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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; modifying various provisions governing the registration
1.3 of motor vehicles; making conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2016, sections 163.051, subdivision 1; 168.002, subdivision 33; 168.013,
1.5 subdivisions 1, 22; 168.017; 168.022, subdivision 2; 168.09, subdivision 5; 168.12,
1.6 subdivision 1; 168.129, subdivision 1; 168.1296, subdivision 1; 168.1298,
1.7 subdivision 1; 168.1299, subdivision 1; 168.33, subdivision 7; Minnesota Statutes
1.8 2017 Supplement, sections 168.013, subdivision 1a; 168.1295, subdivision 1.

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

1.10 ARTICLE 1
1.11 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

1.12 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 163.051, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.13 Subdivision 1. **Tax authorized.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the board of
1.14 commissioners of each county is authorized to levy by resolution a wheelage tax at the rate
1.15 specified in paragraph (b), on each motor vehicle that is kept in such county when not in
1.16 operation and that is subject to either the monthly series system under section 168.017,
1.17 subdivision 2, or annual registration and taxation under chapter 168. The board may provide
1.18 by resolution for collection of the wheelage tax by county officials or it may request that
1.19 the tax be collected by the state registrar of motor vehicles. The state registrar of motor
1.20 vehicles shall collect such tax on behalf of the county if requested, as provided in subdivision
1.21 2.

1.22 (b) The wheelage tax under this section is ~~at the rate of:~~

1.23 ~~(1) from January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2017, \$10 per year for each county~~
1.24 ~~that authorizes the tax; and~~

2.1 ~~(2) on and after January 1, 2018, up to \$20 per year~~ calculated for each 12 months of
 2.2 registration, in any increment of a whole dollar, as specified by each county that authorizes
 2.3 the tax. A wheelage tax must be expressed in any increment of a whole dollar.

2.4 (c) The following vehicles are exempt from the wheelage tax:

2.5 (1) motorcycles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 44;

2.6 (2) motorized bicycles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 45; and

2.7 (3) motorized foot scooters, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 46.

2.8 (d) For any county that authorized the tax prior to May 24, 2013, the wheelage tax
 2.9 continues at the rate provided under paragraph (b).

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 2.11 applies to vehicle registration periods starting on or after January 1, 2019.

2.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 168.013, subdivision 1a, is amended
 2.13 to read:

2.14 Subd. 1a. **Passenger automobile; hearse.** (a) Except as otherwise provided, the tax on
 2.15 passenger automobiles as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 24, and hearses, except
 2.16 as otherwise provided, the tax is:

2.17 (1) \$10; plus

2.18 (2) an additional tax equal to 1.25 percent of the base value; annual amount calculated
 2.19 under paragraph (h); plus

2.20 (3) for a vehicle registered for at least 24 months in the monthly series system under
 2.21 section 168.017, subdivision 2:

2.22 (i) \$10; plus

2.23 (ii) an annual amount calculated as specified in paragraph (h), provided that the year of
 2.24 vehicle life used in the computation is one year later than that used under clause (2); plus

2.25 (4) for a vehicle registered for 36 months in the monthly series system under section
 2.26 168.017, subdivision 2:

2.27 (i) \$10; plus

2.28 (ii) an annual amount calculated as specified in paragraph (h), provided that the year of
 2.29 vehicle life used in the computation is one year later than that used under clause (3), item

2.30 (ii).

3.1 (b) Subject to the classification provisions herein, "base value" means the manufacturer's
 3.2 suggested retail price of the vehicle including destination charge using list price information
 3.3 published by the manufacturer or determined by the registrar if no suggested retail price
 3.4 exists, and shall not include the cost of each accessory or item of optional equipment
 3.5 separately added to the vehicle and the suggested retail price.

3.6 (c) If the manufacturer's list price information contains a single vehicle identification
 3.7 number followed by various descriptions and suggested retail prices, the registrar shall
 3.8 select from those listings only the lowest price for determining base value.

