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2.1 Subd. 2. **Program established.** (a) The commissioner must establish a deputy registrar
2.2 and driver's license agent reimbursement program.

2.3 (b) A deputy registrar office or driver licensing office operated by the commissioner of
2.4 public safety is not eligible to receive funds under this section and must be excluded from
2.5 the calculations under subdivision 4.

2.6 Subd. 3. **Aid funds; transfers; appropriation.** (a) On a quarterly basis, the commissioner
2.7 must identify amounts from the driver services operating account and from the vehicle
2.8 services operating account. The amount for each account is calculated as the greater of zero,
2.9 or:

2.10 (1) the account balance, determined as of the end of a calendar quarter; less

2.11 (2) reserve funds determined in conformity with a reserves policy established under
2.12 section 299A.705, subdivision 5; less

2.13 (3) a set-aside that equals 15 percent of the amount determined under clause (2).

2.14 (b) The commissioner must transfer the amounts identified in paragraph (a) from the
2.15 driver services operating account and from the vehicle services operating account to the
2.16 appointed officials reimbursement account in the special revenue fund.

2.17 (c) Funds in the appointed officials reimbursement account are annually appropriated
2.18 to the commissioner to distribute under subdivision 4.

2.19 Subd. 4. **Aid distribution.** (a) Prior to the end of the second month following each
2.20 calendar quarter, the commissioner must notify deputy registrars and driver's license agents
2.21 and distribute reimbursement aid.

2.22 (b) The reimbursement aid distributed to each deputy registrar and driver's license agent
2.23 is calculated as follows:

2.24 (1) ten percent of available funds allocated equally among all deputy registrars; and

2.25 (2) 60 percent of available funds allocated to deputy registrars proportionally based on
2.26 (i) the number of transactions where a filing fee under section 168.33, subdivision 7, is
2.27 retained by a deputy registrar in the previous calendar quarter, compared to (ii) the total
2.28 number of transactions where the filing fee is retained by all deputy registrars during that
2.29 time period; and

2.30 (3) 30 percent of available funds allocated to driver's license agents proportionally based
2.31 on (i) the number of transactions where a filing fee under section 171.061, subdivision 4,
2.32 is retained by a driver's license agent in the previous calendar quarter, compared to (ii) the

3.1 total number of transactions where the filing fee is retained by all driver's license agents
3.2 during that time period.

3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

3.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 299A.705, is amended by adding a subdivision
3.5 to read:

3.6 Subd. 3a. **Appointed officials reimbursement account.** (a) An appointed officials
3.7 reimbursement account is created in the special revenue fund. The account consists of money
3.8 from fees specified under chapters 168 and 168A, and any other money otherwise donated,
3.9 allotted, appropriated, or legislated to the account.

3.10 (b) Money in the account must be used for reimbursements under section 168.335. The
3.11 commissioner is prohibited from expending account funds to pay administrative costs.

3.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

3.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 299A.705, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

3.14 Subd. 4. **Prohibited expenditures.** The commissioner is prohibited from expending
3.15 money from ~~driver and vehicle services~~ the accounts created in the special revenue fund
3.16 under this section for any purpose that is not specifically authorized in this section or in the
3.17 chapters specified in this section.

3.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

3.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 299A.705, is amended by adding a subdivision
3.20 to read:

3.21 Subd. 5. **Reserves.** (a) The commissioner may establish policies governing reserve funds
3.22 in the driver services operating account and the vehicle services operating account.

3.23 (b) Upon creation or formal revision of a reserves policy, the commissioner must
3.24 distribute electronic copies of the policy to the members and staff of the legislative
3.25 committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance, and as required for reports to the
3.26 legislature under section 3.195, subdivision 1.

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

ARTICLE 2

MOTOR VEHICLE FEES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Additional Plate or sticker fee.** (a) In addition to any fee otherwise authorized or any tax otherwise imposed upon any vehicle, the payment of which is required as a condition to the issuance of any plate or plates, the commissioner shall impose the fee specified in paragraph (b) ~~that is calculated to cover the cost of manufacturing and issuing the plate or plates, except.~~ The commissioner is prohibited from imposing the fee under paragraph (b): (1) for plates issued to disabled veterans as defined in section 168.031 and; (2) for plates issued pursuant to section 168.124, 168.125, or 168.27, subdivisions 16 and 17, for passenger automobiles. The commissioner shall issue graphic design plates only for vehicles registered pursuant to section 168.017 and recreational vehicles registered pursuant to section 168.013, subdivision 1g; and (3) as otherwise specified or exempted by statute.

