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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; creating special Gold Star license plate for family
1.3 members of military personnel who died in active service; exempting plate fee
1.4 for certain survivors; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.5 chapter 168.

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

1.7 Section 1. [168.1253] GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings
1.9 given them in this subdivision.

1.10 (b) "Active service" has the meaning given in section 190.05, subdivision 5.

1.11 (c) "Eligible person" means a surviving spouse, biological or adoptive child, sibling,
1.12 parent, or grandparent of a person who has died while serving honorably in active service
1.13 as certified in writing by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the state
1.14 commissioner of veterans affairs.

1.15 (d) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle for personal use, not used for commercial
1.16 purposes, and may include a passenger automobile, motorcycle, recreational vehicle,
1.17 pickup truck, or van.

1.18 Subd. 2. Issuance; eligibility. The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing
1.19 the inscription "GOLD STAR" to an applicant who:

1.20 (1) is an owner or joint owner of a motor vehicle;

1.21 (2) is an eligible person;

1.22 (3) pays a plate fee of \$10 except as provided in subdivision 3; and

1.23 (4) complies with all laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles
1.24 and drivers.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Plate fee; exemption.** An eligible person who is the surviving spouse or
2.2 parent of the service member is exempt from payment of the \$10 plate fee.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Design.** The special plates issued under this section must be of a design
2.4 and size determined by the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of
2.5 veterans affairs. The commissioner may design the plates in accordance with section
2.6 168.1291, subdivision 2.

2.7 Subd. 5. **Transfer.** On payment of a fee of \$5 and notification to the commissioner,
2.8 special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned
2.9 or jointly owned by the eligible person.