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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; modifying provisions relating to special license plates;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 168.10, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d,
1.4 1g, 1h, 1i; 168.12, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.10, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 1a. **Collector's vehicle, pioneer license.** (a) Any motor vehicle manufactured
1.8 prior to 1936 and owned and operated solely as a collector's item shall be listed for
1.9 taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and
1.10 address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make
1.11 of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification
1.12 number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for
1.13 general transportation purposes. If the ~~registrar~~ commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit
1.14 is true and correct and the owner pays a \$25 tax and the plate fee authorized under section
1.15 168.12, the ~~registrar~~ commissioner shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and
1.16 shall issue a single number plate.

1.17 (b) The number plate so issued shall bear the inscription "Pioneer," "Minnesota"
1.18 and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section
1.19 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long
1.20 as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The ~~registrar~~ commissioner has the power to
1.21 revoke said plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

1.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.10, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

2.1 Subd. 1b. **Collector's vehicle, classic car license.** (a) Any motor vehicle
 2.2 manufactured between and including the years 1925 and 1948, and designated by the
 2.3 ~~registrar of motor vehicles~~ commissioner as a classic car because of its fine design, high
 2.4 engineering standards, and superior workmanship, and owned and operated solely as a
 2.5 collector's item shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be
 2.6 executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person
 2.7 from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the
 2.8 manufacturer's identification number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a
 2.9 collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the ~~registrar~~ commissioner
 2.10 is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and that the motor vehicle qualifies to
 2.11 be classified as a classic car, and the owner pays a \$25 tax and the plate fee authorized
 2.12 under section 168.12, the ~~registrar~~ commissioner shall list such vehicle for taxation and
 2.13 registration and shall issue a single number plate.

2.14 (b) The number plate so issued shall bear the inscription "Classic Car," "Minnesota,"
 2.15 and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section
 2.16 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long
 2.17 as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The ~~registrar~~ commissioner has the power to
 2.18 revoke said plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

2.19 (c) The following cars built between and including 1925 and 1948 are classic:

- 2.20 A.C.
- 2.21 Adler
- 2.22 Alfa Romeo
- 2.23 Alvis Speed 20, 25, and 4.3 litre.
- 2.24 Amilcar
- 2.25 Aston Martin
- 2.26 Auburn All 8-cylinder and 12-cylinder models.
- 2.27 Audi
- 2.28 Austro-Daimler
- 2.29 Avions Voisin 12
- 2.30 Bentley
- 2.31 Blackhawk
- 2.32 B.M.W. Models 327, 328, and 335 only.
- 2.33 Brewster (Heart-front Ford)
- 2.34 Bugatti
- 2.35 Buick 1931 through 1942: series 90 only.
- 2.36 Cadillac All 1925 through 1935.
All 12's and 16's.
1936-1948: Series 63, 65, 67,
2.37 70, 72, 75, 80, 85 and 90 only.
- 2.38
- 2.39

3.1		1938-1947: 60 special only.
3.2		1940-1947: All 62 Series.
3.3	Chrysler	1926 through 1930: Imperial 80.
3.4		1929: Imperial L.
3.5		1931 through 1937: Imperial Series CG,
3.6		CH, CL, and CW.
3.7		All Newports and Thunderbolts.
3.8		1934 CX.
3.9		1935 C-3.
3.10		1936 C-11.
3.11		1937 through 1948: Custom Imperial,
3.12		Crown Imperial Series C-15, C-20, C-24,
3.13		C-27, C-33, C-37, and C-40.
3.14	Cord	
3.15	Cunningham	
3.16	Dagmar	Model 25-70 only.
3.17	Daimler	
3.18	Delage	
3.19	Delahaye	
3.20	Doble	
3.21	Dorris	
3.22	Duesenberg	
3.23	du Pont	
3.24	Franklin	All models except 1933-34 Olympic Sixes.
3.25	Frazer Nash	
3.26	Graham	1930-1931: Series 137.
3.27	Graham-Paige	1929-1930: Series 837.
3.28	Hispano Suiza	
3.29	Horch	
3.30	Hotchkiss	
3.31	Invicta	
3.32	Isotta Fraschini	
3.33	Jaguar	
3.34	Jordan	Speedway Series 'Z' only.
3.35	Kissel	1925, 1926 and 1927: Model 8-75.
3.36		1928: Model 8-90, and 8-90 White Eagle.
3.37		1929: Model 8-126, and 8-90 White Eagle.
3.38		1930: Model 8-126.
3.39		1931: Model 8-126.
3.40	Lagonda	
3.41	Lancia	
3.42	La Salle	1927 through 1933 only.
3.43	Lincoln	All models K, L, KA, and KB.