(b) ~~Unless otherwise specified or exempted by statute,~~ The following plate and validation sticker fees apply for the original, duplicate, or replacement issuance of a plate in a plate year:

License Plate	<u>Initial</u>	Single	Double
Regular and Disability		\$ 4.50	\$ 6.00
Special		8.50 \$ <u>10.00</u>	\$ 10.00
<u>Personalized</u> <u>(Onetime)</u>	\$ <u>100.00</u>		
Personalized (Replacement)		\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00
Collector Category		\$ 13.50	\$ 15.00
Emergency Vehicle Display		\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
Utility Trailer Self-Adhesive		\$ 2.50	
Vertical Motorcycle Plate		\$ 100.00	NA
Stickers			
Duplicate year		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
International Fuel Tax Agreement		\$ 2.50	

(c) For vehicles that require two of the categories above, the ~~registrar~~ commissioner shall only charge the higher of the two fees and not a combined total.

(d) For each transaction processed by a deputy registrar, the deputy registrar may retain an amount equal to 40 percent of the plate fee imposed under paragraph (b), rounded down to the nearest increment of \$0.25.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2019.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.27, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **Dealers' licenses; location change notice; fee.** (a) Application for a dealer's license or notification of a change of location of the place of business on a dealer's license must include a street address, not a post office box, and is subject to the commissioner's approval.

(b) Upon the filing of an application for a dealer's license and the proper fee, unless the application on its face appears to be invalid, the commissioner shall grant a 90-day temporary license. During the 90-day period following issuance of the temporary license, the commissioner shall inspect the place of business site and insure compliance with this section and rules adopted under this section.

(c) The commissioner may extend the temporary license 30 days to allow the temporarily licensed dealer to come into full compliance with this section and rules adopted under this section.

(d) In no more than 120 days following issuance of the temporary license, the dealer license must either be granted or denied.

(e) A license must be denied under the following conditions:

(1) The license must be denied if within the previous ten years the applicant was enjoined due to a violation of section 325F.69 or convicted of violating section 325E.14, 325E.15, 325E.16, or 325F.69, or convicted under section 609.53 of receiving or selling stolen vehicles, or convicted of violating United States Code, title 15, sections 1981 to 1991 or pleaded guilty, entered a plea of nolo contendere or no contest, or has been found guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction of any charge of failure to pay state or federal income or sales taxes or felony charge of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft by swindle, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or bribery.

(2) A license must be denied if the applicant has had a dealer license revoked within the previous ten years.

(f) If the application is approved, the commissioner shall license the applicant as a dealer for one year from the date the temporary license is granted and issue a certificate of license

that must include a distinguishing number of identification of the dealer. The license must be displayed in a prominent place in the dealer's licensed place of business.

(g) Each initial application for a license must be accompanied by a fee of \$100 in addition to the annual fee. The annual fee is \$150. The initial fees and annual fees must be ~~paid into the state treasury and credited to the general fund except that~~ deposited as follows: \$50 of each initial and annual fee ~~must be paid~~ into the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.705, and the remainder into the appointed officials reimbursement account in the special revenue fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2019.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.326, is amended to read:

168.326 EXPEDITED DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES; FEE.

(a) When an applicant requests and pays an expedited service fee of \$20, in addition to other specified and statutorily mandated fees and taxes, the commissioner shall expedite the processing of an application for a driver's license, driving instruction permit, Minnesota identification card, or vehicle title transaction.

(b) A driver's license agent or deputy registrar may retain ~~\$10 of~~ the expedited service fee for each expedited service request processed by the licensing agent or deputy registrar.

(c) When expedited service is requested, materials must be mailed or delivered to the requester within three days of receipt of the expedited service fee excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or the holidays listed in section 645.44, subdivision 5. The requester shall comply with all relevant requirements of the requested document.

(d) The commissioner may decline to accept an expedited service request if it is apparent at the time it is made that the request cannot be granted.

(e) The expedited service fees collected by the commissioner under this section for an application for a driver's license, driving instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card ~~minus any portion retained by a licensing agent or deputy registrar under paragraph (b)~~ must be paid into the driver services operating account in the special revenue fund specified under section 299A.705.

(f) The expedited service fees collected by the commissioner under this section for a transaction for a vehicle service ~~minus any portion retained by a licensing agent or deputy registrar under paragraph (b)~~ must be paid into the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund specified under section 299A.705.

