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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to vehicle license plates; converting to single license plate system for
1.2 vehicle registration; making technical changes; removing obsolete language;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 16B.581; 168.012, subdivisions 1,
1.4 1c; 168.013, subdivision 3; 168.021; 168.032; 168.041, subdivisions 5, 6, 7;
1.5 168.0422; 168.053, subdivision 1; 168.09, subdivisions 1, 3, 7; 168.098; 168.10,
1.6 subdivisions 1g, 1h, 1i, 3; 168.105, subdivisions 2, 3, 5; 168.12, subdivisions
1.7 1, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f; 168.123, subdivisions 1, 4; 168.1235, subdivisions
1.8 1, 4; 168.124; 168.125; 168.1251; 168.1255; 168.126, subdivision 2; 168.127,
1.9 subdivision 5; 168.128, subdivision 2; 168.129, subdivisions 1, 4; 168.1291,
1.10 subdivision 4; 168.1293, subdivision 5; 168.1296, subdivisions 1, 4; 168.1297;
1.11 168.1298, subdivision 1; 168.13; 168.15; 168.16; 168.27, subdivisions 16, 28;
1.12 168.29; 168.301, subdivision 4; 168.31, subdivisions 4, 5; 168.36; 168.62,
1.13 subdivision 3; 169.041, subdivision 5; 169.345, subdivision 4; 169.79; 169A.37,
1.14 subdivision 1; 169A.55, subdivision 2; 221.031, subdivision 6; 297B.01,
1.15 subdivision 15; 325F.662, subdivision 1; 609B.231, subdivision 2; 609B.237,
1.16 subdivision 2.
1.17

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

1.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 16B.581, is amended to read:

1.20 **16B.581 DISTINCTIVE TAX-EXEMPT LICENSE ~~PLATES~~ PLATE.**

1.21 Vehicles owned or leased by the state of Minnesota must display distinctive
1.22 tax-exempt license plates unless otherwise exempted under section 168.012. The
1.23 commissioner shall design these distinctive plates subject to the approval of the registrar.
1.24 An administrative fee of \$20 and a license plate fee of \$10 for ~~two plates~~ one plate per
1.25 vehicle or a license plate fee of \$5 for one plate per trailer is paid at the time of registration.
1.26 The license plate registration is valid for the life of the vehicle or until the vehicle is no
1.27 longer owned or leased by the state of Minnesota.

2.1 When the state of Minnesota applies for distinctive tax-exempt plates on vehicles
2.2 previously owned by local units of government, it shall pay an administrative fee of \$10
2.3 and a plate fee that covers the cost of replacement.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.012, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.5 Subdivision 1. **Vehicles exempt from tax, fees, or plate display.** (a) The following
2.6 vehicles are exempt from the provisions of this chapter requiring payment of tax and
2.7 registration fees, except as provided in subdivision 1c:

2.8 (1) vehicles owned and used solely in the transaction of official business by the
2.9 federal government, the state, or any political subdivision;

2.10 (2) vehicles owned and used exclusively by educational institutions and used solely
2.11 in the transportation of pupils to and from those institutions;

2.12 (3) vehicles used solely in driver education programs at nonpublic high schools;

2.13 (4) vehicles owned by nonprofit charities and used exclusively to transport disabled
2.14 persons for charitable, religious, or educational purposes;

2.15 (5) vehicles owned by nonprofit charities and used exclusively for disaster response
2.16 and related activities;

2.17 (6) vehicles owned by ambulance services licensed under section 144E.10, that
2.18 are equipped and specifically intended for emergency response or providing ambulance
2.19 services; and

2.20 (7) vehicles owned by a commercial driving school licensed under section 171.34,
2.21 or an employee of a commercial driving school licensed under section 171.34, and the
2.22 vehicle is used exclusively for driver education and training.

2.23 (b) Vehicles owned by the federal government, municipal fire apparatuses including
2.24 fire-suppression support vehicles, police patrols, and ambulances, the general appearance
2.25 of which is unmistakable, are not required to register or display number plates.

2.26 (c) Unmarked vehicles used in general police work, liquor investigations, or arson
2.27 investigations, and passenger automobiles, pickup trucks, and buses owned or operated by
2.28 the Department of Corrections, must be registered and must display appropriate license
2.29 number plates, furnished by the registrar at cost. Original and renewal applications for
2.30 these license plates authorized for use in general police work and for use by the Department
2.31 of Corrections must be accompanied by a certification signed by the appropriate chief of
2.32 police if issued to a police vehicle, the appropriate sheriff if issued to a sheriff's vehicle,
2.33 the commissioner of corrections if issued to a Department of Corrections vehicle, or the
2.34 appropriate officer in charge if issued to a vehicle of any other law enforcement agency.

3.1 The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the
3.2 vehicle will be used exclusively for a purpose authorized by this section.

3.3 (d) Unmarked vehicles used by the Departments of Revenue and Labor and Industry,
3.4 fraud unit, in conducting seizures or criminal investigations must be registered and must
3.5 display passenger vehicle classification license number plates, furnished at cost by the
3.6 registrar. Original and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates
3.7 must be accompanied by a certification signed by the commissioner of revenue or the
3.8 commissioner of labor and industry. The certification must be on a form prescribed by
3.9 the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the purposes
3.10 authorized by this section.

3.11 (e) Unmarked vehicles used by the Division of Disease Prevention and Control of the
3.12 Department of Health must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification
3.13 license number plates. These plates must be furnished at cost by the registrar. Original
3.14 and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied
3.15 by a certification signed by the commissioner of health. The certification must be on a
3.16 form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively
3.17 for the official duties of the Division of Disease Prevention and Control.

3.18 (f) Unmarked vehicles used by staff of the Gambling Control Board in gambling
3.19 investigations and reviews must be registered and must display passenger vehicle
3.20 classification license number plates. These plates must be furnished at cost by the
3.21 registrar. Original and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates must
3.22 be accompanied by a certification signed by the board chair. The certification must be on a
3.23 form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively
3.24 for the official duties of the Gambling Control Board.

3.25 (g) Each state hospital and institution for persons who are mentally ill and
3.26 developmentally disabled may have one vehicle without the required identification on the
3.27 sides of the vehicle. The vehicle must be registered and must display a passenger vehicle
3.28 classification license number ~~plates~~ plate. ~~These plates~~ The plate must be furnished at cost
3.29 by the registrar. Original and renewal applications for ~~these~~ this passenger vehicle license
3.30 ~~plates~~ plate must be accompanied by a certification signed by the hospital administrator.
3.31 The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that
3.32 the ~~vehicles~~ vehicle will be used exclusively for the official duties of the state hospital
3.33 or institution.

3.34 (h) Each county social service agency may have vehicles used for child and
3.35 vulnerable adult protective services without the required identification on the sides of the
3.36 vehicle. The vehicles must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification

4.1 license number plates. These plates must be furnished at cost by the registrar. Original
4.2 and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied
4.3 by a certification signed by the agency administrator. The certification must be on a form
4.4 prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the
4.5 official duties of the social service agency.

4.6 (i) All other motor vehicles must be registered and display tax-exempt number
4.7 plates, furnished by the registrar at cost, except as provided in subdivision 1c. All
4.8 vehicles required to display tax-exempt number plates must have the name of the state
4.9 department or political subdivision, nonpublic high school operating a driver education
4.10 program, licensed commercial driving school, or other qualifying organization or entity,
4.11 plainly displayed on both sides of the vehicle. This identification must be in a color
4.12 giving contrast with that of the part of the vehicle on which it is placed and must endure
4.13 throughout the term of the registration. The identification must not be on a removable
4.14 plate or placard and must be kept clean and visible at all times; except that a removable
4.15 plate or placard may be utilized on vehicles leased or loaned to a political subdivision or
4.16 to a nonpublic high school driver education program.

4.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.012, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

4.18 Subd. 1c. **Payment of administrative, plate, and filing fee.** The annual
4.19 administrative fee for a tax-exempt vehicle under this section is \$5. The license plate fee
4.20 for a tax-exempt vehicle, except a trailer, is \$10 for ~~two plates~~ one plate per vehicle,
4.21 payable only on the first tax-exempt registration of the vehicle. The registration period
4.22 for a tax-exempt vehicle is biennial. The administrative fee is due on March 1 biennially
4.23 and payable the preceding January 1, with a validating sticker ~~stickers~~ issued at time of
4.24 payment.

