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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 transportation; authorizing special retired firefighter emblem plates;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.1293, subdivisions 1, 5, 6;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.1293, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section ~~and section 168.1297,~~
1.9 "special emblem plate" means a plate authorized by sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b
1.10 and 2e; 168.1235; ~~and 168.129; and 168.1299,~~ to have wording and graphics that differ
1.11 from a Minnesota passenger vehicle plate.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.1293, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 5. **Discontinuance of plate.** (a) The commissioner shall discontinue
1.14 the issuance or renewal of any special emblem plate ~~authorized by sections 168.12,~~
1.15 ~~subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.1235; and 168.129,~~ if (1) fewer than 1,000 sets of those
1.16 plates are currently registered at the end of the first six years during which the plates are
1.17 available, or (2) fewer than 1,000 sets of those plates are currently registered at the end of
1.18 any subsequent two-year period following the first six years of availability.

1.19 (b) The commissioner shall discontinue the issuance or renewal of any special
1.20 emblem plate ~~authorized by sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.1235;~~
1.21 ~~and 168.129,~~ and distribution of any contributions resulting from that plate, if the
1.22 commissioner determines that (1) the fund or requester receiving the contributions no
1.23 longer exists, (2) the requester has stopped providing services that are authorized to be

2.1 funded from the contribution proceeds, (3) the requester has requested discontinuance, or
 2.2 (4) contributions have been used in violation of subdivision 6.

2.3 (c) Nothing in this subdivision applies to plates issued under section 168.123,
 2.4 168.124, 168.125, 168.1251, or 168.1255.

2.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.1293, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.6 Subd. 6. **Use of contributions.** Contributions made as a condition of obtaining a
 2.7 special emblem plate authorized by sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2c, 168.1235;
 2.8 ~~and 168.129~~, and interest earned on the contributions, may not be spent for commercial or
 2.9 for-profit purposes.

2.10 Sec. 4. **[168.1299] SPECIAL RETIRED FIREFIGHTER EMBLEM PLATES.**

2.11 Subdivision 1. **General requirements; fees.** (a) The commissioner shall issue
 2.12 special emblem plates to an applicant who:

2.13 (1) submits proof to the commissioner that the applicant is a retired member of
 2.14 a fire department;

2.15 (2) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, motorcycle, or recreational
 2.16 motor vehicle;

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

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

2.19 (5) pays the fees required under this chapter; and

2.20 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 2.21 and licensing of drivers.

2.22 Subd. 2. **Design.** A special emblem plate under this section consists of a plate
 2.23 as described in section 168.1291. After consultation with interested groups, the
 2.24 commissioner shall design an emblem for the special emblem plate.

2.25 Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, on
 2.26 payment of a transfer fee of \$5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to
 2.27 another passenger automobile, motorcycle, or recreational motor vehicle registered to the
 2.28 individual to whom the special plates were issued.

2.29 Subd. 4. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of
 2.30 plates issued under this section.

2.31 Subd. 5. **Compliance with other law.** License plates issued under this section are
 2.32 not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.