7.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

7.2 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.33, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

7.3 Subd. 7. **Filing fees; allocations.** (a) In addition to all other statutory fees and taxes, a
7.4 filing fee of:

7.5 (1) \$6 is imposed on every vehicle registration renewal, excluding pro rate transactions;
7.6 and

7.7 (2) \$10 is imposed on every other type of vehicle transaction, including motor carrier
7.8 fuel licenses under sections 168D.05 and 168D.06, and pro rate transactions.

7.9 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a):

7.10 (1) a filing fee may not be charged for a document returned for a refund or for a correction
7.11 of an error made by the Department of Public Safety, a dealer, or a deputy registrar; and

7.12 (2) no filing fee or other fee may be charged for the permanent surrender of a title for a
7.13 vehicle.

7.14 (c) The filing fee must be shown as a separate item on all registration renewal notices
7.15 sent out by the commissioner.

7.16 (d) The statutory fees and taxes, and the filing fees imposed under paragraph (a) may
7.17 be paid by credit card or debit card. The deputy registrar may collect a surcharge on the
7.18 statutory fees, taxes, and filing fee not greater than the cost of processing a credit card or
7.19 debit card transaction, in accordance with emergency rules established by the commissioner
7.20 of public safety. The surcharge must be used to pay the cost of processing credit and debit
7.21 card transactions.

7.22 (e) The fees collected under this subdivision by the department must be allocated as
7.23 follows:

7.24 (1) of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (1):

7.25 (i) \$4.50 must be deposited in the vehicle services operating account; and

7.26 (ii) \$1.50 must be deposited:

7.27 (A) in the driver and vehicle services technology account until sufficient funds have
7.28 been deposited in that account to cover all costs of administration, development, and initial
7.29 full deployment of the driver and vehicle services information system; and

7.30 (B) after completion of the deposit of funds under subitem (A) in the vehicle services
7.31 operating account; and

8.1 (2) of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (2):

8.2 (i) \$3.50 must be deposited in the ~~general fund~~ appointed officials reimbursement account
8.3 in the special revenue fund;

8.4 (ii) \$5.00 must be deposited in the vehicle services operating account; and

8.5 (iii) \$1.50 must be deposited:

8.6 (A) in the driver and vehicle services technology account until sufficient funds have
8.7 been deposited in that account to cover all costs of administration, development, and initial
8.8 full deployment of the driver and vehicle services information system; and

8.9 (B) after completion of the deposit of funds under subitem (A) in the vehicle services
8.10 operating account.

8.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

8.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.54, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

8.13 Subd. 5. **Allocation of proceeds to general fund.** The commissioner shall collect the
8.14 proceeds of the fee imposed under this section and deposit them in the ~~general fund pursuant~~
8.15 ~~to section 168A.31~~ appointed officials reimbursement account in the special revenue fund.

8.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

8.17 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168A.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

8.18 Subdivision 1. **Fund distribution.** Unless otherwise specified, all fees ~~prescribed by~~
8.19 ~~sections 168A.01 to 168A.31 and 168.54~~ collected by the department under this chapter
8.20 must be paid into the general fund, unless otherwise specified in chapter 168A appointed
8.21 officials reimbursement account in the special revenue fund.

8.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

8.23 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

8.24 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168A.31, subdivision 2, is repealed.

8.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

8.26 ARTICLE 3

8.27 CONFORMING CHANGES

8.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.1 Subdivision 1. **Plates; design, visibility, periods of issuance.** (a) The commissioner,
9.2 upon approval and payment, shall issue to the applicant the plates required by this chapter,
9.3 bearing the state name and an assigned vehicle registration number. The number assigned
9.4 by the commissioner may be a combination of a letter or sign with figures. The color of the
9.5 plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned must be
9.6 in marked contrast. The plates must be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably indicate
9.7 the registration of the vehicle according to the rules of the commissioner.

9.8 (b) When a vehicle is registered on the basis of total gross weight, the plates issued must
9.9 clearly indicate by letters or other suitable insignia the maximum gross weight for which
9.10 the tax has been paid.

9.11 (c) Plates issued to a noncommercial vehicle must bear the inscription "noncommercial"
9.12 unless the vehicle is displaying a special plate authorized and issued under this chapter.

9.13 (d) A one-ton pickup truck that is used for commercial purposes and is subject to section
9.14 168.185, is eligible to display special plates as authorized and issued under this chapter.