3.9 (d) If unable to determine the base value because the vehicle is specially constructed,
 3.10 or for any other reason, the registrar may establish such value upon the cost price to the
 3.11 purchaser or owner as evidenced by a certificate of cost but not including Minnesota sales
 3.12 or use tax or any local sales or other local tax.

3.13 (e) The registrar shall classify every vehicle in its proper base value class as follows:

3.14	FROM	TO
3.15	\$ 0	\$ 199.99
3.16	\$ 200	\$ 399.99

3.17 and thereafter a series of classes successively set in brackets having a spread of \$200
 3.18 consisting of such number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.

3.19 (f) The base value for purposes of this section shall be the middle point between the
 3.20 extremes of its class.

3.21 (g) The registrar shall establish the base value, when new, of every passenger automobile
 3.22 and hearse registered prior to the effective date of Extra Session Laws 1971, chapter 31,
 3.23 using list price information published by the manufacturer or any nationally recognized
 3.24 firm or association compiling such data for the automotive industry. If unable to ascertain
 3.25 the base value of any registered vehicle in the foregoing manner, the registrar may use any
 3.26 other available source or method. The registrar shall calculate tax using base value
 3.27 information available to dealers and deputy registrars at the time the application for
 3.28 registration is submitted. The tax on all previously registered vehicles shall be computed
 3.29 upon the base value thus determined taking into account the depreciation provisions of
 3.30 paragraph (h).

3.31 (h) The annual ~~additional~~ tax amount must be computed upon a percentage, as follows,
 3.32 of 1.25 percent of the base value ~~as follows~~: during the first year of vehicle life, upon 100
 3.33 percent of the base value; for the second year, 90 percent of such value; for the third year,
 3.34 80 percent of such value; for the fourth year, 70 percent of such value; for the fifth year, 60

4.1 percent of such value; for the sixth year, 50 percent of such value; for the seventh year, 40
 4.2 percent of such value; for the eighth year, 30 percent of such value; for the ninth year, 20
 4.3 percent of such value; for the tenth year, ten percent of such value; for the 11th and each
 4.4 succeeding year, the sum of \$25.

4.5 (i) In no event shall the annual ~~additional~~ tax amount be less than \$25.

4.6 ~~(j) For any vehicle previously registered in Minnesota and regardless of prior ownership,~~
 4.7 ~~the total amount due under this subdivision and subdivision 1m must not exceed the smallest~~
 4.8 ~~total amount previously paid or due on the vehicle.~~

4.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 4.10 applies to taxes payable for a vehicle registration period starting on or after January 1, 2019.

4.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.017, is amended to read:

4.12 **168.017 MONTHLY SERIES REGISTRATION SYSTEM.**

4.13 Subdivision 1. **Requirement generally.** All passenger automobiles, ambulances, hearses,
 4.14 and pickup trucks shall be registered by the registrar according to the monthly series system
 4.15 of registration prescribed by this section.

4.16 Subd. 2. ~~**12-uniform Registration periods.** There are~~ A registration period system is
 4.17 established ~~12 registration periods.~~ Each to be designated by a calendar month and to start
 4.18 period starts on the first day of such a month and end ends on the last day of the 12th month
 4.19 from, the 24th month, or the 36th month after the date of commencing first day of the
 4.20 registration period. The registrar shall register all vehicles subject to registration under the
 4.21 monthly series system for ~~a minimum~~ the period of 12, 24, or 36 consecutive calendar
 4.22 months specified by the applicant in the application for vehicle registration.

4.23 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** The registrar shall register all vehicles subject to registration under
 4.24 the monthly series system ~~for a period of 12 consecutive calendar months~~ as provided under
 4.25 subdivision 2, unless:

4.26 (1) the application is an original under section 168.127; or

4.27 (2) the applicant is a licensed motor vehicle lessor under section 168.27 and the vehicle
 4.28 is leased or rented for periods of time of not more than 28 days, in which case the applicant
 4.29 may apply for initial or renewed registration of a vehicle for a period of four or more months,
 4.30 the month of expiration to be designated by the applicant at the time of registration. To
 4.31 qualify for this exemption, the applicant must present the application to a designated deputy
 4.32 registrar office. Subsequent registration periods when the applicant is not a qualified motor

5.1 vehicle lessor under this subdivision must be for a period of 12, 24, or 36 months
 5.2 commencing from the last month for which registration was issued.