4.25 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.013, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

4.26 Subd. 3. **Application; cancellation; excessive gross weight forbidden.** (a) The
4.27 applicant for all licenses based on gross weight shall state the unloaded weight of the
4.28 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer and the maximum load the applicant proposes to carry
4.29 on it, the sum of which constitutes the gross weight upon which the license tax must be
4.30 paid. However, the declared gross weight upon which the tax is paid must not be less than
4.31 1-1/4 times the declared unloaded weight of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer
4.32 to be registered, except recreational vehicles taxed under subdivision 1g, school buses
4.33 taxed under subdivision 18, and tow trucks or towing vehicles defined in section 169.011,
4.34 subdivision 83. The gross weight of a tow truck or towing vehicle is the actual weight

5.1 of the tow truck or towing vehicle fully equipped, but does not include the weight of a
5.2 wrecked or disabled vehicle towed or drawn by the tow truck or towing vehicle.

5.3 (b) The gross weight of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer must not exceed
5.4 the gross weight upon which the license tax has been paid by more than four percent or
5.5 1,000 pounds, whichever is greater; provided that, a vehicle transporting unfinished forest
5.6 products on a highway, other than a highway that is part of the system of interstate and
5.7 defense highways, unless a federal exemption is granted, in accordance with paragraph
5.8 (d)(3):

5.9 (1) shall not exceed its gross vehicle weight upon which the license tax has been
5.10 paid, or gross axle weight on any axle, by more than five percent and, notwithstanding
5.11 other law to the contrary, is not subject to any fee, fine, or other assessment or penalty for
5.12 exceeding a gross vehicle or axle weight by up to five percent; and

5.13 (2) between the dates set by the commissioner in accordance with section 169.826,
5.14 subdivision 1, is not subject to any provision of paragraph (d) or chapter 169 limiting
5.15 the gross axle weight of any individual axle unless the entire vehicle also exceeds its
5.16 gross vehicle weight plus its weight allowance allowed in clause (1) and plus any weight
5.17 allowance permitted under section 169.826, in which case the vehicle is subject to all
5.18 applicable penalties for excess weight violations.

5.19 (c) The gross weight of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer for which the
5.20 license tax is paid must be indicated by a distinctive character on the license plate or
5.21 plates except as provided in subdivision 12 and the plate ~~or plates~~ must be kept clean
5.22 and clearly visible at all times.

5.23 (d) The owner, driver, or user of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, upon
5.24 conviction for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which it was
5.25 registered or for operating a vehicle with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful
5.26 axle load weight, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to increased registration or
5.27 reregistration according to the following schedule:

5.28 (1) Upon conviction for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight
5.29 for which a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is registered by more than the allowance
5.30 set forth in paragraph (b) but less than 25 percent, or for operating or using a motor
5.31 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful axle
5.32 load as provided in sections 169.822 to 169.829 by more than the allowance set forth in
5.33 paragraph (b) but less than 25 percent, the owner, driver, or user of the motor vehicle,
5.34 trailer, or semitrailer used to commit the violation, in addition to any penalty imposed for
5.35 the misdemeanor, shall apply to the registrar to increase the authorized gross weight to
5.36 be carried on the vehicle to a weight equal to or greater than the gross weight the owner,

6.1 driver, or user was convicted of carrying. The increase is computed for the balance of
6.2 the calendar year on the basis of 1/12 of the annual tax for each month remaining in the
6.3 calendar year beginning with the first day of the month in which the violation occurred.
6.4 If the additional registration tax computed upon that weight, plus the tax already paid,
6.5 amounts to more than the regular tax for the maximum gross weight permitted for the
6.6 vehicle under sections 169.822 to 169.829, that additional amount must nevertheless be
6.7 paid into the highway fund, but the additional tax thus paid does not authorize or permit
6.8 any person to operate the vehicle with a gross weight in excess of the maximum legal
6.9 weight as provided by sections 169.822 to 169.829. Unless the owner within 30 days
6.10 after a conviction applies to increase the authorized weight and pays the additional tax
6.11 as provided in this section, the registrar shall revoke the registration on the vehicle and
6.12 demand the return of the registration card and plates issued on that registration.

6.13 (2) Upon conviction of an owner, driver, or user of a motor vehicle, trailer, or
6.14 semitrailer for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which the
6.15 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer was registered by 25 percent or more or for operating
6.16 or using the vehicle or trailer with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful axle load
6.17 as provided in sections 169.822 to 169.829 by 25 percent or more, and in addition to any
6.18 penalty imposed for the misdemeanor, the registrar shall either (i) cancel the reciprocity
6.19 privileges on the vehicle involved if the vehicle is being operated under reciprocity
6.20 or (ii) if the vehicle is not being operated under reciprocity, cancel the certificate of
6.21 registration on the vehicle operated and demand the return of the registration certificate
6.22 and registration plates. The registrar may not cancel the registration or reciprocity
6.23 privileges for any vehicle found in violation of seasonal load restrictions imposed under
6.24 section 169.87 unless the axle weight exceeds the year-round weight limit for the highway
6.25 on which the violation occurred. The registrar may investigate any allegation of gross
6.26 weight violations and demand that the operator show cause why all future operating
6.27 privileges in the state should not be revoked unless the additional tax assessed is paid.

6.28 (3) Clause (1) does not apply to the first haul of unprocessed or raw farm products
6.29 or unfinished forest products, when the registered gross weight is not exceeded by more
6.30 than ten percent. For purposes of this clause, "first haul" means (i) the first, continuous
6.31 transportation of unprocessed or raw farm products from the place of production or
6.32 on-farm storage site to any other location within 50 miles of the place of production or
6.33 on-farm storage site, or (ii) the continuous or noncontinuous transportation of unfinished
6.34 forest products from the place of production to the place of final processing or manufacture
6.35 located within 200 miles of the place of production.

7.1 (4) When the registration on a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is revoked by the
 7.2 registrar according to this section, the vehicle must not be operated on the highways of the
 7.3 state until it is registered or reregistered, as the case may be, and new plates issued, and
 7.4 the registration fee is the annual tax for the total gross weight of the vehicle at the time of
 7.5 violation. The reregistration pursuant to this subdivision of any vehicle operating under
 7.6 reciprocity agreements pursuant to section 168.181 or 168.187 must be at the full annual
 7.7 registration fee without regard to the percentage of vehicle miles traveled in this state.

7.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.021, is amended to read:

7.9 **168.021 ~~PLATES~~ PLATE FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS.**

7.10 Subdivision 1. **Disability ~~plates~~ plate; application.** (a) When a motor vehicle
 7.11 registered under section 168.017, a motorcycle, a truck having a manufacturer's nominal
 7.12 rated capacity of one ton and resembling a pickup truck, or a self-propelled recreational
 7.13 vehicle is owned or primarily operated by a permanently physically disabled person or a
 7.14 custodial parent or guardian of a permanently physically disabled minor, the owner may
 7.15 apply for and secure from the commissioner (1) immediately, a temporary permit valid for
 7.16 30 days if the applicant is eligible for the disability ~~plates~~ plate issued under this section
 7.17 and (2) ~~two~~ one disability ~~plates~~ plate with attached ~~emblems~~ emblem, ~~one plate~~ to be
 7.18 attached to the ~~front, and one to the~~ rear of the motor vehicle.

7.19 (b) The commissioner shall not issue more than one ~~set of plates~~ plate to any owner
 7.20 of a motor vehicle at the same time unless the state Council on Disability approves the
 7.21 issuance of a second ~~set of plates~~ plate to a motor vehicle owner.

7.22 (c) When the owner first applies for the disability ~~plates~~ plate, the owner must submit
 7.23 a medical statement in a format approved by the commissioner under section 169.345, or
 7.24 proof of physical disability provided for in that section.

7.25 (d) No medical statement or proof of disability is required when an owner of a motor
 7.26 vehicle applies for plates for one or more motor vehicles that are specially modified for
 7.27 and used exclusively by permanently physically disabled persons.

7.28 (e) The owner of a motor vehicle may apply for and secure (i) immediately, a permit
 7.29 valid for 30 days, if the applicant is eligible to receive the disability ~~plates~~ plate issued
 7.30 under this section, and (ii) ~~a set of the~~ the disability ~~plates~~ plate for a motor vehicle if:

7.31 (1) the owner employs a permanently physically disabled person who would qualify
 7.32 for a disability ~~plates~~ plate under this section; and

7.33 (2) the owner furnishes the motor vehicle to the physically disabled person for the
 7.34 exclusive use of that person in the course of employment.

8.1 Subd. 1a. **Scope of privilege.** If a physically disabled person parks a motor vehicle
 8.2 displaying ~~the~~ a disability ~~plates~~ plate described in this section, or a permit valid for
 8.3 30 days and issued to an eligible person awaiting receipt of the disability ~~plates~~ plate
 8.4 described in this section, or any person parks the motor vehicle for a physically disabled
 8.5 person, that person is entitled to park the motor vehicle as provided in section 169.345.

