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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; providing for issuance of special motorcycle plates  
1.3 for combat wounded veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section  
1.4 168.123, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.123, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **General requirements; fees.** (a) On payment of a fee of \$10 for  
1.8 each set of two plates, or for a single plate in the case of a motorcycle plate, payment of  
1.9 the registration tax required by law, and compliance with other applicable laws relating to  
1.10 vehicle registration and licensing, as applicable, the commissioner shall issue:

1.11 (1) special veteran's plates to an applicant who served in the active military service  
1.12 in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or of a nation or society allied with the  
1.13 United States in conducting a foreign war, was discharged under honorable conditions,  
1.14 and is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, recreational motor vehicle, or truck  
1.15 resembling a pickup truck and having a manufacturer's nominal rated capacity of one ton,  
1.16 but which is not a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 169.01, subdivision  
1.17 75; or

1.18 (2) a veteran's special motorcycle plate as described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a),  
1.19 (e), (f), (h), or (i), or another special plate designed by the commissioner to an applicant  
1.20 who is a registered owner of a motorcycle and meets the criteria listed in this paragraph  
1.21 and in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), (e), (f), (h), or (i). Plates issued under this clause must  
1.22 be the same size as regular motorcycle plates. Special motorcycle license plates issued  
1.23 under this clause are not subject to section 168.1293.

2.1 (b) The additional fee of \$10 is payable for each set of veteran's plates, is payable  
2.2 only when the plates are issued, and is not payable in a year in which stickers are issued  
2.3 instead of plates.

2.4 (c) The veteran must have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers,  
2.5 indicating character of discharge, at the time of application. If an applicant served in the  
2.6 active military service in a branch of the armed forces of a nation or society allied with the  
2.7 United States in conducting a foreign war and is unable to obtain a record of that service  
2.8 and discharge status, the commissioner of veterans affairs may certify the applicant as  
2.9 qualified for the veterans' plates provided under this section.

2.10 (d) For license plates issued for one-ton trucks described in paragraph (a), clause  
2.11 (1), the commissioner shall collect a surcharge of \$5 on each \$10 fee collected under  
2.12 paragraph (a). The surcharge must be deposited in the vehicle services operating account  
2.13 in the special revenue fund.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2007.