CHAPTER 55--H.F.No. 678

An act relating to motor vehicles; establishing law enforcement memorial special license plates; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

Section 1. **[168.1294] LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL PLATES.**

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

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

(2) pays an additional fee of $10 for each set of plates;

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

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

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

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner shall adopt a suitable design for the plate that must include a black line with a blue line of equal proportion above and below the black line, representing the thin blue line.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates may be transferred to another qualified motor vehicle that is registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Fees.** Fees collected under subdivision 1, clauses (2) and (3), and subdivision 3 are credited to the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund.

Subd. 6. **Contributions; memorial account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Minnesota law enforcement memorial account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association, to be used to further the mission of the association in assisting the families and home agencies of Minnesota law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2018, for special law enforcement memorial plates issued on or after that date.

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