8.6 Subd. 2. **Plate design; furnished by commissioner.** The commissioner shall design
 8.7 and furnish ~~two~~ one disability ~~plates~~ plate with an attached ~~emblems~~ emblem to an
 8.8 eligible owner. The emblem must bear the internationally accepted wheelchair symbol,
 8.9 as designated in section 326B.106, subdivision 9, approximately three inches square.
 8.10 The emblem must be large enough to be visible plainly from a distance of 50 feet. An
 8.11 applicant eligible for a disability ~~plates~~ plate shall pay the motor vehicle registration fee
 8.12 authorized by sections 168.013 and 168.09.

8.13 Subd. 2a. **Plate transfer.** (a) When motor vehicle ownership is transferred, the
 8.14 owner of the motor vehicle shall remove the disability ~~plates~~ plate. The buyer of the motor
 8.15 vehicle is entitled to receive a regular ~~plates~~ plate for the motor vehicle without further
 8.16 cost for the remainder of the registration period.

8.17 (b) Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, the disability ~~plates~~ plate may be
 8.18 transferred to a replacement motor vehicle on notification to the commissioner. However,
 8.19 the disability ~~plates~~ plate may not be transferred unless the replacement motor vehicle (1)
 8.20 is listed under section 168.012, subdivision 1, and (2) is owned or primarily operated by
 8.21 the permanently physically disabled person.

8.22 Subd. 2b. **When not eligible.** On becoming ineligible for the disability ~~plates~~ plate,
 8.23 the owner of the motor vehicle shall remove the disability ~~plates~~ plate. The owner may
 8.24 receive a regular ~~plates~~ plate for the motor vehicle without further cost for the remainder
 8.25 of the registration period.

8.26 Subd. 3. **Penalties for unauthorized use of ~~plates~~ plate.** (a) A person who uses
 8.27 the disability ~~plates~~ plate or permit provided under this section on a motor vehicle in
 8.28 violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is subject to a fine of \$500. This
 8.29 subdivision does not preclude a person who is not physically disabled from operating a
 8.30 motor vehicle bearing the disability ~~plates~~ plate or permit if:

8.31 (1) the person is the owner of the motor vehicle and permits its operation by a
 8.32 physically disabled person;

8.33 (2) the person operates the motor vehicle with the consent of the owner who is
 8.34 physically disabled; or

9.1 (3) the person is the owner of the motor vehicle, is the custodial parent or guardian
9.2 of a permanently physically disabled minor, and operates the motor vehicle to transport
9.3 the minor.

9.4 (b) A driver who is not disabled is not entitled to the parking privileges provided
9.5 in this section and in section 169.346 unless parking the motor vehicle for a physically
9.6 disabled person.

9.7 Subd. 4. **Fees; disposition.** All fees collected from the sale of disability plates
9.8 under this section must be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the highway
9.9 user tax distribution fund.

9.10 Subd. 5. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the term "physically disabled
9.11 person" has the meaning given it in section 169.345, subdivision 2.

9.12 Subd. 6. **Driver's license law not affected.** This section must not be construed to
9.13 revoke, limit, or amend chapter 171.

9.14 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.032, is amended to read:

9.15 **168.032 PROPORTIONATE REFUND TO PERSON ON ACTIVE MILITARY**
9.16 **SERVICE.**

9.17 If ~~such~~ a person ~~shall have~~ has paid the motor vehicle registration tax for the year
9.18 when entering upon ~~such~~ active military service, the person shall surrender to the registrar
9.19 on applying for the exemption under section 168.031 the number ~~plates~~ plate issued
9.20 upon the registration. Upon proper application and surrender of the number ~~plates~~ plate,
9.21 the registrar shall refund to the applicant ~~from the motor vehicle license suspense fund~~
9.22 pursuant to section 16A.155 the portion of the tax paid proportionate to the portion of the
9.23 year during which the motor vehicle will not be used on any highway of the state.

9.24 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.041, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

9.25 Subd. 5. **Revocation rescinded.** If the driver's license revocation that is the
9.26 basis for an impoundment order is rescinded, the registrar of motor vehicles shall issue
9.27 a new registration ~~plates~~ plate for the vehicle at no cost, when the registrar receives an
9.28 application that includes a copy of the order rescinding the driver's license revocation.

9.29 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.041, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

9.30 Subd. 6. **Special series** ~~plates~~ plate. (a) A violator or owner may apply to the
9.31 commissioner for a new registration ~~plates~~ plate, which must bear a special series of
9.32 numbers or letters so as to be readily identified by traffic law enforcement officers. The
9.33 commissioner may authorize the issuance of a special ~~plates~~ plate if a member of the

10.1 violator's household has a valid driver's license, the violator or owner has a limited license
 10.2 issued under section 171.30, or the owner is not the violator and the owner has a valid or
 10.3 limited license or a member of the owner's household has a valid driver's license. The
 10.4 commissioner may issue the special ~~plates~~ plate on payment of a \$25 fee for each vehicle
 10.5 for which a special ~~plates are~~ plate is requested. The commissioner may not authorize the
 10.6 issuance of a special ~~plates~~ plate unless the court that impounded the vehicle's ~~plates~~ plate
 10.7 gives written approval for the issuance of the special ~~plates~~ plate.

10.8 (b) Until the driver's license of the violator is reinstated or reissued, the violator
 10.9 shall inform the commissioner that an impoundment order is in effect when requesting
 10.10 any new registration ~~plates~~ plate.

10.11 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.041, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

10.12 Subd. 7. **Transferring vehicle when ~~plates~~ plate impounded.** A registered owner
 10.13 may not sell a motor vehicle during the time its registration ~~plates have~~ plate has been
 10.14 ordered surrendered or during the time its registration ~~plates bear~~ plate bears a special
 10.15 series number, unless the registered owner applies to the court that impounded the ~~plates~~
 10.16 plate, for consent to transfer title to the motor vehicle. If the court is satisfied that the
 10.17 proposed sale is in good faith and for a valid consideration, that the registered owner will
 10.18 be deprived of the custody and control of the motor vehicle, and that the sale is not for the
 10.19 purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section, it may certify its consent to the
 10.20 registrar of motor vehicles. The registrar shall then transfer the certificate of title to the
 10.21 new owner upon proper application and issue a new registration ~~plates~~ plate. After the
 10.22 registration ~~plates have~~ plate has been ordered surrendered to the court under this section,
 10.23 if the title to the motor vehicle is transferred by the foreclosure of a chattel mortgage, the
 10.24 cancellation of a conditional sales contract, a sale upon execution, or by decree or order of
 10.25 a court of competent jurisdiction, the registrar of motor vehicles shall then transfer the
 10.26 certificate of title and issue a new registration ~~plates~~ plate to the new registered owner.

10.27 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.0422, is amended to read:

10.28 **168.0422 STOP OF ~~VEHICLES~~ VEHICLE BEARING SPECIAL SERIES**
 10.29 **~~PLATES~~ PLATE.**

10.30 A peace officer who observes the operation of a motor vehicle within this state
 10.31 bearing a special series registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under section 168.041, subdivision
 10.32 6, or 169A.60, subdivision 13, may stop the vehicle for the purpose of determining
 10.33 whether the driver is operating the vehicle lawfully under a valid driver's license.

11.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.053, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

11.2 Subdivision 1. **Application; fee; penalty.** Any person, firm, or corporation engaged
 11.3 in the business of transporting motor vehicles owned by another, by delivering, by
 11.4 drive-away or towing methods, either singly or by means of the full mount method, the
 11.5 saddle mount method, the tow bar method, or any other combination thereof, and under
 11.6 their own power, vehicles over the highways of the state from the manufacturer or any
 11.7 other point of origin, to any point of destination, within or without the state, shall make
 11.8 application to the registrar for a drive-away in-transit license. This application for annual
 11.9 license shall be accompanied by a registration fee of \$250 and contain such information
 11.10 as the registrar may require. Upon the filing of the application and the payment of the
 11.11 fee, the registrar shall issue to each drive-away operator a drive-away in-transit license
 11.12 plate, which must be carried and displayed on the power unit consistent with section
 11.13 169.79 and the plate shall remain on the vehicle while being operated within the state.
 11.14 Additional drive-away in-transit license plates desired by any drive-away operator may
 11.15 be secured from the registrar of motor vehicles upon the payment of a fee of \$5 for each
 11.16 ~~set of additional license plates~~ plate. Any person, firm, or corporation engaging in the
 11.17 business as a drive-away operator, of transporting and delivering by means of full mount
 11.18 method, the saddle mount method, the tow bar method, or any combination thereof, and
 11.19 under their own power, motor vehicles, who fails or refuses to file or cause to be filed an
 11.20 application, as is required by law, and to pay the fees therefor as the law requires, shall
 11.21 be found guilty of violating the provisions of sections 168.053 to 168.057; and, upon
 11.22 conviction, fined not less than \$50, and not more than \$100, and all costs of court. Each
 11.23 day so operating without securing the license and ~~plates~~ plate as required therein shall
 11.24 constitute a separate offense within the meaning thereof.

