and licensing of vehicles and drivers.
(b) The license application under this section must indicate that the annual contribution specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plates and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.685, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
Subd. 7. Appropriation; special account; legislative report. The Minnesota child passenger restraint and education account is created in the state treasury, consisting of fines collected under subdivision 5 and other money appropriated or donated. The money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety to be used to provide child passenger restraint systems to families in financial need, school districts and child care providers that provide for the transportation of pupils to and from school using type III vehicles or school buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, and to provide an educational program on the need for and proper use of child passenger restraint systems. The eommissioner shall repert to the legislature by Febrtary 1 of each odd-ntmbered year Information on the commissioner's activities and expenditure of funds under this section must be available upon request.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.751, is amended to read:

### 169.751 DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of sections 169.751 to $169.754 \underline{169.753}$ the following words shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section:
(a) "First aid equipment" shall mean equipment for the purpose of rendering first aid to sick or injured persons as prescribed by the Department of Public Safety for its State Patrol vehicles, such equipment to include materials for the application of splints to fractures.
(b) "Patrol motor vehicles" shall mean the State Patrol motor vehicles used in law enforcement of the Department of Public Safety, the county sheriffs, and the various city, town, and other local police departments.

Sec. 20. Laws 2009, chapter 158, section 10, as amended by Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3 , section 56 , is amended to read:

Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sections 2 and 3 are effective August 1, 2009, and the amendments made in sections 2 and 3 to Minnesota Statutes, sections 169.011 and 169.045, expire July 31, $2014 \underline{2015}$.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 21. REPEALER.
(a) Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 168.0422; 168.055; 168A.20, subdivision 1a; $169.11 ; 169.36 ; 169.39 ; 169.725 ; 169.743 ; 169.754 ; 169.78 ; 169.7961 ; 169.983 ; 169$ A. 60 , subdivision 18; 171.28; 299D.02; 299D.04; 299D.05; and 609B.202, are repealed.
(b) Minnesota Rules, part 7409.4700, subpart 2, is repealed.
168.0422 STOP OF VEHICLES BEARING SPECIAL SERIES PLATES.

A peace officer who observes the operation of a motor vehicle within this state bearing special series registration plates issued under section 168.041, subdivision 6, or 169A.60, subdivision 13, may stop the vehicle for the purpose of determining whether the driver is operating the vehicle lawfully under a valid driver's license.

### 168.055 SAFETY CHAINS; SPEED LIMIT.

In pulling or towing such motor vehicles, at least two safety chains shall be used in addition to tow bars and all sets shall be not less than 500 feet apart and no person shall operate such vehicle in excess of 35 miles per hour.

## 168A. 20 SATISFACTION OF SECURITY INTEREST.

Subd. 1a. Title issued before July $\mathbf{1 , 1 9 9 0}$. For titles issued to the secured party before July 1,1990 , the secured party shall hold the certificate of title until the security interest is satisfied.

### 169.11 CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.

The commissioner of public safety shall revoke the driver's license of any person convicted of the crime of criminal negligence in the operation of a vehicle resulting in the death of a human being.

### 169.36 PARKING; BRAKE SET AND WHEELS TURNED.

No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without effectively setting the brake thereon and turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

### 169.39 COASTING.

(a) The driver of any motor vehicle when traveling upon a downgrade shall not coast with the gears of such vehicle in neutral.
(b) The driver of a commercial motor vehicle when traveling upon a downgrade shall not coast with the clutch disengaged.

### 169.725 TIRE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT.

If a peace officer has reasonable cause to believe that a passenger automobile is equipped with tires in violation of sections 169.721 to 169.727 , or of the rules adopted under section 169.722, the officer may require the operator of the passenger automobile to stop and submit the passenger automobile to an inspection. If the inspection discloses that the tires of the passenger automobile are in violation, the officer may issue a citation for the violation, and the defect must be corrected as soon as possible. For purposes of this section, "peace officer" means a state trooper, a county sheriff, a deputy sheriff, and a municipal police officer.

### 169.743 BUG DEFLECTOR.

Bug deflectors shall be permitted but not required on motor vehicles. No bug deflector shall be sold, offered for sale, or used which is composed of other than nonilluminated material. No person shall operate any motor vehicle equipped with a bug deflector of nontransparent material having more than one inch of material extending above the highest part of the hood, excluding any decorative ornament, and no person shall operate any motor vehicle equipped with a bug deflector of transparent material having more than three inches of material extending above the highest part of the hood, excluding any decorative ornament; provided that trucks and truck-tractors of 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or larger may be operated with a clear, uncolored bug deflector extending no more than six inches above the highest part of the hood, excluding any decorative ornament.