9.15 (e) The plates must be so treated as to be at least 100 times brighter than the conventional
9.16 painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, the plates, when
9.17 viewed from a vehicle equipped with standard headlights, must be visible for a distance of
9.18 not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet.

9.19 (f) The commissioner shall issue plates for the following periods:

9.20 (1) New plates issued pursuant to section 168.012, subdivision 1, must be issued to a
9.21 vehicle for as long as the vehicle is owned by the exempt agency and the plate shall not be
9.22 transferable from one vehicle to another but the plate may be transferred with the vehicle
9.23 from one tax-exempt agency to another.

9.24 (2) Plates issued for passenger automobiles must be issued for a seven-year period. All
9.25 plates issued under this paragraph must be replaced if they are seven years old or older at
9.26 the time of registration renewal or will become so during the registration period.

9.27 (3) Plates issued under sections 168.053 and 168.27, subdivisions 16 and 17, must be
9.28 for a seven-year period.

9.29 (4) Plates issued under subdivisions 2c and 2d and section 168.123 must be issued for
9.30 the life of the veteran under section 169.79.

9.31 (5) Plates for any vehicle not specified in clauses (1) to (3) must be issued for the life
9.32 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.

(i) The commissioner must issue graphic design plates only for vehicles registered under section 168.017 and recreational vehicles registered under section 168.013, subdivision 1g.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2019.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, 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 vehicle;

(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 the fee of \$10~~ the fee specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, 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

11.1 plates issued for that motor vehicle under which to operate it during the time that it will
11.2 take to have the necessary special plates made.

11.3 (d) If owning more than one motor vehicle of the type specified in this subdivision, the
11.4 applicant may apply for special plates for each motor vehicle and, if each application
11.5 complies with this subdivision, the commissioner shall furnish the applicant with the special
11.6 plates, indicating the official amateur call letters and other distinguishing information as
11.7 the commissioner considers necessary, for each of the motor vehicles.

11.8 (e) The commissioner may make reasonable rules governing the use of the special plates
11.9 as will assure the full compliance by the owner of the special plates, with all existing laws
11.10 governing the registration of motor vehicles and the transfer and use of the plates.

11.11 (f) Despite any contrary provision of subdivision 1, the special plates issued under this
11.12 subdivision may be transferred by an owner to another motor vehicle listed in paragraph
11.13 (a) and registered to the same owner, upon the payment of a fee of \$5. The commissioner
11.14 must be notified before the transfer and may prescribe a format for the notification.

11.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.12, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

11.16 Subd. 2a. **Personalized plates; rules.** (a) The commissioner may issue personalized
11.17 plates or, if requested for special plates issued under section 168.123 for veterans, 168.124
11.18 for medal of honor recipients, or 168.125 for former prisoners of war, applicable personalized
11.19 special veterans plates, to an applicant who:

11.20 (1) is an owner of a passenger automobile including a passenger automobile registered
11.21 as a classic car, pioneer car, collector car, or street rod; any truck with a manufacturer's
11.22 nominal rated capacity of one ton or less and resembling a pickup truck; a motorcycle,
11.23 including a classic motorcycle; a motorized bicycle; a commuter van as defined in section
11.24 168.126; or a recreational vehicle;

11.25 (2) pays ~~a the~~ the onetime fee of \$100 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, and
11.26 any other fees required by this chapter;

11.27 (3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and

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

11.30 (b) The commissioner shall charge a replacement fee for personalized license plates and
11.31 personalized special veterans plates issued under section 168.123 as specified in subdivision
11.32 5. This fee must be paid by the applicant whenever the personalized plates are required to

12.1 be replaced by law, except that as provided in section 168.124, subdivision 3, and 168.125,
12.2 subdivision 1b, no fee may be charged to replace plates issued under those sections.

12.3 (c) In lieu of the registration number assigned as provided in subdivision 1, personalized
12.4 plates and personalized special veterans plates must have imprinted on them a series of not
12.5 more than seven numbers and letters, or five numbers and letters for personalized special
12.6 veterans plates, in any combination and, as applicable, satisfy the design requirements of
12.7 section 168.123, 168.124, or 168.125. When an applicant has once obtained personalized
12.8 plates or personalized special veterans plates, the applicant shall have a prior claim for
12.9 similar personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates in the next succeeding
12.10 year as long as current motor vehicle registration is maintained.