11.25 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

11.26 Subdivision 1. **Registration required.** No trailer or motor vehicle, except as is
 11.27 exempted by section 168.012, may be used or operated upon the public streets or highways
 11.28 of the state in any calendar year until it is registered as provided in this section, the motor
 11.29 vehicle tax and fees as provided in this chapter are paid, and the number ~~plates~~ plate issued
 11.30 for the trailer or motor vehicle ~~are~~ is displayed on it. No trailer or motor vehicle, except as
 11.31 provided by section 168.012, which for any reason is not subject to taxation as provided in
 11.32 this chapter, may be used or operated upon the public streets or highways of this state until
 11.33 it is registered as provided in this section and displays a number ~~plates~~ plate as required
 11.34 by this chapter, except that the purchaser of a new trailer or motor vehicle may operate it
 11.35 without ~~plates~~ a plate if the permit authorized by section 168.091 or 168.092 is displayed.

12.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

12.2 Subd. 3. **Proratable vehicles; other vehicles.** (a) ~~Plates~~ A plate or other insignia
 12.3 issued for a motor vehicle registered under section 168.187 for a calendar year ~~shall~~ must
 12.4 be displayed on the motor vehicle not later than 12:01 a.m. on March 2 of the year unless
 12.5 extended by the registrar for the period of time required for the issuance of the new ~~plates~~
 12.6 plate or insignia. ~~The commissioner of public safety shall register all motor vehicles~~
 12.7 ~~registered under section 168.187 for a period of 14 months for the registration year~~
 12.8 ~~1994 to implement this subdivision.~~ The registration year for vehicles registered under
 12.9 section 168.187, as provided in this section, is from March 1 to the last day of February
 12.10 for 1995 and succeeding years.

12.11 (b) Except for a motor vehicle registered under section 168.017 or 168.187, ~~plates~~ a
 12.12 plate or other insignia issued for a self-propelled motor vehicle registered for over 27,000
 12.13 pounds ~~shall~~ must be displayed on the vehicle not later than 12:01 a.m. on March 2 of the
 12.14 year, and, except for recreational equipment, not earlier than 12:01 a.m. on February 15
 12.15 of the year, unless otherwise extended by the registrar for the period of time required for
 12.16 issuing the new ~~plates~~ plate or insignia.

12.17 (c) Except for a motor vehicle registered under section 168.017 or 168.187, ~~plates~~
 12.18 a plate or other insignia issued for a self-propelled vehicle registered for 27,000 pounds
 12.19 or less and all other motor vehicles ~~shall~~ must be displayed not later than 12:01 a.m. on
 12.20 March 2 of the year, and, except for recreational equipment, not earlier than January 1
 12.21 of the year unless otherwise extended by the registrar for the period of time required for
 12.22 issuing the new ~~plates~~ plate or insignia. The registration year for all vehicles as provided
 12.23 in this paragraph and paragraph (b) is from March 1 to the last day of February for 1979
 12.24 and succeeding years.

12.25 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

12.26 Subd. 7. **Display of temporary permit.** (a) A vehicle that displays a Minnesota
 12.27 plate issued under this chapter may display a temporary permit in conjunction with
 12.28 expired registration if:

- 12.29 (1) the current registration tax and all other fees and taxes have been paid in full; and
 12.30 (2) the plate has been applied for.

12.31 (b) A vehicle may display a temporary permit in conjunction with expired
 12.32 registration, with or without a registration plate, if:

- 12.33 (1) the ~~plates have~~ plate has been applied for;
 12.34 (2) the registration tax and other fees and taxes have been paid in full; and

13.1 (3) either the vehicle is used solely as a collector vehicle while displaying the
 13.2 temporary permit and not used for general transportation purposes or the vehicle was
 13.3 issued a 21-day permit under section 168.092, subdivision 1.

13.4 (c) The permit is valid for a period of 60 days. The permit must be in a format
 13.5 prescribed by the commissioner and whenever practicable must be posted upon the
 13.6 driver's side of the rear window on the inside of the vehicle. The permit is valid only for
 13.7 the vehicle for which it was issued to allow a reasonable time for the new ~~plates~~ plate to
 13.8 be manufactured and delivered to the applicant. The permit may be issued only by the
 13.9 commissioner or by a deputy registrar under section 168.33.

13.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.098, is amended to read:

13.11 **168.098 REGISTRATION OF PARK TRAILER.**

13.12 The motor vehicle registrar shall issue a registration receipt for a park trailer on
 13.13 payment of annual registration tax but may not issue a license ~~plates~~ plate or other
 13.14 insignia. The receipt must be in the form prescribed by the commissioner and must
 13.15 provide the name and address of the owner, the dimensions of the park trailer, and other
 13.16 information required by the registrar.

13.17 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.10, subdivision 1g, is amended to read:

13.18 Subd. 1g. **Original ~~plates~~ plate.** A vehicle registered pursuant to subdivision 1a,
 13.19 1b, 1c or 1d may, in lieu of being issued a number ~~plates~~ plate by the commissioner,
 13.20 display an original Minnesota number ~~plates~~ plate issued in the same year as the model
 13.21 year of the car on which ~~they are~~ it was displayed. The number of the original ~~plates~~
 13.22 plate must be provided to the commissioner. The original ~~plates~~ plate must be in good
 13.23 condition. An original Minnesota number ~~plates shall~~ plate must not be used if the number
 13.24 on the original plate is identical to a number on any current plate or any other plate in a
 13.25 numbering system used by the commissioner without written authorization from the
 13.26 commissioner. Any person currently using ~~plates~~ a plate issued pursuant to subdivision
 13.27 1a, 1b, 1c or 1d shall return ~~those plates~~ the plate to the commissioner before substituting
 13.28 an original ~~plates~~ plate. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$10 for registering the
 13.29 number on an original ~~plates~~ plate.

13.30 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.10, subdivision 1h, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

14.11 (b) The owner of the vehicle shall execute an affidavit stating the name and address
 14.12 of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner; the make, year, and model
 14.13 number of the motor vehicle; the manufacturer's identification number; and the collector
 14.14 military vehicle identification number, if any, located on the exterior of the vehicle.
 14.15 The affidavit must affirm that the vehicle is owned by a nonprofit organization and is
 14.16 operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the
 14.17 commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$25 tax
 14.18 and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12, the commissioner shall list the vehicle
 14.19 for taxation and registration and shall issue a number plates plate. The number ~~plates~~
 14.20 ~~shall plate must~~ bear the inscriptions "Collector" and "Minnesota" and the registration
 14.21 number, but no date. The number ~~plates are~~ plate is valid without renewal as long as the
 14.22 vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner may revoke the ~~plates~~ plate for
 14.23 failure to comply with this subdivision.

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

14.31 (d) The owner of a registered collector military vehicle that is not required to display
 14.32 a registration ~~plates~~ plate under paragraph (c) may tow a registered trailer behind it. The
 14.33 trailer is not required to display a registration ~~plates~~ plate if the trailer:

- 14.34 (1) does not exceed a gross weight of 15,000 pounds;
 14.35 (2) otherwise conforms to registration, licensing, and safety laws and specifications;
 14.36 (3) conforms to military specifications for appearance and identification;

15.1 (4) is intended to represent and does represent a military trailer; and

15.2 (5) carries a registration plates plate on or in the trailer or the collector military
15.3 vehicle towing the trailer.

15.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.10, subdivision 1i, is amended to read:

15.5 Subd. 1i. **Collector plate transfer.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision
15.6 1, on payment of a transfer fee of \$5, plates a plate issued under this section may be
15.7 transferred to another vehicle owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the special
15.8 ~~plates were~~ plate was issued or the plate may be assigned to another owner. In addition to
15.9 the transfer fee a new owner must pay the \$25 tax and any fee required by section 168.12,
15.10 subdivision 2a. The \$5 fee must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway
15.11 user tax distribution fund. A license plates plate issued under this section may not be
15.12 transferred to a vehicle not eligible for the collector's vehicle license plates plate.

