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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 250

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing special registration plates for vehicles operated
1.3 with no insurance; authorizing the stop of vehicles bearing certain special plates;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.791, subdivision 6; proposing
1.5 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.791, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Penalty.** (a) In addition to any sentence of imprisonment that the court may
1.9 impose, the court shall impose a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than the maximum fine
1.10 applicable to misdemeanors upon conviction under this section. The court may allow
1.11 community service in lieu of any fine imposed if the defendant is indigent. In addition to
1.12 criminal penalties, a person convicted under this section is subject to revocation of a driver's
1.13 license or permit to drive under section 169.792, subdivision 7, and to revocation of motor
1.14 vehicle registration under section 169.792, subdivision 12.

1.15 (b) In addition to the penalties in paragraph (a), the commissioner of public safety shall
1.16 require the owner of the vehicle or vehicles under this subdivision to obtain new registration
1.17 plates, which must bear a special series of numbers or letters so as to be readily identified
1.18 by traffic law enforcement officers under section 168.041, subdivision 6.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to crimes
1.20 committed on or after that date.

2.1 Sec. 2. **[169.7915] STOP OF VEHICLES BEARING SPECIAL SERIES PLATES.**

2.2 A peace officer who observes the operation of a motor vehicle within this state bearing
2.3 special series registration plates issued under section 168.041, subdivision 6, may stop the
2.4 vehicle for the purpose of determining whether the driver is operating the vehicle in a manner
2.5 consistent with section 169.791, subdivision 2.