5.3 Subd. 4. **Proportional Registration payment system; proportional calculation.** (a)
 5.4 Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the applicant for registration of a vehicle
 5.5 under the monthly series system shall pay in full the calendar year registration fee amount
 5.6 prescribed by law during for the 12 specified number of consecutive calendar months of
 5.7 the registration under the monthly series system period.

5.8 (b) If the registrar registers the vehicle for a period greater or less than ~~a calendar year~~
 5.9 ~~pursuant to~~ the period specified in subdivision ~~3~~ 2, the calendar year registration fee ~~shall~~
 5.10 ~~be~~ is apportioned as follows: During the first period the fee is 1/12 of the first calendar year
 5.11 fee times the number of months in the period. During the first 12 consecutive months of
 5.12 registration under the monthly series system, the fee is the sum of the following: (a) 1/12
 5.13 of the first calendar year fee times the months remaining after subtracting the months in the
 5.14 first period of issuance from 12 months, and (b) 1/12 of the second calendar year fee times
 5.15 the number of months in the first period of issuance. The registration fee shall be computed
 5.16 in the same manner for second and subsequent periods of 12 consecutive months of
 5.17 registration under the monthly series system, subject to changes provided by law for
 5.18 registration fees under the calendar year system. If the registrar registers the vehicle for a
 5.19 part of a year pursuant to subdivision 3, the calendar year registration fee shall be apportioned
 5.20 as above in the case of an original registration for part of a year except that the computation
 5.21 shall begin with the second calendar year fee.

5.22 Subd. 5. **Registration period extension for leased vehicle.** (a) Notwithstanding
 5.23 subdivisions 3 and 4, a person leasing for at least one year a vehicle registered under this
 5.24 section may obtain an extension of the motor vehicle's registration period for the unexpired
 5.25 portion of the lease period, for a period not to exceed 11 months beyond the expiration of
 5.26 the registration period.

5.27 (b) In order to obtain an extension under this subdivision a lessee must:

5.28 (1) apply to the registrar on a form the registrar prescribes;

5.29 (2) submit to the registrar a copy of the lease;

5.30 (3) pay an administrative fee of \$5; and

5.31 (4) pay a tax of 1/12 of the tax for the registration period being extended for each month
 5.32 of the extension.

6.1 (c) On an applicant's compliance with paragraph (b) the registrar shall issue the applicant
 6.2 a license plate ~~tab or~~ validation sticker designating the new month of expiration of the
 6.3 registration. The extended registration expires on the tenth day of the month following the
 6.4 month designated on the ~~tab or~~ validation sticker.

6.5 (d) All fees collected under paragraph (b), clause (3), must be deposited in the vehicle
 6.6 services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1. Taxes collected under
 6.7 paragraph (b), clause (4), must be deposited in the highway user tax distribution fund.

6.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 6.9 applies to vehicle registration periods starting on or after January 1, 2019.

6.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

6.11 Subdivision 1. **Plates and validation stickers; design, visibility, periods of issuance.**

6.12 (a) The commissioner, upon approval and payment, shall issue to the applicant the plates
 6.13 required by this chapter, bearing the state name and an assigned vehicle registration number.
 6.14 The number assigned by the commissioner may be a combination of a letter or sign with
 6.15 figures. The color of the plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the
 6.16 number assigned must be in marked contrast. The plates must be lettered, spaced, or
 6.17 distinguished to suitably indicate the registration of the vehicle according to the rules of the
 6.18 commissioner.

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

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

6.24 (d) A one-ton pickup truck that is used for commercial purposes and is subject to section
 6.25 168.185, is eligible to display special plates as authorized and issued under this chapter.