4.1		1941: Model 168H.
4.2		1942: Model 268H.
4.3	Lincoln Continental	1939 through 1948.
4.4	Locomobile	All models 48 and 90.
4.5		1927: Model 8-80.
4.6		1928: Model 8-80.
4.7		1929: Models 8-80 and 8-88.
4.8	Marmon	All 16-cylinder models.
4.9		1925: Model 74.
4.10		1926: Model 74.
4.11		1927: Model 75.
4.12		1928: Model E75.
4.13		1931: Model 88, and Big 8.
4.14	Maybach	
4.15	McFarlan	
4.16	Mercedes Benz	All models 2.2 litres and up.
4.17	Mercer	
4.18	M.G.	6-cylinder models only.
4.19	Minerva	
4.20	Nash	1931: Series 8-90.
4.21		1932: Series 9-90,
4.22		Advanced 8, and Ambassador 8.
4.23		1933-1934: Ambassador 8.
4.24	Packard	1925 through 1934: All models.
4.25		1935 through 1942: Models 1200,
4.26		1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1207,
4.27		1208, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404,
4.28		1405, 1407, 1408, 1500, 1501, 1502,
4.29		1506, 1507, 1508, 1603, 1604, 1605,
4.30		1607, 1608, 1705, 1707, 1708, 1806,
4.31		1807, 1808, 1906, 1907, 1908, 2006,
4.32		2007, and 2008 only.
4.33		1946 and 1947: Models 2106 and
4.34		2126 only.
4.35	Peerless	1926 through 1928: Series 69.
4.36		1930-1931: Custom 8.
4.37		1932: Deluxe Custom 8.
4.38	Pierce Arrow	
4.39	Railton	
4.40	Renault	Grand Sport model only.
4.41	Reo	1930-1931: Royale Custom 8, and
4.42		Series 8-35 and 8-52 Elite 8.
4.43		1933: Royale Custom 8.

- 5.1 Revere
- 5.2 Roamer 1925: Series 8-88, 6-54e, and 4-75.
- 5.3 1926: Series 4-75e, and 8-88.
- 5.4 1927-1928: Series 8-88.
- 5.5 1929: Series 8-88, and 8-125.
- 5.6 1930: Series 8-125.
- 5.7 Rohr
- 5.8 Rolls Royce
- 5.9 Ruxton
- 5.10 Salmson
- 5.11 Squire
- 5.12 Stearns Knight
- 5.13 Stevens Duryea
- 5.14 Steyr
- 5.15 Studebaker 1929-1933: President, except model 82.
- 5.16 Stutz
- 5.17 Sunbeam
- 5.18 Talbot
- 5.19 Triumph Dolomite 8 and Gloria 6.
- 5.20 Vauxhall Series 25-70 and 30-98 only.
- 5.21 Voisin
- 5.22 Wills Saint Claire

5.23 (d) No commercial vehicles such as hearses, ambulances, or trucks are considered
 5.24 to be classic cars.

5.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.10, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

5.26 Subd. 1c. **Collector's vehicle, collector plate.** (a) The owner of any self-propelled
 5.27 motor vehicle, including any truck, (1) that is (i) at least 20 model years old, or (ii) at
 5.28 least ten model years old and with a body or engine style of which not more than 500
 5.29 were manufactured in or imported into the United States in any model year, (2) that was
 5.30 manufactured after 1935, and (3) that is owned and operated solely as a collector's vehicle,
 5.31 shall list the vehicle for taxation and registration as provided in paragraph (b).

5.32 (b) The owner shall execute an affidavit stating (1) the name and address of the
 5.33 person from whom purchased and of the new owner, (2) the make of the motor vehicle,
 5.34 (3) the year and number of the model, (4) the manufacturer's identification number, (5)
 5.35 in the case of a vehicle described in paragraph (a), clause (1)(ii), that the vehicle has a
 5.36 body or engine style of which not more than 500 were manufactured or imported into the
 5.37 United States in any model year, and (6) that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a
 5.38 collector's item and not for general transportation purposes.