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The various municipalities and political subdivisions of the state of Minnesota may for their fiscal years beginning after the enactment hereof appropriate such funds as are necessary for the purchase of first aid equipment for their patrol motor vehicles.

### 169.78 MUNICIPAL INSPECTION STATION

(a) Every municipality in the state shall have the power to acquire, erect, establish, equip, operate, and maintain motor vehicle testing stations, for the purpose of testing and inspecting motor vehicles using the public streets of any such municipality, and to finance and pay for the same out of the proceeds of the collection of fees charged for such inspection. Any municipality may pass, and by proper penalties enforce, ordinances for these purposes, and by such ordinances:
(1) require the attendance of such motor vehicles at such testing station for the purpose of inspection, at such time as shall be deemed reasonable, after due notice thereof shall first have been given to the owner of such motor vehicle or the owner's agent; provided, that any owner of five or more commercial vehicles having testing equipment and facilities meeting the requirements of the municipality may be exempted from the requirements of attendance at such testing station;
(2) require the payment of inspection fees, but such fees shall not exceed the amount of 50 cents for any one inspection, or $\$ 1$ for any one year;
(3) provide free inspections as often as the owner desires between compulsory inspection periods;
(4) provide for the issuance of an inspection certificate and require the same to be displayed on the windshield of such motor vehicle in the lower right corner thereof, and in such manner as not to obstruct the driver's view;
(5) prohibit the operation on the public streets of such municipality of any motor vehicle which shall not have been submitted for inspection within a reasonable time after notice of such required inspection shall have been given to the owner of such motor vehicle or the owner's agent, or any motor vehicle which shall be found to be in a faulty or unsafe condition or in violation of any city ordinance or state law, and now having a proper inspection certificate properly displayed.
(b) No such inspection shall be required of the owner of a vehicle who is not a resident of the municipality operating and maintaining the motor vehicle testing station.
(c) In making such inspection or tests, no additional or different mechanical requirements than those provided by state law shall be imposed upon or against a motor vehicle or the owner thereof, or the owner's agent, in order to entitle such vehicle to an inspection certificate, but no such certificate shall be issued or attached to any vehicle until and unless such vehicle shall, upon such inspection, be found to comply with the terms of the state law. 169.7961 SUSPENSION

## OF PROGRAM TO VERIFY INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH SAMPLING.

Subdivision 1. Suspension. The commissioner of public safety shall take no action under section 169.796 , subdivision 3 , and shall discontinue all activities related to the program to verify insurance coverage through sampling, except as provided in this section.

Subd. 2. Reinstatement of suspended licenses. The commissioner, without requiring proof of insurance or payment of a reinstatement fee, shall reinstate the driver's license of every vehicle owner whose license is suspended under section 169.796, subdivision 3, retroactive to the date of the suspension. The commissioner shall promptly refund any such reinstatement fees previously paid.

Subd. 3. Dismissal of charges. All charges, complaints, and citations issued for a violation of section 169.796, subdivision 3, or a related violation, including driving after a license suspension imposed for failure to comply with the provisions of section 169.796 , subdivision 3 , are void and must be dismissed.

Subd. 4. Removal of previous violations from driving record. The commissioner shall purge from a person's driving record any notation of a violation of section 169.796 , subdivision 3 , and any notation of a related suspension or violation, including driving after a license suspension imposed for failure to comply with the provisions of section 169.796, subdivision 3. An insurer may not increase a premium for a policy of vehicle insurance on the basis of a violation described in this subdivision by a named insured if the violation occurred before July 15, 2005, and any such increase previously imposed must be rescinded and any related premium increase promptly refunded.

Subd. 5. Remediation for convictions. A court in which a conviction for an offense referred to in subdivision 3 occurred, must vacate the conviction, on its own motion, without cost to the person convicted, and must immediately notify the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner must then notify the person convicted that the conviction has been vacated and that the person's driving record has been purged of a violation of section 169.796 , subdivision

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3 , or any other related suspension or violation, including driving after license suspension, for failure to comply with that subdivision.

