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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; establishing special plates remembering victims  
1.3 of impaired drivers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1291,  
1.4 subdivisions 1, 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
1.5 168.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[168.121] SPECIAL PLATES REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF**  
1.8 **IMPAIRED DRIVERS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Issuance and design.** Notwithstanding section 168.1293, the  
1.10 commissioner shall issue special plates remembering victims of impaired drivers to an  
1.11 applicant who:

1.12 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile;

1.13 (2) pays a fee of \$10 for each set of license plates applied for; and

1.14 (3) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles  
1.15 and licensing of drivers.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner shall design the special plate emblem so that it  
1.17 bears an inscription "Remembering Victims of Impaired Drivers" and displays an image  
1.18 of a broken heart.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On payment of a transfer fee of \$5, plates issued under this  
1.20 section may be transferred to another passenger automobile registered to the individual  
1.21 to whom the special plates were issued.

1.22 Subd. 4. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of  
1.23 special plates issued under this section.

1.24 Subd. 5. **Fees credited.** Fees collected under this section must be credited to the  
1.25 vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1291, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section "special plates" means plates  
2.3 issued under sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.121; 168.1235; and 168.129.

2.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1291, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.5 Subd. 2. **Uniform design of special plates.** (a) The commissioner shall design a  
2.6 single special plate that will contain a unique number and a space for a unique emblem  
2.7 for plates issued under sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.121; 168.1235; and  
2.8 168.129. The commissioner shall design a unique emblem related to the purpose of each  
2.9 special plate.

2.10 (b) Any provision of sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b to 2e; 168.121; 168.123;  
2.11 and 168.129, that requires the placement of a specified letter or letters on a special plate  
2.12 applies to those plates only to the extent that the commissioner includes the letter or  
2.13 letters in the design.

2.14 (c) If a law authorizing a special plate contains a specific requirement for graphic  
2.15 design of that plate, that requirement applies to the appropriate unique emblem.

2.16 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.17 Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.