6.1 (c) The owner shall provide a statement of the manufacturer or importer regarding
6.2 the number of vehicles manufactured or imported during the model year.

6.3 (d) The owner shall also prove that the owner also has one or more vehicles with
6.4 regular license plates.

6.5 If the ~~registrar~~ commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the
6.6 owner pays a \$25 tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12, the ~~registrar~~
6.7 commissioner shall list the vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue a single
6.8 number plate.

6.9 (e) The number plate issued shall bear the inscription "Collector," "Minnesota,"
6.10 and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section
6.11 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long
6.12 as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The ~~registrar~~ commissioner has the power to
6.13 revoke the plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

6.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.10, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

6.15 Subd. 1d. **Collector's vehicle, street rod license.** Any modernized motor vehicle
6.16 manufactured prior to the year 1949 or designed and manufactured to resemble such
6.17 vehicle shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows:

6.18 An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the person from
6.19 whom purchased and of the new owner, the make of the motor vehicle, year number of
6.20 model, and the manufacturer's identification number. The affidavit shall further state that
6.21 the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a street rod and not for general transportation
6.22 purposes. The owner must also prove that the owner has one or more vehicles with regular
6.23 license plates. If the ~~registrar~~ commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and
6.24 correct and the owner pays a \$25 tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12,
6.25 the ~~registrar~~ commissioner shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall
6.26 issue a single number plate.

6.27 The number plate issued shall bear the inscription "Street Rod", "Minnesota" and the
6.28 registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section 168.12,
6.29 subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long as the
6.30 vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The ~~registrar~~ commissioner has the power to revoke
6.31 such plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

6.32 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.10, subdivision 1g, is amended to read:

6.33 Subd. 1g. **Original plates.** A vehicle registered pursuant to subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c
6.34 or 1d may in lieu of being issued number plates by the ~~registrar~~ commissioner display

7.1 original Minnesota number plates issued in the same year as the model year of the car
 7.2 on which they are displayed. The number of the original plates must be provided to the
 7.3 registrar commissioner. The original plates must be in good condition ~~and shall be used in~~
 7.4 ~~pairs one to be displayed in the front of the car and one in the rear, except for an original~~
 7.5 ~~plate issued in 1911, 1944, 1945, or 1946 which may be used singly and displayed at the~~
 7.6 ~~rear of the vehicle.~~ Original Minnesota number plates shall not be used if the number on
 7.7 the original plate is identical to a number on any current ~~street rod~~ plate or any other plate
 7.8 in a numbering system used by the registrar commissioner without written authorization
 7.9 from the commissioner. Any person currently using plates issued pursuant to subdivision
 7.10 1a, 1b, 1c or 1d shall return those plates to the registrar commissioner before substituting
 7.11 original plates. The ~~registrar may~~ registrar commissioner shall charge a fee of \$10 for registering
 7.12 the number on original plates.

7.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.10, subdivision 1h, is amended to read:

7.14 Subd. 1h. **Collector military vehicle.** (a) A motor vehicle, including a truck, shall
 7.15 be listed and registered under this section if it meets the following conditions:

7.16 (1) it is at least 20 years old;

7.17 (2) its first owner following its manufacture was a branch of the armed forces of
 7.18 the United States and it presently conforms to the vehicle specifications required during
 7.19 the time of military ownership, or it has been restored and presently conforms to the
 7.20 specifications required by a branch of the armed forces for the model year that the restored
 7.21 vehicle could have been owned by that branch of the armed forces; and

7.22 (3) it is owned by a nonprofit organization and operated solely as a collector's
 7.23 vehicle. For purposes of this subdivision, "nonprofit organization" means a corporation,
 7.24 society, association, foundation, or institution organized and operated exclusively for
 7.25 historical or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the
 7.26 benefit of a private individual.