15.13 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

15.14 Subd. 3. **Offenses.** It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person:

15.15 (1) to display or cause to be displayed or to possess any canceled, revoked,
15.16 suspended ~~or,~~ fraudulently obtained, or stolen registration plates plate;

15.17 (2) to lend the person's registration plates plate to another or knowingly to permit the
15.18 use thereof by another;

15.19 (3) to display or represent as the person's own any registration plates plate not issued
15.20 to that person; provided, however, this shall not apply to any legal change of ownership
15.21 of the motor vehicle to which the ~~plates are~~ plate is attached, nor shall this apply to any
15.22 transfer of a collector plates plate under subdivision 1i;

15.23 (4) to fail or refuse to surrender to the department upon its lawful demand any
15.24 registration ~~plates which have~~ plate that has been revoked, canceled, or suspended by
15.25 proper authority;

15.26 (5) to use a false or fictitious name or address or description of the motor vehicle,
15.27 identification number, or serial number in any application for registration of a motor
15.28 vehicle or to knowingly make a false statement or to knowingly conceal a material fact or
15.29 otherwise commit a fraud in any such application;

15.30 (6) to destroy, alter, remove, cover, or deface the identification or serial number of
15.31 any motor vehicle or to knowingly operate any motor vehicle the identification or serial
15.32 number of which has been destroyed, altered, removed, covered, or defaced without first
15.33 making application for assignment of a special identification number as provided by law.

16.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.105, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

16.2 Subd. 2. **Affidavit for registration and taxation.** (a) A classic motorcycle must
 16.3 be taxed and registered by the vehicle owner submitting an affidavit to the commissioner
 16.4 stating (1) the name and address of the owner, (2) the name and address of the person from
 16.5 whom purchased, (3) the make of the classic motorcycle, (4) the year and number of
 16.6 the model, (5) the manufacturer's vehicle identification number, (6) that the motorcycle
 16.7 is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and will not be used for general
 16.8 transportation purposes, and (7) that the owner has one or more motor vehicles with
 16.9 a regular plates plate.

16.10 (b) When the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true, correct, and
 16.11 complete and the owner has paid a \$10 registration tax, the commissioner shall register the
 16.12 vehicle and issue the special plates plate.

16.13 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.105, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

16.14 Subd. 3. **Classic plates plate.** The commissioner shall issue ~~plates~~ a plate of the
 16.15 same size as a standard motorcycle plates plate and inscribed "collector" and "Minnesota"
 16.16 with the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section
 16.17 168.12, subdivision 2a, but without a date. ~~The plates are plate is~~ valid without renewal as
 16.18 long as the classic motorcycle exists and may be issued for the applicant's use only for the
 16.19 classic motorcycle. The commissioner may revoke the ~~plates plate~~ plate for noncompliance
 16.20 with this subdivision.

16.21 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.105, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

16.22 Subd. 5. **Original plates plate.** (a) Instead of being issued a classic motorcycle
 16.23 ~~plates plate~~, a classic motorcycle registered under this section may display an original
 16.24 Minnesota plates plate issued in the same year as the model year of the motorcycle on
 16.25 which ~~they are~~ displayed. The number on the original ~~plates plate~~ plate must be provided to
 16.26 the commissioner.

16.27 (b) An original Minnesota plates plate may not be used if the number on the original
 16.28 plate is identical to the number on a current collector's plate issued by the commissioner.

16.29 (c) If the vehicle is not registered as a collector vehicle, the commissioner shall
 16.30 charge a fee of \$10 for registering the number on the original ~~plates plate~~ plate.

16.31 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

16.32 Subdivision 1. **Plates Plate; design, visibility, periods of issuance.** (a) The
 16.33 commissioner, upon approval and payment, shall issue to the applicant the ~~plates plate~~ plate

17.1 required by this chapter, bearing the state name and an assigned vehicle registration
17.2 number. The number assigned by the commissioner may be a combination of a letter or
17.3 sign with figures. The color of the ~~plates~~ plate and the color of the abbreviation of the
17.4 state name and the number assigned must be in marked contrast. The ~~plates~~ plate must
17.5 be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably indicate the registration of the vehicle
17.6 according to the rules of the commissioner.

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

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

17.15 (d) The commissioner shall issue ~~plates~~ a plate for the following periods:

17.16 (1) A new ~~plates~~ plate issued pursuant to section 168.012, subdivision 1, must be
17.17 issued to a vehicle for as long as the vehicle is owned by the exempt agency and the plate
17.18 shall not be transferable from one vehicle to another but the plate may be transferred with
17.19 the vehicle from one tax-exempt agency to another.

17.20 (2) ~~Plates~~ A plate issued for a passenger ~~automobiles~~ automobile must be issued for
17.21 a seven-year period. All plates issued under this paragraph must be replaced if they are
17.22 seven years old or older at the time of registration renewal or will become so during the
17.23 registration period.

17.24 (3) ~~Plates~~ A plate issued under sections 168.053 and 168.27, subdivisions 16 and 17,
17.25 must be for a seven-year period.

17.26 (4) ~~Plates~~ A plate issued under subdivisions 2c and 2d and section 168.123 must
17.27 be issued for the life of the veteran under section 169.79.

17.28 (5) ~~Plates~~ A plate for any vehicle not specified in clauses (1) to (3) must be issued
17.29 for the life of the vehicle.

17.30 (e) In a year in which ~~plates are~~ a plate is not issued, the commissioner shall issue
17.31 for each registration a sticker to designate the year of registration. This sticker must
17.32 show the year or years for which the sticker is issued, and is valid only for that period.
17.33 The ~~plates~~ plate and ~~stickers~~ sticker issued for a vehicle may not be transferred to another
17.34 vehicle during the period for which the sticker is issued, except when issued for a vehicle
17.35 registered under section 168.187.

18.1 (f) Despite any other provision of this subdivision, ~~plates a plate~~ issued to a vehicle
 18.2 used for behind-the-wheel instruction in a driver education course in a public school
 18.3 may be transferred to another vehicle used for the same purpose without payment of any
 18.4 additional fee. The public school shall notify the commissioner of each transfer of ~~plates a~~
 18.5 ~~plate~~ under this paragraph. The commissioner may prescribe a format for notification.

18.6 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

18.10 (2) is a resident of this state;

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

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

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

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

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

18.21 (c) This provision for the issue of a special plates plate applies only if the applicant's
 18.22 motor vehicle is already registered in Minnesota so that the applicant has a valid regular
 18.23 Minnesota plates plate issued for that motor vehicle under which to operate it during the
 18.24 time that it will take to have the necessary special ~~plates~~ plate made.

18.25 (d) If owning more than one motor vehicle of the type specified in this subdivision,
 18.26 the applicant may apply for a special plates plate for each motor vehicle and, if each
 18.27 application complies with this subdivision, the commissioner shall furnish the applicant
 18.28 with the special ~~plates~~ plate, indicating the official amateur call letters and other
 18.29 distinguishing information as the commissioner considers necessary, for each of the motor
 18.30 vehicles.

18.31 (e) The commissioner may make reasonable rules governing the use of the special
 18.32 ~~plates~~ plate as will assure the full compliance by the owner of the special ~~plates~~ plate, with
 18.33 all existing laws governing the registration of motor vehicles and the transfer and use
 18.34 of the ~~plates~~ plate.

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

19.6 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.12, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

19.7 Subd. 2a. **Personalized ~~plates~~ plate; rules.** (a) The commissioner may issue a
 19.8 personalized ~~plates~~ plate or, if requested for a special ~~plates~~ plate issued under section
 19.9 168.123 for veterans, 168.124 for medal of honor recipients, or 168.125 for former
 19.10 prisoners of war, the applicable personalized ~~special-veterans-plates~~ veteran's special plate,
 19.11 to an applicant who:

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

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

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

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

19.21 (b) The commissioner shall charge a replacement fee for the personalized license
 19.22 ~~plates~~ plate and personalized ~~special-veterans-plates~~ veteran's special plate issued under
 19.23 section 168.123 as specified in subdivision 5. This fee must be paid by the applicant
 19.24 whenever the personalized ~~plates are~~ plate is required to be replaced by law, except that as
 19.25 provided in section 168.124, subdivision 3, and 168.125, subdivision 1b, no fee may be
 19.26 charged to replace ~~plates~~ a plate issued under those sections.

