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## *FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT*

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

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*Referred by Chair to Transportation Finance Division.*

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*Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.*

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to veterans; authorizing commissioner of public safety to dispose  
1.3 of unused special veterans' license plates; proposing coding for new law in  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[168.1234] DISPOSING OF UNUSED VETERANS LICENSE PLATES.**

1.7 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
1.8 the meanings given them:

1.9 (a) "Unused veteran's license plate type" means any type of special veteran's license  
1.10 plate authorized under section 168.123, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) to (d) and (f) to (i),  
1.11 for which the commissioner of veterans affairs has determined that the eligible population  
1.12 of veterans has ceased to exist within Minnesota, and for which the commissioner of  
1.13 public safety has determined that there are no registered vehicles bearing such plates  
1.14 within the state.

1.15 (b) "Veteran" has the meaning assigned in section 197.447.

1.16 **Subd. 2. Authority to dispose of unused plates.** (a) Notwithstanding any other  
1.17 provision of this chapter, the commissioner of public safety is authorized to discontinue the  
1.18 sale of any unused special veteran's license plate type. Remaining stock of discontinued  
1.19 special veterans' plates must be transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The  
1.20 Department of Veterans Affairs must collaborate with charitable veteran organizations to  
1.21 auction the plates.

1.22 (b) Before selling plates of any unused special veteran's license plate type, the  
1.23 commissioner must declare and publicly announce that plates of that type are no longer  
1.24 valid for purposes of motor vehicle registration within the state.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Proceeds.** Proceeds from the sale of unused veterans' special license plates  
2.2 under this section must be provided to charitable veteran organizations.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2008.