Subd. 6. Remediation by insurers. (a) Insurers that issue or renew motor vehicle insurance in this state shall, within 60 days after July 15, 2005, inform the commissioner of commerce as to whether it has canceled, failed to renew, denied an application for coverage, or imposed a surcharge on any motor vehicle insurance due to a suspension or conviction as a result of the law referenced in subdivision 1, provide a list of any such persons, and indicate for each person the remediation the insurer intends to provide.
(b) Remediation under paragraph (a) must compensate the victim by providing refunds and reinstatements of coverage.
(c) Insurers shall provide the remediation without requiring that the person make a request for remediation.
(d) The commissioner of commerce shall enforce this subdivision under its general enforcement powers under chapter 45 .

### 169.983 SPEEDING VIOLATION; CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OF FINE.

(a) The officer who issues a citation for a violation by a person who does not reside in Minnesota of section 169.14 shall give the defendant the option to plead guilty to the violation upon issuance of the citation and to pay the fine to the issuing officer with a credit card.
(b) The commissioner of public safety shall adopt rules to implement this section, including specifying the types of credit cards that may be used.

## 169A. 60 ADMINISTRATIVE IMPOUNDMENT OF PLATES.

Subd. 18. Stop of vehicles bearing special plates. The authority of a peace officer to stop a vehicle bearing special plates is governed by section 168.0422.

### 171.28 CITATION, DRIVER'S LICENSE LAW.

Sections 171.01 to 171.28 may be cited as the Driver's License Law.

## 299D.02 TRANSFER OF POWERS.

Subdivision 1. Commissioner's powers and duties; radio dispatchers. All the powers and duties of the commissioner of transportation with reference to the State Highway Patrol and the nationwide police communication system not heretofore provided for and enumerated in Minnesota Statutes 1967, sections 161.48 and 161.49, are hereby transferred to and imposed upon the commissioner of public safety. In conjunction with the transfer persons in the classified service of the state who shall be transferred pursuant to section 15.015 , subdivision 5 , there shall be transferred to the Department of Public Safety the personnel who are presently serving as radio dispatchers for the Highway Patrol. Such classified employees serving as Highway Patrol radio dispatchers shall continue to be paid from the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 2. Commissioner's powers and duties. All powers, duties and responsibilities now assigned to and vested in the commissioner of transportation in Minnesota Statutes 1967, chapter 352B, are hereby transferred to and vested in the commissioner of public safety.

## 299D. 04 NATIONWIDE POLICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

The commissioner of public safety may enter into the necessary agreements and purchase the necessary equipment for participation in a nationwide police communication system. All costs of participation in such system by the State Patrol chargeable to the state of Minnesota shall be paid from the fund in the state treasury credited with fines and forfeited bail money.

## 299D. 05 RADIO REPEATER STATION IN WISCONSIN.

Subdivision 1. Authority to acquire site. The commissioner is authorized to acquire by gift or purchase for trunk highway uses and purposes such land in the state of Wisconsin as is determined necessary for use as a site for and to construct, operate, and maintain thereon a radio repeater station to be used in connection with the Minnesota statewide two-way radio system operated by the Minnesota State Patrol.

Subd. 2. Payment of tax and assessment. The commissioner may in connection with the maintenance, operation, and use of the radio repeater station as provided herein pay any and all

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taxes or special assessments, if any, that may be assessed against said property by the state of Wisconsin or its political subdivisions or taxing districts.

Subd. 3. Cost paid out of trunk highway fund. The cost of the land acquisition, the construction, operation, and maintenance of the radio repeater station provided for herein shall be paid out of the trunk highway fund.

## 609B. 202 CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE; REVOCATION.

A person's driver's license is revoked under section 169.11 if that person is convicted of criminal operation of a motor vehicle resulting in the death of a human being.

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### 7409.4700 WAIVER AND VARIANCES.

Subp. 2. Driver improvement agreement. A driver improvement agreement is an agreement between a driver and the commissioner in which the driver agrees to improve driving conduct in consideration for the department taking no action on the suspension that the person currently has pending.
A. The driver improvement agreement must not be for a period less than the period of suspension that the person currently has pending.
B. If the person commits a violation arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle while a driver improvement agreement is in effect, the commissioner shall withdraw the person's driver's license for 30 days or according to this chapter, chapter 7503, or Minnesota Statutes, whichever is the longer period.
C. The commissioner shall not issue a limited license as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 171.30, to the person for violations committed during the period an agreement is in force.