12.11 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules in the manner provided by chapter 14, regulating
12.12 the issuance and transfer of personalized plates and personalized special veterans plates.
12.13 No words or combination of letters placed on these plates may be used for commercial
12.14 advertising, be of an obscene, indecent, or immoral nature, or be of a nature that would
12.15 offend public morals or decency. The call signals or letters of a radio or television station
12.16 are not commercial advertising for the purposes of this subdivision.

12.17 (e) Despite the provisions of subdivision 1, personalized plates and personalized special
12.18 veterans plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle
12.19 listed in paragraph (a) and owned by the applicant, upon the payment of a fee of \$5.

12.20 (f) The commissioner may by rule specify the format for notification.

12.21 (g) A personalized plate or personalized special veterans plate issued for a classic car,
12.22 pioneer car, collector car, street rod, or classic motorcycle may not be transferred to a vehicle
12.23 not eligible for such a plate.

12.24 (h) Despite any law to the contrary, if the personalized license plates are lost, stolen, or
12.25 destroyed, the applicant may apply and must be issued duplicate license plates bearing the
12.26 same combination of letters and numbers and the same design as (1) the former personalized
12.27 plates or personalized special veterans plates under section 168.123 upon the payment of
12.28 the fee required by section 168.29 or (2) the former personalized special veterans plates
12.29 issued under section 168.124 or 168.125, without charge.

12.30 (i) A personalized vertical motorcycle plate may be issued upon payment of ~~an~~ the
12.31 additional payment of \$100 fee specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5. The vertical
12.32 plate must have not more than four identification characters, cannot be a duplication of any
12.33 current or reserved license plate, and must meet the requirements in paragraph (d).

13.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

13.2 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.12, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

13.3 Subd. 2b. **Firefighters; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special
13.4 plates, or a single license plate in the case of a motorcycle plate, to any applicant who:

13.5 (1) is a member of a fire department receiving state aid under chapter 69, has a letter
13.6 from the fire chief, and is an owner of a passenger automobile, a one-ton pickup truck, or
13.7 a motorcycle;

13.8 (2) pays ~~a the fee of \$10~~ the fee specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, and any other
13.9 fees required by this chapter;

13.10 (3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and

13.11 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and
13.12 licensing of drivers.

13.13 (b) In lieu of the identification required under subdivision 1, the special plates must bear
13.14 an emblem of a Maltese Cross together with any numbers or characters prescribed by the
13.15 commissioner.

13.16 (c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that
13.17 the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of a fire department as specified in this
13.18 subdivision. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued is no longer a
13.19 member of a fire department or when the motor vehicle ownership is transferred, the owner
13.20 shall remove the special plates from the motor vehicle. If the commissioner receives written
13.21 notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner
13.22 shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain
13.23 the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision.
13.24 Upon removal or invalidation of the special plates or special motorcycle plate, the owner
13.25 or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates, a regular motorcycle plate, or
13.26 special plates for the proper registration classification for the motor vehicle.

13.27 (d) A special motorcycle license plate issued under this subdivision must be the same
13.28 size as a standard motorcycle license plate.

13.29 (e) Upon payment of a fee of \$5, plates issued under this subdivision for a passenger
13.30 automobile or truck may be transferred to another passenger automobile or truck owned or
13.31 jointly owned by the person to whom the plates were issued. On payment of a fee of \$5, a

14.1 plate issued under this subdivision for a motorcycle may be transferred to another motorcycle
14.2 owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the plate was issued.

14.3 (f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act, sections
14.4 14.001 to 14.69, to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized in this
14.5 subdivision.

14.6 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.12, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

14.7 Subd. 2c. **National Guard; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall issue
14.8 special plates to any applicant who:

14.9 (1) is a regularly enlisted, commissioned, or retired member of the Minnesota National
14.10 Guard, other than an inactive member who is not a retired member, and is an owner of a
14.11 passenger automobile;

14.12 (2) pays ~~a the fee of \$10~~ the fee specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, and any other
14.13 fees required by this chapter;

14.14 (3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter; and

14.15 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and
14.16 licensing of drivers.

14.17 (b) The adjutant general shall design the emblem for these special plates subject to the
14.18 approval of the commissioner.