19.27 (c) In lieu of the registration number assigned as provided in subdivision 1, a
 19.28 personalized ~~plates~~ plate and personalized ~~special-veterans-plates~~ veteran's special plate
 19.29 must have imprinted on them a series of not more than seven numbers and letters, or five
 19.30 numbers and letters for a personalized ~~special-veterans-plates~~ veteran's special plate, in
 19.31 any combination and, as applicable, satisfy the design requirements of section 168.123,
 19.32 168.124, or 168.125. When an applicant has once obtained a personalized ~~plates~~ plate
 19.33 or personalized ~~special-veterans-plates~~ veteran's special plate, the applicant shall have
 19.34 a prior claim for the similar personalized ~~plates~~ plate or personalized ~~special-veterans~~

20.1 ~~plates~~ veteran's special plate in the next succeeding year as long as current motor vehicle
 20.2 registration is maintained.

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

20.10 (e) Despite the provisions of subdivision 1, a personalized ~~plates~~ plate and
 20.11 personalized ~~special veterans plates~~ veteran's special plate issued under this subdivision
 20.12 may be transferred to another motor vehicle listed in paragraph (a) and owned by the
 20.13 applicant, upon the payment of a fee of \$5.

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

20.15 (g) A personalized plate or personalized veteran's special ~~veterans~~ plate issued
 20.16 for a classic car, pioneer car, collector car, street rod, or classic motorcycle may not be
 20.17 transferred to a vehicle not eligible for such a plate.

20.18 (h) Despite any law to the contrary, if the personalized license ~~plates are~~ plate is lost,
 20.19 stolen, or destroyed, the applicant may apply and must be issued a duplicate license ~~plates~~
 20.20 plate bearing the same combination of letters and numbers and the same design as (1) the
 20.21 former personalized ~~plates~~ plate or personalized ~~special veterans plates~~ veteran's special
 20.22 plate under section 168.123 upon the payment of the fee required by section 168.29 or
 20.23 (2) the former personalized ~~special veterans plates~~ veteran's special plate issued under
 20.24 section 168.124 or 168.125, without charge.

20.25 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.12, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

20.26 Subd. 2b. ~~Firefighters; special plates~~ **Firefighter's special plate, rules.** (a)
 20.27 The commissioner shall issue a special ~~plates, or a single license~~ plate ~~in the case of a~~
 20.28 ~~motorcycle plate~~, to any applicant who:

20.29 (1) is a member of a fire department receiving state aid under chapter 69, has a
 20.30 letter from the fire chief, and is an owner of a passenger automobile, a truck with a
 20.31 manufacturer's nominal rated capacity of one ton and resembling a pickup truck, or
 20.32 a motorcycle;

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

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

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

21.3 (b) In lieu of the identification required under subdivision 1, the special ~~plates~~
21.4 plate must bear an emblem of a Maltese Cross together with any numbers or characters
21.5 prescribed by the commissioner.

21.6 (c) A special ~~plates~~ plate issued under this subdivision may only be used during the
21.7 period that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of a fire department as specified in
21.8 this subdivision. When the individual to whom the special ~~plates were~~ plate was issued
21.9 is no longer a member of a fire department or when the motor vehicle ownership is
21.10 transferred, the owner shall remove the special ~~plates~~ plate from the motor vehicle. If the
21.11 commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for
21.12 ~~these~~ the special ~~plates~~ plate, the commissioner shall invalidate the ~~plates~~ plate and notify
21.13 the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating
21.14 compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation
21.15 of the special ~~plates, or special motorcycle~~ plate, either the owner or purchaser of the
21.16 motor vehicle shall obtain a regular ~~plates or a regular motorcycle~~ plate for the proper
21.17 registration classification for the motor vehicle.

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

21.20 (e) Upon payment of a fee of \$5, ~~plates~~ a plate issued under this subdivision for a
21.21 passenger automobile or truck may be transferred to another passenger automobile or
21.22 truck owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued.
21.23 On payment of a fee of \$5, a plate issued under this subdivision for a motorcycle may
21.24 be transferred to another motorcycle owned or jointly owned by the person to whom
21.25 the plate was issued.

21.26 (f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act,
21.27 sections 14.001 to 14.69, to govern the issuance and use of the special ~~plates~~ plate
21.28 authorized in this subdivision.

21.29 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.12, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

22.6 (c) A special ~~plates~~ plate issued under this subdivision may only be used during the
22.7 period that the owner of the motor vehicle is an active or retired member of the Minnesota
22.8 National Guard as specified in this subdivision. When the individual to whom the special
22.9 ~~plates were~~ plate was issued is no longer an active or retired member of the Minnesota
22.10 National Guard, the special ~~plates~~ plate must be removed from the vehicle by the owner. If
22.11 the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for
22.12 these special ~~plates~~ plate, the commissioner shall invalidate the ~~plates~~ plate and notify the
22.13 individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating
22.14 compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation of
22.15 the special ~~plates~~ plate, either the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain
22.16 a regular ~~plates~~ plate for the motor vehicle.

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

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

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

22.25 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.12, subdivision 2d, is amended to read:

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

22.28 (1) is not eligible for a special National Guard ~~plates~~ plate under subdivision 2c, is a
22.29 member of the United States Armed Forces Ready Reserve as described in United States
22.30 Code, title 10, section 10142 or 10143, or a retired reserve as described in United States
22.31 Code, title 10, section 10154, and is an owner of a passenger automobile;

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

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

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

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

23.3 (c) ~~A special plates plate~~ issued under this subdivision may only be used during the
23.4 period that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of the Ready Reserve. When the
23.5 owner is no longer a member, the special ~~plates~~ plate must be removed from the motor
23.6 vehicle by the owner. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual
23.7 is no longer qualified for ~~these~~ the special ~~plates~~ plate, the commissioner shall invalidate
23.8 the ~~plates~~ plate and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the
23.9 plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. On
23.10 removal or invalidation of the special ~~plates~~ plate, either the owner or purchaser of the
23.11 motor vehicle shall obtain a regular ~~plates~~ plate for the motor vehicle. While the owner
23.12 is a member of the Ready Reserve, ~~plates~~ a plate issued under this subdivision may be
23.13 transferred to another motor vehicle owned by that individual on paying a fee of \$5.

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

23.16 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.12, subdivision 2e, is amended to read:

23.17 Subd. 2e. **Volunteer ambulance attendants; attendant special ~~plates~~ plate.** (a)
23.18 The commissioner shall issue a special license ~~plates~~ plate to an applicant who:

23.19 (1) is a volunteer ambulance attendant as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision
23.20 15, and owns a motor vehicle taxed as a passenger automobile;

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

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

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

23.25 (b) An individual may use the special ~~plates~~ plate issued under this subdivision
23.26 only during the period that the individual is a volunteer ambulance attendant. When the
23.27 individual to whom the special ~~plates were~~ plate was issued ceases to be a volunteer
23.28 ambulance attendant, the individual shall remove each ~~set of special plates~~ plate issued. If
23.29 the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for
23.30 ~~these~~ this special ~~plates~~ plate, the commissioner shall invalidate the ~~plates~~ plate and notify
23.31 the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating
23.32 compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. When ownership of the motor
23.33 vehicle is transferred, the individual shall remove the special ~~plates~~ plate from that motor
23.34 vehicle. On removal or invalidation of the special ~~plates~~ plate, the owner or purchaser of
23.35 the motor vehicle shall obtain a regular ~~plates~~ plate for the motor vehicle. A special plates

24.1 plate issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by
 24.2 the volunteer ambulance attendant on payment of a fee of \$5.

24.3 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules governing the design, issuance, and sale of
 24.4 the special ~~plates~~ plate authorized by this subdivision.

24.5 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.12, subdivision 2f, is amended to read:

24.6 Subd. 2f. **Original license ~~plates~~ plate.** (a) On application of the owner and in lieu
 24.7 of issuing ~~plates~~ a plate under subdivision 1 to a motor vehicle registered and taxed as
 24.8 a passenger automobile, the commissioner may assign to the motor vehicle an original
 24.9 Minnesota registration ~~plates~~ plate issued in the same year as the model year of the motor
 24.10 vehicle, if (1) the original ~~plates~~ are plate is at least 20 years old, (2) the owner of the
 24.11 motor vehicle has the original ~~plates~~ plate in possession at the time of the application, and
 24.12 (3) the owner provides the plate number to the commissioner.

24.13 (b) ~~Plates~~ A plate displayed under this subdivision, including ~~stickers~~ any sticker
 24.14 applied to the plates, must be clearly legible and must be displayed on the motor vehicle.

24.15 (c) The commissioner shall not assign the registration number on the original ~~plates~~
 24.16 plate to the motor vehicle if the commissioner determines that the number on the original
 24.17 plate is identical to the number on any plate in the current or reserved numbering system
 24.18 used by the commissioner.