7.27 (b) The owner of the vehicle shall execute an affidavit stating the name and address
 7.28 of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner; the make, year, and model
 7.29 number of the motor vehicle; the manufacturer's identification number; and the collector
 7.30 military vehicle identification number, if any, located on the exterior of the vehicle. The
 7.31 affidavit must affirm that the vehicle is owned by a nonprofit organization and is operated
 7.32 solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the registrar
 7.33 commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$25
 7.34 tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12, the registrar commissioner shall
 7.35 list the vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates. The number

8.1 plates shall bear the inscriptions "Collector" and "Minnesota" and the registration number,
8.2 but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in
8.3 existence in Minnesota. The ~~registrar~~ commissioner may revoke the plates for failure
8.4 to comply with this subdivision.

8.5 (c) Notwithstanding section 168.09, 168.12, or other law to the contrary, the owner
8.6 of a registered collector military vehicle is not required to display registration plates on the
8.7 exterior of the vehicle if the vehicle has an exterior number identification that conforms to
8.8 the identifying system for military vehicles in effect when the vehicle was last owned by
8.9 the branch of the armed forces of the United States or in effect in the year to which the
8.10 collector military vehicle has been restored. However, the state registration plates must be
8.11 carried in or on the collector military vehicle at all times.

8.12 (d) The owner of a registered collector military vehicle that is not required to display
8.13 registration plates under paragraph (c) may tow a registered trailer behind it. The trailer
8.14 is not required to display registration plates if the trailer:

- 8.15 (1) does not exceed a gross weight of 15,000 pounds;
8.16 (2) otherwise conforms to registration, licensing, and safety laws and specifications;
8.17 (3) conforms to military specifications for appearance and identification;
8.18 (4) is intended to represent and does represent a military trailer; and
8.19 (5) carries registration plates on or in the trailer or the collector military vehicle
8.20 towing the trailer.

8.21 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.10, subdivision 1i, is amended to read:

8.22 Subd. 1i. **Collector plate transfer.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1,
8.23 on payment of a transfer fee of \$5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to
8.24 another vehicle owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the special plates were
8.25 issued or the plate may be assigned to another owner. In addition to the transfer fee a new
8.26 owner must pay the \$25 ~~plate tax~~ or and any fee required by section 168.12, subdivision
8.27 2a. The \$5 fee must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax
8.28 distribution fund. License plates issued under this section may not be transferred to a
8.29 vehicle not eligible for the collector's vehicle license plates.

8.30 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

8.31 Subdivision 1. **Plates; design, visibility, periods of issuance.** (a) The commissioner,
8.32 upon approval and payment, shall issue to the applicant the plates required by this chapter,
8.33 bearing the state name and an assigned vehicle registration number. The number assigned
8.34 by the commissioner may be a combination of a letter or sign with figures. The color of the

9.1 plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned must
9.2 be in marked contrast. The plates must be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably
9.3 indicate the registration of the vehicle according to the rules of the commissioner.

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

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

9.11 (d) The commissioner shall issue plates for the following periods:

9.12 (1) New plates issued pursuant to section 168.012, subdivision 1, must be issued to a
9.13 vehicle for as long as the vehicle is owned by the exempt agency and the plate shall not be
9.14 transferable from one vehicle to another but the plate may be transferred with the vehicle
9.15 from one tax-exempt agency to another.

9.16 (2) Plates issued for passenger automobiles must be issued for a seven-year period.
9.17 All plates issued under this paragraph must be replaced if they are seven years old or older
9.18 at the time of registration renewal or will become so during the registration period.

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

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

9.23 (5) Plates for any vehicle not specified in clauses (1) to (3), ~~except for trailers as~~
9.24 ~~hereafter provided~~, must be issued for the life of the vehicle. ~~Beginning with plates issued~~
9.25 ~~for the year 1981, plates issued for trailers with a total gross weight of 3,000 pounds or~~
9.26 ~~less must be issued for the life of the trailer and must be not more than seven inches in~~
9.27 ~~length and four inches in width.~~

9.28 (e) In a year in which plates are not issued, the commissioner shall issue for each
9.29 registration a sticker to designate the year of registration. This sticker must show the year
9.30 or years for which the sticker is issued, and is valid only for that period. The plates and
9.31 stickers issued for a vehicle may not be transferred to another vehicle during the period
9.32 for which the sticker is issued, except when issued for a vehicle registered under section
9.33 168.187.