14.19 (c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that
14.20 the owner of the motor vehicle is an active or retired member of the Minnesota National
14.21 Guard as specified in this subdivision. When the individual to whom the special plates were
14.22 issued is no longer an active or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, the special
14.23 plates must be removed from the vehicle by the owner. If the commissioner receives written
14.24 notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner
14.25 shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain
14.26 the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision.
14.27 Upon removal or invalidation of the special plates, either the owner or purchaser of the
14.28 motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle.

14.29 (d) While the person is an active or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard,
14.30 plates issued pursuant to this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned
14.31 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. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, 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 2c, 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;

(2) pays ~~a fee of \$10~~ the fee of \$10 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, 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.

16.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.12, subdivision 2e, is amended to read:

16.2 Subd. 2e. **Volunteer ambulance attendants; special plates.** (a) The commissioner shall
16.3 issue special license plates to an applicant who:

16.4 (1) is a volunteer ambulance attendant as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 15,
16.5 and owns a motor vehicle taxed as a passenger automobile;

16.6 (2) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle;

16.7 (3) pays ~~a the fee of \$10~~ the fee specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, and any other
16.8 fees required by this chapter; and

16.9 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and
16.10 licensing of drivers.

16.11 (b) An individual may use special plates issued under this subdivision only during the
16.12 period that the individual is a volunteer ambulance attendant. When the individual to whom
16.13 the special plates were issued ceases to be a volunteer ambulance attendant, the individual
16.14 shall remove each set of special plates issued. If the commissioner receives written
16.15 notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner
16.16 shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain
16.17 the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision.
16.18 When ownership of the motor vehicle is transferred, the individual shall remove the special
16.19 plates from that motor vehicle. On removal or invalidation of the special plates, the owner
16.20 or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle. Special
16.21 plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by
16.22 the volunteer ambulance attendant on payment of a fee of \$5.

16.23 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules governing the design, issuance, and sale of the
16.24 special plates authorized by this subdivision.

16.25 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.12, subdivision 2g, is amended to read:

16.26 Subd. 2g. **Retired firefighters; special plates.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special
16.27 retired firefighters plates to an applicant who:

16.28 (1) is a retired member of a fire department as defined in section 299N.01, subdivision
16.29 2, has a letter from the fire chief affirming that the applicant is a retired firefighter who
16.30 served ten or more years and separated in good standing, and is a registered owner of a
16.31 passenger automobile, a one-ton pickup truck, a recreational vehicle, or a motorcycle;

17.1 (2) pays ~~a~~ the fee of \$10 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of
17.2 license plates applied for along with any other fees required by this chapter; and

17.3 (3) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and
17.4 licensing of drivers.

17.5 (b) The commissioner shall design the special plate emblem so that it is distinguishable
17.6 from the emblem on firefighter special plates issued under subdivision 2b.

17.7 (c) On payment of a transfer fee of \$5, plates issued under this subdivision may be
17.8 transferred to another passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, recreational vehicle, or
17.9 motorcycle registered to the individual to whom the special plates were issued.

17.10 (d) Fees collected under this subdivision must be credited to the vehicle services operating
17.11 account in the special revenue fund.

17.12 (e) This subdivision is exempt from section 168.1293.

17.13 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.14 Subdivision 1. **Issuance and design.** Notwithstanding section 168.1293, the commissioner
17.15 shall issue special plates remembering victims of impaired drivers to an applicant who:

17.16 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile;

17.17 (2) pays ~~a~~ the fee of \$10 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of
17.18 license plates applied for; and

17.19 (3) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and
17.20 licensing of drivers.

17.21 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.123, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.22 Subdivision 1. **General requirements; fees.** (a) On payment of ~~a~~ the fee of \$10 specified
17.23 under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of two plates, or for a single plate in the
17.24 case of a motorcycle plate, payment of the registration tax required by law, and compliance
17.25 with other applicable laws relating to vehicle registration and licensing, as applicable, the
17.26 commissioner shall issue:

17.27 (1) special veteran's plates to an applicant who served in the active military service in a
17.28 branch of the armed forces of the United States or of a nation or society allied with the
17.29 United States in conducting a foreign war, was discharged under honorable conditions, and
17.30 is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, recreational motor vehicle, or one-ton

18.1 pickup truck, but which is not a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 169.011,
18.2 subdivision 16; or

18.3 (2) a veteran's special motorcycle plate as described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), (e),
18.4 (f), (h), (i), (j), or (m), or another special plate designed by the commissioner to an applicant
18.5 who is a registered owner of a motorcycle and meets the criteria listed in this paragraph and
18.6 in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), or (m). Plates issued under this clause
18.7 must be the same size as regular motorcycle plates. Special motorcycle license plates issued
18.8 under this clause are not subject to section 168.1293.