24.19 (d) Despite subdivision 1, an original plate whose number has been assigned under
 24.20 this subdivision may be displayed for as long as the ~~plates~~ plate, including ~~tabs and~~
 24.21 ~~stickers~~ any tab or sticker on the ~~plates,~~ are plate, is clearly legible and the number is not
 24.22 subsequently used by the commissioner as a plate number in a registration numbering
 24.23 system.

24.24 (e) Despite subdivision 1, an original ~~plates~~ plate assigned under this subdivision
 24.25 need not bear a tab or sticker to indicate the month or year of registration if the motor
 24.26 vehicle carries the registration certificate issued under section 168.11 at all times when the
 24.27 motor vehicle is operated on the public highways.

24.28 (f) The commissioner may charge a fee for receiving an application and assigning
 24.29 an original plate ~~numbers~~ number.

24.30 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.123, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

25.1 (1) ~~special~~ a veteran's ~~plates~~ special plate to an applicant who served in the active
 25.2 military service in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or of a nation or
 25.3 society allied with the United States in conducting a foreign war, was discharged under
 25.4 honorable conditions, and is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, recreational
 25.5 motor vehicle, or truck resembling a pickup truck and having a manufacturer's nominal
 25.6 rated capacity of one ton, but which is not a commercial motor vehicle as defined in
 25.7 section 169.011, subdivision 16; or

25.8 (2) a veteran's special motorcycle plate as described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a),
 25.9 (f), (h), or (i), or another special plate designed by the commissioner to an applicant who
 25.10 is a registered owner of a motorcycle and meets the criteria listed in this paragraph and in
 25.11 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), (f), (h), or (i). ~~Plates~~ A plate issued under this clause must be
 25.12 the same size as a regular motorcycle plates plate. ~~A special motorcycle license plates~~
 25.13 plate issued under this clause ~~are~~ is not subject to section 168.1293.

25.14 (b) The additional fee of \$10 is payable for each ~~set of~~ veteran's ~~plates~~ plate, is
 25.15 payable only when the ~~plates are~~ plate is issued, and is not payable in a year in which
 25.16 ~~stickers are~~ a sticker is issued instead of ~~plates~~ a plate.

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

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

25.27 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.123, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

25.28 Subd. 4. **Plates transfer.** (a) On payment of a fee of \$5, ~~plates~~ a plate issued
 25.29 under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), may be transferred to another passenger
 25.30 automobile or recreational motor vehicle, or one-ton truck described in subdivision 1,
 25.31 paragraph (a), clause (1), registered to the individual to whom the ~~plates were~~ plate was
 25.32 issued.

25.33 (b) On payment of a fee of \$5, a plate issued under subdivision 1, paragraph (a),
 25.34 clause (2), may be transferred to another motorcycle registered to the individual to whom
 25.35 the plate was issued.

26.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1235, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

26.2 Subdivision 1. **General requirements; fees.** (a) The commissioner shall issue a
26.3 special plate emblem for each plate to an applicant who:

26.4 (1) is a member of a congressionally chartered veterans service organization and
26.5 is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, pickup truck, van, or self-propelled
26.6 recreational vehicle;

26.7 (2) pays the registration tax required by law;

26.8 (3) pays a fee of \$10 for each ~~set of two plates~~ plate, and any other fees required
26.9 by this chapter; and

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

26.12 (b) The additional fee of \$10 is payable at the time of initial application for the
26.13 special plate emblem and when the ~~plates~~ plate must be replaced or renewed. An applicant
26.14 must not be issued more than two ~~sets of~~ special plate emblems for motor vehicles listed
26.15 in paragraph (a) and registered to the applicant.

26.16 (c) The applicant must present a valid card indicating membership in the American
26.17 Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars.

26.18 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1235, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

26.19 Subd. 4. **Plate emblem transfer.** Despite section 168.12 or other law to the contrary,
26.20 on payment of a fee of \$5, the veterans service organization special plate ~~emblems~~ emblem
26.21 issued under subdivision 1, may be transferred by the owner to ~~other plates~~ another plate
26.22 on a passenger automobile, pickup truck, van, or self-propelled recreational vehicle
26.23 registered to the person to whom the ~~emblems were~~ emblem was issued.

26.24 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.124, is amended to read:

26.25 **168.124 SPECIAL ~~PLATES~~ PLATE FOR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS**
26.26 **RECIPIENT.**

26.27 Subdivision 1. **Issuance and design.** (a) The commissioner shall issue a special
26.28 ~~plates~~ plate bearing the inscription "MEDAL OF HONOR" to an applicant who:

26.29 (1) is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor;

26.30 (2) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, motorcycle, or recreational
26.31 motor vehicle; and

26.32 (3) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
26.33 and licensing of drivers.

27.1 (b) The special ~~plates~~ plate must be of a design and size determined by the
 27.2 commissioner. Only one ~~set of plates, or a single plate in the case of a motorcycle,~~ bearing
 27.3 the inscription "MEDAL OF HONOR" may be issued for each qualified applicant.

27.4 Subd. 2. **Application.** Application for issuance of ~~these plates~~ the plate may be
 27.5 made only at the time of renewal or first application for registration.

27.6 Subd. 3. **No fee.** The commissioner shall issue a ~~set of~~ Medal of Honor ~~plates~~ plate
 27.7 to a qualified applicants applicant free of charge and the ~~plates~~ plate must be replaced
 27.8 without charge if ~~they become~~ it becomes damaged. In addition, no fee may be charged
 27.9 for a subsequent year when ~~stickers are~~ a sticker is issued for a motor vehicle listed in
 27.10 subdivision 1 on which the Medal of Honor ~~plates are~~ plate is placed. The motor vehicle
 27.11 must be for personal use, not commercial purposes.

27.12 Subd. 4. **Transfer.** Despite ~~the provisions of~~ section 168.12, subdivision 1, a
 27.13 Medal of Honor ~~plates~~ plate issued under this section may be transferred to another
 27.14 personal motor vehicle registered to the Medal of Honor recipient upon notification to
 27.15 the commissioner.

27.16 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.125, is amended to read:

27.17 **168.125 SPECIAL PLATES PLATE FOR FORMER PRISONERS PRISONER**
 27.18 **OF WAR.**

27.19 Subdivision 1. **Issuance and design.** (a) The commissioner shall issue a special
 27.20 ~~plates~~ plate bearing the inscription "EX-POW" to any applicant who:

27.21 (1) is both a former prisoner of war and a registered owner of a passenger
 27.22 automobile, motorcycle, or recreational motor vehicle; and

27.23 (2) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 27.24 and licensing of drivers.

27.25 (b) The special ~~plates~~ plate must be of a design and size to be determined by the
 27.26 commissioner. Only one ~~set of plates, or a single plate in the case of a motorcycle,~~ bearing
 27.27 the "EX-POW" inscription may be issued for each qualified applicant.

27.28 Subd. 1a. **Application.** Application for issuance of ~~these plates~~ the plate must be
 27.29 made at the time of renewal or first application for registration. The application must
 27.30 include a certification by the commissioner of veterans affairs that the applicant was a
 27.31 member of the military forces of the United States who was captured, separated, and
 27.32 incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of armed conflict.

27.33 Subd. 1b. **No fee.** The commissioner shall issue ~~a set of an~~ EX-POW ~~plates, or a~~
 27.34 ~~single plate for a motorcycle,~~ to a qualified applicants applicant, free of charge, and shall
 27.35 replace ~~them~~ it without charge if ~~they become~~ it becomes damaged. In addition, no fee

28.1 may be charged for a subsequent year when ~~stickers are~~ a sticker is issued for that motor
 28.2 vehicle on which the EX-POW ~~plates are~~ plate is placed.

28.3 Subd. 1c. **Plates Plate transfer.** Despite ~~the provisions of~~ section 168.12,
 28.4 subdivision 1, the special ~~plates~~ plate issued under this section may be transferred to
 28.5 another motor vehicle registered to the former prisoner of war upon notification to the
 28.6 commissioner.

28.7 Subd. 1d. **Surviving spouse.** Upon the death of a former prisoner of war, the
 28.8 commissioner shall continue to issue free of charge, upon renewal, the special ~~plates~~ plate
 28.9 to a motor vehicle owned by the surviving spouse of the former prisoner of war. A special
 28.10 ~~plates~~ plate issued to a surviving spouse may be transferred to another motor vehicle
 28.11 registered to the surviving spouse as provided in subdivision 1c. No fee may be charged
 28.12 for a replacement ~~plates~~ plate issued to a surviving spouse or for ~~stickers~~ any sticker
 28.13 issued for the motor vehicle on which the special "EX-POW" ~~plates are~~ plate is placed. A
 28.14 surviving spouse is not exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax.