9.34 (f) Despite any other provision of this subdivision, plates issued to a vehicle used
9.35 for behind-the-wheel instruction in a driver education course in a public school may
9.36 be transferred to another vehicle used for the same purpose without payment of any

10.1 additional fee. The public school shall notify the commissioner of each transfer of plates
 10.2 under this paragraph. The commissioner may prescribe a format for notification.

10.3 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.4 Subd. 2. **Amateur radio licensee; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall
 10.5 issue amateur radio plates to an applicant who:

10.6 (1) is an owner of a passenger automobile or recreational motor vehicle;

10.7 (2) is a resident of this state;

10.8 (3) holds an official amateur radio station license or a citizens radio service class D
 10.9 license, in good standing, issued by the Federal Communications Commission;

10.10 (4) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

10.11 (5) pays a fee of \$10 for each set of special plates and any other fees required by
 10.12 this chapter; and

10.13 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 10.14 and licensing of drivers;

10.15 (b) In lieu of the registration number required for identification under subdivision 1,
 10.16 the plates must indicate the official amateur call letters of the applicant, as assigned by the
 10.17 Federal Communications Commission, and the words "AMATEUR RADIO."

10.18 (c) This provision for the issue of special plates applies only if the applicant's motor
 10.19 vehicle is already registered in Minnesota so that the applicant has valid regular Minnesota
 10.20 plates issued for that motor vehicle under which to operate it during the time that it will
 10.21 take to have the necessary special plates made.

10.22 (d) If owning more than one motor vehicle of the type specified in this subdivision,
 10.23 the applicant may apply for special plates for each ~~of not more than two motor vehicles~~
 10.24 motor vehicle and, if each application complies with this subdivision, the commissioner
 10.25 shall furnish the applicant with the special plates, indicating the official amateur call
 10.26 letters and other distinguishing information as the commissioner considers necessary, for
 10.27 each of the ~~two~~ motor vehicles.

10.28 (e) The commissioner may make reasonable rules governing the use of the special
 10.29 plates as will assure the full compliance by the owner of the special plates, with all existing
 10.30 laws governing the registration of motor vehicles and the transfer and use of the plates.

10.31 (f) Despite any contrary provision of subdivision 1, the special plates issued under
 10.32 this subdivision may be transferred by an owner to another motor vehicle listed in
 10.33 paragraph (a) and registered to the same owner, upon the payment of a fee of \$5. The
 10.34 commissioner must be notified before the transfer and may prescribe a format for the
 10.35 notification.

11.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.12, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

11.2 Subd. 2a. **Personalized plates; rules.** (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ may issue
11.3 personalized plates or, if requested for special plates issued under section 168.123 for
11.4 veterans, 168.124 for medal of honor recipients, or 168.125 for former prisoners of war,
11.5 applicable personalized special veterans plates, to an applicant who:

11.6 (1) is an owner of a passenger automobile including a passenger automobile
11.7 registered as a classic car, pioneer car, collector car, or street rod; any truck with a
11.8 manufacturer's nominal rated capacity of one ton or less and resembling a pickup truck; a
11.9 motorcycle, including a classic motorcycle; a motorized bicycle; a commuter van as
11.10 defined in section 168.126; or a recreational ~~motor~~ vehicle;

11.11 (2) pays a onetime fee of \$100 and any other fees required by this chapter;

11.12 (3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and

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

11.15 (b) The commissioner shall charge a replacement fee for personalized license plates
11.16 and personalized special veterans plates issued under section 168.123 as specified in
11.17 subdivision 5. This fee must be paid by the applicant whenever the personalized plates are
11.18 required to be replaced by law, except that as provided in section 168.124, subdivision
11.19 3, and 168.125, subdivision 1b, no fee may be charged to replace plates issued under
11.20 those sections.

11.21 (c) In lieu of the registration number assigned as provided in subdivision 1,
11.22 personalized plates and personalized special veterans plates must have imprinted on them
11.23 a series of not more than seven numbers and letters, or five numbers and letters for
11.24 personalized special veterans plates, in any combination and, as applicable, satisfy the
11.25 design requirements of section 168.123, 168.124, or 168.125. When an applicant has once
11.26 obtained personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates, the applicant shall
11.27 have a prior claim for similar personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates in
11.28 the next succeeding year as long as current motor vehicle registration is maintained.