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

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

6.31 (1) New plates issued pursuant to section 168.012, subdivision 1, must be issued to a
 6.32 vehicle for as long as the vehicle is owned by the exempt agency and the plate shall not be

7.1 transferable from one vehicle to another but the plate may be transferred with the vehicle
7.2 from one tax-exempt agency to another.

7.3 (2) Plates issued for passenger automobiles must be issued for a seven-year period. All
7.4 plates issued under this paragraph must be replaced if they are seven years old or older at
7.5 the time of registration renewal or will become so during the first 18 months of the
7.6 registration period.

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

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

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

7.13 (g) ~~In a year in which plates are not issued, the commissioner shall issue for each~~
7.14 ~~registration a sticker to designate the year of registration. This sticker must show the year~~
7.15 ~~or years for which the sticker is issued, and is valid only for that period. In conjunction with~~
7.16 vehicle registration, the commissioner shall issue validation stickers that conform with the
7.17 requirements under section 169.79. Validation stickers are valid only for the specified
7.18 registration period. The plates and validation stickers issued for a vehicle may not be
7.19 transferred to another vehicle during the period for which the sticker is issued, except when
7.20 issued for a vehicle registered under section 168.187 or as otherwise specified.

7.21 (h) Despite any other provision of this subdivision, plates issued to a vehicle used for
7.22 behind-the-wheel instruction in a driver education course in a public school may be
7.23 transferred to another vehicle used for the same purpose without payment of any additional
7.24 fee. The public school shall notify the commissioner of each transfer of plates under this
7.25 paragraph. The commissioner may prescribe a format for notification.

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

7.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.33, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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

7.30 (1) \$6 is imposed on every vehicle registration renewal, excluding pro rate transactions;
7.31 and

8.1 (2) \$10 is imposed on every other type of vehicle transaction, including motor carrier
8.2 fuel licenses under sections 168D.05 and 168D.06, and pro rate transactions.

8.3 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a):

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

8.6 (2) no filing fee or other fee may be charged for the permanent surrender of a title for a
8.7 vehicle; and

8.8 (3) the amount specified in paragraph (a) is multiplied by two for a new or renewal
8.9 registration of a vehicle registered for 24 months in the monthly series system under section
8.10 168.017, subdivision 2, or multiplied by three for a new or renewal registration of a vehicle
8.11 registered for 36 months, with funds collected by the commissioner allocated proportionally
8.12 in the same manner as provided under paragraph (e).

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

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

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

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

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

8.25 (ii) \$1.50 must be deposited:

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

8.29 (B) after completion of the deposit of funds under subitem (A)₂ in the vehicle services
8.30 operating account; and

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

9.1 (i) \$3.50 must be deposited in the general fund;

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

9.3 (iii) \$1.50 must be deposited:

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

9.7 (B) after completion of the deposit of funds under subitem (A)₂ in the vehicle services
9.8 operating account.

9.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
9.10 applies to vehicle registration periods starting on or after January 1, 2019.

9.11 **ARTICLE 2**

9.12 **CONFORMING CHANGES**

9.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.002, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

9.14 Subd. 33. **Tax.** "Tax" means the ~~annual~~ registration tax imposed on vehicles in lieu of
9.15 all other taxes, except wheelage taxes ~~which may be imposed by any city~~, and gross earnings
9.16 taxes paid by companies. The annual tax is both a property tax and a highway use tax ~~and~~
9.17 ~~shall be on the basis of the calendar year.~~

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

9.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.013, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.20 Subdivision 1. **Imposition.** Motor vehicles, except as set forth in section 168.012, using
9.21 the public streets or highways in the state ~~shall~~ must be taxed in lieu of all other taxes
9.22 thereon, except wheelage taxes, ~~so-called~~, which may be imposed ~~by any city~~ as provided
9.23 by law, and except gross earnings taxes paid by companies subject or made subject thereto,
9.24 and shall be privileged to use the public streets and highways, on the basis and at the rate
9.25 for each calendar year or other registration period as hereinafter provided.