18.9 (b) The ~~additional fee of \$10~~ under section 168.12, subdivision 5, is payable for each
18.10 set of veteran's plates, is payable only when the plates are issued, and is not payable in a
18.11 year in which stickers are issued instead of plates.

18.12 (c) The veteran must have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers, indicating
18.13 character of discharge, at the time of application. If an applicant served in the active military
18.14 service in a branch of the armed forces of a nation or society allied with the United States
18.15 in conducting a foreign war and is unable to obtain a record of that service and discharge
18.16 status, the commissioner of veterans affairs may certify the applicant as qualified for the
18.17 veterans' plates provided under this section.

18.18 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1235, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

18.19 Subdivision 1. **General requirements; fees.** (a) The commissioner shall issue a special
18.20 plate emblem for each plate to an applicant who:

18.21 (1) is a member of a congressionally chartered veterans service organization and is a
18.22 registered owner of a passenger automobile, pickup truck, van, or self-propelled recreational
18.23 vehicle;

18.24 (2) pays the registration tax required by law;

18.25 (3) pays ~~a the fee of \$10~~ the fee specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of
18.26 two plates, and any other fees required by this chapter; and

18.27 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and
18.28 licensing of drivers.

18.29 (b) The ~~additional fee of \$10~~ under section 168.12, subdivision 5, is payable at the time
18.30 of initial application for the special plate emblem and when the plates must be replaced or
18.31 renewed. An applicant must not be issued more than two sets of special plate emblems for
18.32 motor vehicles listed in paragraph (a) and registered to the applicant.

19.1 (c) The applicant must present a valid card indicating membership in the American
19.2 Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars.

19.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1255, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

19.4 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** The commissioner shall issue
19.5 special veteran contribution plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

19.6 (1) is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447;

19.7 (2) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile ~~as defined in section 168.002,~~
19.8 ~~subdivision 24,~~ recreational vehicle ~~as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 27,~~ one-ton
19.9 pickup truck ~~as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 21b,~~ or motorcycle ~~as defined in~~
19.10 ~~section 168.002, subdivision 19;~~

19.11 (3) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates
19.12 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

19.13 (4) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

19.14 (5) pays the fees required under this chapter;

19.15 (6) pays an additional onetime World War II memorial contribution of \$30, which the
19.16 department shall retain until all start-up costs associated with the development and issuing
19.17 of the plates have been recovered, after which the commissioner shall deposit contributions
19.18 in the World War II donation match account; and

19.19 (7) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and
19.20 licensing of drivers.

19.21 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 168.1256, subdivision 1, is amended
19.22 to read:

19.23 Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner shall issue retired law enforcement
19.24 license special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

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

19.27 (2) is a retired peace officer as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c)
19.28 or (d);

19.29 (3) provides a letter from the chief law enforcement officer affirming that the applicant
19.30 is a retired peace officer who served ten or more years and separated in good standing;

20.1 (4) pays ~~a~~ the fee of \$10 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of
20.2 plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

20.3 (5) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013; and

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

20.6 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.128, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

20.7 Subd. 2. **Plates.** (a) A person who operates a limousine for other than personal use shall
20.8 register the motor vehicle as provided in this section. A person who operates a limousine
20.9 for personal use may apply for limousine plates.

20.10 (b) The commissioner shall issue limousine plates to the registered owner of a limousine
20.11 who:

20.12 (1) certifies that an insurance policy or policies under section 65B.135, in the minimum
20.13 aggregate amount required under that section, is in effect for the entire period of the
20.14 registration;

20.15 (2) provides the commissioner with proof that the passenger automobile registration tax
20.16 and ~~a \$10~~ the fee specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, have been paid for each
20.17 limousine receiving limousine plates; and

20.18 (3) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and
20.19 licensing of drivers.

20.20 (c) The limousine plates must be designed to specifically identify the vehicle as a
20.21 limousine and must be clearly marked with the letters "LM." Limousine plates may not be
20.22 transferred upon sale of the limousine, but may be transferred to another limousine owned
20.23 by the same person upon notifying the commissioner and paying a \$5 transfer fee.