11.29 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules in the manner provided by chapter 14,
11.30 regulating the issuance and transfer of personalized plates and personalized special
11.31 veterans plates. No words or combination of letters placed on these plates may be used
11.32 for commercial advertising, be of an obscene, indecent, or immoral nature, or be of a
11.33 nature that would offend public morals or decency. The call signals or letters of a radio or
11.34 television station are not commercial advertising for the purposes of this subdivision.

12.1 (e) Despite the provisions of subdivision 1, personalized plates and personalized
 12.2 special veterans plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor
 12.3 vehicle listed in paragraph (a) and owned by the applicant, upon the payment of a fee of \$5.

12.4 (f) The commissioner may by rule specify the format for notification.

12.5 (g) A personalized plate or personalized special veterans plate issued for a classic
 12.6 car, pioneer car, collector car, street rod, or classic motorcycle may not be transferred
 12.7 to a vehicle not eligible for such a plate.

12.8 (h) Despite any law to the contrary, if the personalized license plates are lost, stolen,
 12.9 or destroyed, the applicant may apply and must be issued duplicate license plates bearing
 12.10 the same combination of letters and numbers and the same design as (1) the former
 12.11 personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates under section 168.123 upon
 12.12 the payment of the fee required by section 168.29 or (2) the former personalized special
 12.13 veterans plates issued under section 168.124 or 168.125, without charge.

12.14 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.12, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

12.15 Subd. 2b. **Firefighters; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall issue
 12.16 special plates, or a single license plate in the case of a motorcycle plate, to any applicant
 12.17 who:

12.18 (1) is both a member of a fire department receiving state aid under chapter 69 and an
 12.19 owner of a passenger automobile, a truck with a manufacturer's nominal rated capacity of
 12.20 one ton and resembling a pickup truck, or a motorcycle;

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

12.22 (3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and

12.23 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 12.24 and licensing of drivers.

12.25 (b) In lieu of the identification required under subdivision 1, the special plates must
 12.26 bear an emblem of a Maltese Cross together with any numbers or characters prescribed
 12.27 by the commissioner. ~~No applicant shall receive more than two sets of plates for motor~~
 12.28 ~~vehicles owned by the applicant.~~

12.29 (c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period
 12.30 that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of a fire department as specified in this
 12.31 subdivision. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued is no longer a
 12.32 member of a fire department or when the motor vehicle ownership is transferred, the
 12.33 owner shall remove the special plates from the motor vehicle. If the commissioner
 12.34 receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special
 12.35 plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this

13.1 action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the
 13.2 qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation of the special plates, or
 13.3 special motorcycle plate, either the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle is entitled
 13.4 to receive regular plates or a regular motorcycle plate for the motor vehicle without cost
 13.5 for the remainder of the registration period for which the special plate or plates were
 13.6 issued shall obtain regular plates or a regular motorcycle plate for the proper registration
 13.7 classification for the motor vehicle.

13.8 (d) A special motorcycle license plate issued under this subdivision must be the
 13.9 same size as a standard motorcycle license plate.

13.10 (e) Upon payment of a fee of \$5, plates issued under this subdivision for a passenger
 13.11 automobile or truck may be transferred to another passenger automobile or truck owned
 13.12 or jointly owned by the person to whom the plates were issued. On payment of a fee of
 13.13 \$5, a plate issued under this subdivision for a motorcycle may be transferred to another
 13.14 motorcycle owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the plate was issued.

13.15 (f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act,
 13.16 sections 14.001 to 14.69, to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized
 13.17 in this subdivision.

13.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.12, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

13.19 Subd. 2c. **National Guard; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall
 13.20 issue special plates to any applicant who:

13.21 (1) is a regularly enlisted, commissioned, or retired member of the Minnesota
 13.22 National Guard, other than an inactive member who is not a retired member, and is an
 13.23 owner of a passenger automobile;

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

13.25 (3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter; and

13.26 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 13.27 and licensing of drivers.

13.28 (b) The adjutant general shall design the emblem for these special plates subject to
 13.29 the approval of the commissioner.

