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1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6	A bill for an act relating to veterans; preserving a collection of veterans license plates; directing the distribution and sale of remaining discontinued veterans plates and authorizing the use of revenues; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.7	Section 1. [168.1299] PRESERVATION OF VETERANS LICENSE PLATES.
1.8	Subdivision 1. Plate collection. (a) The commissioner of veterans affairs shall
1.9	maintain an inventory containing at least one sample set of each type of Minnesota
1.10	veterans license plate. The commissioner may display part or all of the collection for
1.11	official ceremonial or educational purposes or may temporarily loan part or all of the
1.12	collection to a chartered veterans service organization for those purposes. No fee may be
1.13	charged by the commissioner or organization for the display or use.
1.14	(b) For purposes of this section, the term "Minnesota veterans license plate" shall
1.15	be given broad interpretation to include all official Minnesota license plates related to
1.16	veterans and the military as authorized at any time.
1.17	Subd. 2. Provision of plates. (a) By June 30, 2012, the commissioner of public
1.18	safety must provide to the commissioner of veterans affairs a sample set of each type of
1.19	Minnesota veterans license plate officially issued at any time.
1.20	(b) By June 30, 2013, and annually thereafter, the commissioner of public safety
1.21	must provide to the commissioner of veterans affairs one sample set of any Minnesota
1.22	veterans license plate that has been newly issued during the preceding fiscal year.
1.23	Subd. 3. Sale of unused plates. (a) If the commissioner of public safety determines
1.24	that any Minnesota veterans license plate must be discontinued from official use in

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2.1	registering motor vehicles, the commissioner of public safety must dispose of the
2.2	remaining plates of that type in the following manner and order of priority:
2.3	(1) provide one or more sample sets of each discontinued plate to the commissioner
2.4	of veterans affairs and the director of the Minnesota Historical Society for purposes of
2.5	history, education, and display;
2.6	(2) offer one sample set of the discontinued plate to each publicly owned and
2.7	operated museum in the state; and
2.8	(3) provide for public sale at full market value, as determined by the commissioner
2.9	of public safety, of any remaining veterans license plates of the type being discontinued.
2.10	The circumstances of the sale must provide for broad distribution of the remaining license
2.11	plates among Minnesota residents.
2.12	In addition, the commissioner of public safety may keep one or more sample sets
2.13	of each type of discontinued veterans license plate for inclusion in any official plate
2.14	collection initiated by the Department of Public Safety.
2.15	(b) Under no circumstances may any public official destroy any veterans license
2.16	plate that is being proposed for discontinuance or which has been discontinued.
2.17	Subd. 4. Proceeds; appropriation. The commissioner of public safety must deposit
2.18	all proceeds from the sale of any discontinued veterans license plates into the historical
2.19	veterans license plate account of the special revenue fund of the state treasury. Each year,
2.20	50 percent of the balance of that account is appropriated to the Minnesota "Support Our
2.21	Troops" account created under section 190.19, and the remaining 50 percent of the balance
2.22	of that account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for use in staff training
2.23	within the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing of the Department of Public Safety.
2.24	Subd. 5. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to perpetuate the historical record
2.25	and significance of veterans license plates as valued items reflecting the patriotic service
2.26	and sacrifice of Minnesota veterans.

2.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2011.