20.24 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 168.1282, subdivision 1, is amended
20.25 to read:

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

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

20.30 (2) pays ~~a~~ the fee of \$10 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of
20.31 plates;

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

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

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

21.7 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.129, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21.8 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** The commissioner shall issue
21.9 special collegiate plates to an applicant who:

21.10 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile;

21.11 (2) pays a the fee as specified in under section 168.12, subdivision 5, to cover the costs
21.12 of handling and manufacturing the plates except that the fee for a single plate is \$8.50;

21.13 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

21.14 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

21.15 (5) contributes at least \$25 annually to the scholarship account established in subdivision
21.16 6; and

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

21.19 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 168.1294, subdivision 1, is amended
21.20 to read:

21.21 Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner shall issue special law enforcement
21.22 memorial license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

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

21.25 (2) pays ~~an additional~~ the fee of \$10 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for
21.26 each set of plates;

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

21.29 (4) contributes \$25 upon initial application and a minimum of \$5 annually to the
21.30 Minnesota law enforcement memorial account; and

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

22.3 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 168.1295, subdivision 1, is amended
22.4 to read:

22.5 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall
22.6 issue state parks and trails plates to an applicant who:

22.7 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, recreational vehicle, one ton pickup
22.8 truck, or motorcycle;

22.9 (2) pays a the fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates
22.10 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

22.11 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

22.12 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

22.13 (5) contributes a minimum of \$60 annually to the state parks and trails donation account
22.14 established in section 85.056; and

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

22.17 (b) The state parks and trails plate application must indicate that the contribution specified
22.18 under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plate and that the
22.19 applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

22.20 (c) State parks and trails plates may be personalized according to section 168.12,
22.21 subdivision 2a.

22.22 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1296, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

22.23 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall
22.24 issue critical habitat plates to an applicant who:

22.25 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile or recreational vehicle;

22.26 (2) pays a the fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates
22.27 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

22.28 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

22.29 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

23.1 (5) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota critical habitat private
23.2 sector matching account established in section 84.943; and

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

23.5 (b) The critical habitat plate application must indicate that the annual contribution
23.6 specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plate
23.7 and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

23.8 (c) Owners of recreational vehicles under paragraph (a), clause (1), are eligible only for
23.9 special critical habitat license plates for which the designs are selected under subdivision
23.10 2, on or after January 1, 2006.

23.11 (d) Special critical habitat license plates, the designs for which are selected under
23.12 subdivision 2, on or after January 1, 2006, may be personalized according to section 168.12,
23.13 subdivision 2a.

23.14 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1297, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.15 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** The commissioner shall issue
23.16 special "Rotary member" plates to an applicant who:

23.17 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile;

23.18 (2) pays a the fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates
23.19 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

23.20 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

23.21 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

23.22 (5) submits proof to the commissioner that the applicant is a member of Rotary
23.23 International; and

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

23.26 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1298, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.27 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall
23.28 issue special "Support Our Troops" license plates to an applicant who:

23.29 (1) is an owner of a passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, recreational vehicle,
23.30 or motorcycle;

24.1 (2) pays a the fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates
24.2 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

24.3 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

24.4 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

24.5 (5) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota "Support Our Troops"
24.6 account established in section 190.19; and

24.7 (6) complies with laws and rules governing registration and licensing of vehicles and
24.8 drivers.

24.9 (b) The license application under this section must indicate that the annual contribution
24.10 specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plates
24.11 and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

24.12 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1299, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

24.13 Subdivision 1. **Issuance.** Notwithstanding section 168.1293, the commissioner shall
24.14 issue special Minnesota golf plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

24.15 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle,
24.16 or recreational vehicle;

24.17 (2) pays a the fee of \$10 specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, and any other
24.18 fees required by this chapter;

24.19 (3) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota Section PGA Foundation
24.20 account; and

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

24.23 Sec. 23. **REPEALER.**

24.24 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1291, subdivision 4, is repealed.

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168.1291 CERTAIN SPECIAL PLATES; UNIFORM DESIGN, UNIQUE EMBLEMS.

Subd. 4. **Fees.** Despite section 168.12, subdivisions 2b to 2e; 168.123; or 168.129, the commissioner shall charge a fee of \$10 for each set of plates issued under this section.

168A.31 DISPOSITION OF FEES; PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.

Subd. 2. **Expenses; appropriation.** All necessary expenses incurred by the department for the administration of sections 168A.01 to 168A.31 must be paid from money in the vehicle services operating account of the special revenue fund as specified in section 299A.705, and such funds are hereby appropriated.