13.30 ~~(c) An applicant must not be issued more than two sets of plates for motor vehicles~~
 13.31 ~~registered to the applicant.~~

13.32 ~~(d)~~ (c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the
 13.33 period that the owner of the motor vehicle is an active or retired member of the Minnesota
 13.34 National Guard as specified in this subdivision. When the individual to whom the
 13.35 special plates were issued is no longer an active or retired member of the Minnesota

14.1 National Guard, the special plates must be removed from the vehicle by the owner. If the
 14.2 commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for
 14.3 these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual
 14.4 of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance
 14.5 with the qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation of the special
 14.6 plates, either the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle ~~is entitled to receive regular~~
 14.7 ~~plates for the motor vehicle without cost for the remainder of the registration period for~~
 14.8 ~~which the special plates were issued shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle.~~

14.9 ~~(e)~~ (d) While the person is an active or retired member of the Minnesota National
 14.10 Guard, plates issued pursuant to this subdivision may be transferred to another motor
 14.11 vehicle owned by that individual upon payment of a fee of \$5.

14.12 ~~(f)~~ (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "retired member" means an individual
 14.13 placed on the roll of retired officers or roll of retired enlisted members in the Office of the
 14.14 Adjutant General under section 192.18 and who is not deceased.

14.15 ~~(g)~~ (f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to
 14.16 govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

14.17 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.12, subdivision 2d, is amended to read:

14.18 Subd. 2d. **Ready Reserve; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall issue
 14.19 special plates to an applicant who:

14.20 (1) is not eligible for special National Guard plates under subdivision 2c, is a
 14.21 member of the United States armed forces ready reserve as described in United States
 14.22 Code, title 10, section 10142 or 10143, or a retired reserve as described in United States
 14.23 Code, title 10, section 10154, and is an owner of a passenger automobile;

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

14.25 (3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter; and

14.26 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 14.27 and licensing of drivers.

14.28 (b) The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design the emblem for these special
 14.29 plates subject to the approval of the commissioner.

14.30 ~~(c) An applicant must not be issued more than two sets of plates for motor vehicles~~
 14.31 ~~owned by the applicant.~~

14.32 ~~(d)~~ (c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the
 14.33 period that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of the ready reserve. When the
 14.34 owner is no longer a member, the special plates must be removed from the motor vehicle
 14.35 by the owner. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no

15.1 longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates
 15.2 and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon
 15.3 demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. On removing
 15.4 removal or invalidation of the special plates, either the owner or purchaser of the motor
 15.5 vehicle is entitled to receive regular plates for the motor vehicle without cost for the rest
 15.6 of the registration period for which the special plates were issued shall obtain regular
 15.7 plates for the motor vehicle. While the owner is a member of the ready reserve, plates
 15.8 issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by that
 15.9 individual on paying a fee of \$5.

15.10 ~~(e)~~ (d) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act
 15.11 to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

15.12 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.12, subdivision 2e, is amended to read:

15.13 Subd. 2e. **Volunteer ambulance attendants; special plates.** (a) The commissioner
 15.14 shall issue special license plates to an applicant who:

15.15 (1) is a volunteer ambulance attendant as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision
 15.16 15, and owns a motor vehicle taxed as a passenger automobile;

15.17 (2) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle;

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

15.19 (4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 15.20 and licensing of drivers.

15.21 ~~(b) The commissioner shall not issue more than two sets of these plates to each~~
 15.22 ~~qualified applicant.~~

15.23 ~~(b)~~ (b) An individual may use special plates issued under this subdivision only during
 15.24 the period that the individual is a volunteer ambulance attendant. When the individual to
 15.25 whom the special plates were issued ceases to be a volunteer ambulance attendant, the
 15.26 individual shall remove each set of special plates issued. If the commissioner receives
 15.27 written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the
 15.28 commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The
 15.29 individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications
 15.30 of this subdivision. When ownership of the motor vehicle is transferred, the individual
 15.31 shall remove the special plates from that motor vehicle. On removal or invalidation of
 15.32 each set of the special plates, the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle, or new owner
 15.33 in case of a transferred motor vehicle, is entitled to receive regular plates for the motor
 15.34 vehicle without cost for the rest of the registration period for which the set of special
 15.35 plates were issued shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle. Special plates issued

- 16.1 under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by the volunteer
- 16.2 ambulance attendant on payment of a fee of \$5.
- 16.3 ~~(d)~~ (c) The commissioner may adopt rules governing the design, issuance, and sale
- 16.4 of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.