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

9.27 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.013, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

9.28 Subd. 22. **Optional donation for education on anatomical gifts.** As part of procedures
9.29 for payment of the vehicle registration tax under this section, the commissioner shall allow
9.30 a vehicle owner to add to the tax a \$2 donation for the purposes of public information and

10.1 education on anatomical gifts under section 171.075, for in-person transactions conducted
10.2 by a deputy registrar appointed under section 168.33, subdivision 2. This subdivision applies
10.3 to ~~annual~~ renewal registrations only, and does not apply to registrations authorized under
10.4 sections 168.053 to 168.057, 168.127, 168.187, and 168.27.

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

10.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.022, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.7 Subd. 2. **Amount of refund.** The amount of the refund ~~shall be~~ equals:

10.8 (1) the tax paid by the purchaser pursuant to this chapter less 1/12 of the annual tax for
10.9 the vehicle for each calendar month or; multiplied by

10.10 (2) an amount calculated as (i) the total number of calendar months in the registration
10.11 period, less the number of calendar months, counting a fraction of a calendar month as one
10.12 month, between the date of registration and the date the purchase price is refunded, divided
10.13 by (ii) the total number of calendar months in the registration period.

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

10.15 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

10.16 Subd. 5. **Defenses to failure to renew.** No person may be charged with violating this
10.17 section by reason of failure to renew the registration of a previously registered motor vehicle,
10.18 except those vehicles registered under section 168.187, if:

10.19 (1) the person produces a statement from the registrar to the effect that the person was
10.20 not notified by the registrar of the ~~annual~~ renewal for the registration of the vehicle to which
10.21 a citation was issued; and

10.22 (2) the person renews the registration and pays the motor vehicle tax and fees due within
10.23 ten days of being cited for the violation.

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

10.25 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.129, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

10.29 (2) pays a fee as specified in section 168.12, subdivision 5, to cover the costs of handling
10.30 and manufacturing the plates;

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

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

11.3 (5) contributes at least \$25 ~~annually~~ calculated for each 12 months of registration to the
11.4 scholarship account established in subdivision 6; and

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

11.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
11.8 applies to vehicle registration periods starting on or after January 1, 2019.

11.9 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 168.1295, subdivision 1, is amended
11.10 to read:

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

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

11.15 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;

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

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

11.18 (5) contributes a minimum of ~~\$60 annually~~ \$50 calculated for each 12 months of
11.19 registration to the state parks and trails donation account established in section 85.056; and

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

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

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

11.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
11.28 applies to vehicle registration periods starting on or after January 1, 2019.

12.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1296, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

12.5 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;

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

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

12.8 (5) contributes a minimum of \$30 ~~annually~~ calculated for each 12 months of registration
12.9 to the Minnesota critical habitat private sector matching account established in section
12.10 84.943; and

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

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

12.16 (c) Owners of recreational vehicles under paragraph (a), clause (1), are eligible only for
12.17 special critical habitat license plates for which the designs are selected under subdivision
12.18 2, on or after January 1, 2006.

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

12.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
12.23 applies to vehicle registration periods starting on or after January 1, 2019.

12.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1298, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

12.29 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;

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

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

13.2 (5) contributes a minimum of \$30 ~~annually~~ calculated for each 12 months of registration
 13.3 to the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account established in section 190.19; and

13.4 (6) complies with laws and rules governing registration and licensing of vehicles and
 13.5 drivers.

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

13.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 13.10 applies to vehicle registration periods starting on or after January 1, 2019.

13.11 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1299, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

13.16 (2) pays a fee of \$10 and any other fees required by this chapter;

13.17 (3) contributes a minimum of \$30 ~~annually~~ calculated for each 12 months of registration
 13.18 to the Minnesota Section PGA Foundation account; and

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

13.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 13.22 applies to vehicle registration periods starting on or after January 1, 2019.

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