28.15 Subd. 2. **Plates; EX-POW and disability plate and emblems.** The commissioner
 28.16 shall issue a special ~~plates~~ plate bearing both the "EX-POW" and disability ~~emblem~~
 28.17 emblems to any applicant who is entitled to the special ~~plates~~ plate provided under this
 28.18 section and who is also entitled to a special ~~plates~~ plate for the physically disabled under
 28.19 section 168.021 upon compliance with the provisions of both sections. The ~~plates~~ plate
 28.20 must be of a design and size determined by the commissioner.

28.21 Subd. 3. **Rules; commissioner of public safety.** The commissioner of public safety
 28.22 may adopt by rule, in accordance with chapter 14, the procedures for issuance or transfer
 28.23 of the special ~~plates~~ plate authorized under this section.

28.24 Subd. 4. **Rules; commissioner of veterans affairs.** The commissioner of veterans
 28.25 affairs shall establish the procedure for obtaining the certification of former prisoner
 28.26 of war status.

28.27 Subd. 5. **Savings provision.** Nothing in this section alters the exemption for
 28.28 disabled war veterans provided for in section 168.031.

28.29 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1251, is amended to read:

28.30 **168.1251 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN ~~PLATES~~ PLATE.**

28.31 Subdivision 1. **Issuance and design.** The commissioner shall issue a special
 28.32 license ~~plates~~ plate bearing the inscription "DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN" to
 28.33 an applicant who is certified in writing by the United States Department of Veterans
 28.34 Affairs or the state commissioner of veterans affairs as having a permanent and total
 28.35 service-connected disability, who complies with all laws relating to the registration and

29.1 licensing of motor vehicles and drivers, and who pays a fee of \$10 for each ~~set of license~~
 29.2 ~~plates~~ plate applied for. The special license ~~plates~~ plate must be of a design and size
 29.3 determined by the commissioner.

29.4 Subd. 2. **Application.** Application for issuance of ~~these plates~~ the plate may be
 29.5 made only at the time of renewal or first application for registration.

29.6 Subd. 3. **Transfer.** On payment of a fee of \$5, a special ~~plates~~ plate issued under
 29.7 this section may be transferred to another personal motor vehicle owned or jointly owned
 29.8 by the disabled veteran upon notification to the commissioner.

29.9 Subd. 4. **Surcharge.** For each ~~set of~~ special ~~plates~~ plate issued under this section, the
 29.10 commissioner shall collect a surcharge of \$5 on each \$10 fee collected under subdivision 1.

29.11 Subd. 5. **Motor vehicle; special definition.** For purposes of this section, "motor
 29.12 vehicle" means a vehicle for personal use, not used for commercial purposes, and may
 29.13 include a passenger automobile, van, pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle.

29.14 Subd. 6. **Fees credited.** Fees, including surcharges, collected under this section
 29.15 must be credited to the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund.

29.16 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1255, is amended to read:

29.17 **168.1255 "PROUD TO BE A VETERAN" PLATE.**

29.18 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** The commissioner shall
 29.19 issue a special veteran contribution ~~plates or a single motorcycle~~ plate to an applicant who:

- 29.20 (1) is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447;
- 29.21 (2) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile or motorcycle;
- 29.22 (3) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the ~~plates~~
 29.23 plate;
- 29.24 (4) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;
- 29.25 (5) pays the fees required under this chapter;
- 29.26 (6) pays an additional onetime World War II memorial contribution of \$30, which
 29.27 the department shall retain until all start-up costs associated with the development and
 29.28 issuing of the ~~plates have~~ plate has been recovered, after which the commissioner shall
 29.29 deposit contributions in the World War II donation match account; and
- 29.30 (7) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 29.31 and licensing of drivers.

29.32 Subd. 1a. **Motorcycle plate.** A motorcycle plate issued under this section must be
 29.33 the same size as a regular motorcycle plate.

30.1 Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design an emblem for
 30.2 the special ~~plates~~ plate, subject to the approval of the commissioner of public safety, that
 30.3 satisfies the requirements in this subdivision:

30.4 (1) the special veteran contribution ~~plates~~ plate must bear the inscription "PROUD
 30.5 TO BE A VETERAN" on the bottom of the plate; and

30.6 (2) the flag of the United States of America must appear on the left side of the plate
 30.7 just preceding the first letter or numeral of the special plate number.

30.8 Subd. 3. **Plate transfers.** Despite section 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment of a
 30.9 transfer fee of \$5, ~~plates~~ a plate issued under this section may be transferred to another
 30.10 passenger automobile registered to the individual to whom the veteran contribution
 30.11 ~~plates were~~ plate was issued, or a ~~single~~ motorcycle plate may be transferred to another
 30.12 motorcycle registered to the individual to whom the plate was issued.

30.13 Subd. 4. **Fees credited.** Fees collected under this section do not include the
 30.14 contributions collected for the World War II memorial donation match account.

30.15 Subd. 5. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of
 30.16 special plates issued under this section.

30.17 Subd. 6. **World War II memorial donation match account.** Money remaining
 30.18 in the World War II memorial donation match account after the state share of the
 30.19 construction costs of the World War II memorial has been paid in full is appropriated to the
 30.20 commissioner of veterans affairs for services and programs for veterans and their families.

30.21 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.126, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

30.22 Subd. 2. **Special ~~plates~~ plate.** The registrar shall issue a special license ~~plates~~ plate
 30.23 for a commuter van as defined in section 221.012, subdivision 9, upon the applicant's
 30.24 compliance with the laws of Minnesota relating to registration and licensing of motor
 30.25 vehicles and drivers.

30.26 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.127, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

30.27 Subd. 5. **Renewal of fleet registration.** On the renewal of a fleet registration the
 30.28 registrant shall pay full licensing fees for every vehicle registered in the preceding year
 30.29 unless the vehicle has been properly deleted from the fleet. In order to delete a vehicle
 30.30 from a fleet, the fleet registrant must surrender to the commissioner the registration card
 30.31 and ~~license plates~~ plate. The registrar may authorize alternative methods of deleting
 30.32 vehicles from a fleet, including destruction of the ~~license~~ plates and registration cards. If
 30.33 the card or ~~license plates are~~ plate is lost or stolen, the fleet registrant shall submit a sworn
 30.34 statement stating the circumstances for the inability to surrender the card, ~~stickers~~ sticker,

31.1 and ~~license plates~~ plate. The commissioner shall assess a penalty of 20 percent of the total
 31.2 tax due on the fleet against the fleet registrant who fails to renew the licenses issued under
 31.3 this section or fails to report the removal of vehicles from the fleet within 30 days. The
 31.4 penalty must be paid within 30 days after it is assessed.

31.5 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.128, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

31.6 Subd. 2. **Plates Plate**. (a) A person who operates a limousine for other than personal
 31.7 use shall register the motor vehicle as provided in this section.

31.8 (b) A person who operates a limousine for personal use may apply. The
 31.9 commissioner shall issue a limousine ~~plates~~ plate to the registered owner of a limousine
 31.10 who:

31.11 (1) certifies that an insurance policy under section 65B.135 in an aggregate amount
 31.12 of \$300,000 per accident is in effect for the entire period of the registration;

31.13 (2) provides the commissioner with proof that the passenger automobile license tax
 31.14 and a \$10 fee have been paid for each limousine receiving a limousine ~~plates~~ plate; and

31.15 (3) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles
 31.16 and licensing of drivers.

31.17 (c) The limousine ~~plates~~ plate must be designed to specifically identify the vehicle as
 31.18 a limousine and must be clearly marked with the letters "LM." A limousine ~~plates~~ plate
 31.19 may not be transferred upon sale of the limousine, but may be transferred to another
 31.20 limousine owned by the same person upon notifying the commissioner and paying a
 31.21 \$5 transfer fee.

31.22 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.129, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

31.23 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** The commissioner shall
 31.24 issue a special collegiate ~~plates~~ plate to an applicant who:

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

31.26 (2) pays a fee as specified in section 168.12, subdivision 5, to cover the costs of
 31.27 handling and manufacturing the ~~plates~~ plate;

31.28 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

31.29 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

31.30 (5) contributes at least \$25 annually to the scholarship account established in
 31.31 subdivision 6; and

31.32 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles
 31.33 and licensing of drivers.

32.1 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.129, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

32.2 Subd. 4. ~~Plates~~ **Plate transfer.** Despite section 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment
 32.3 of a transfer fee of \$5, ~~plates~~ a plate issued under this section may be transferred to
 32.4 another passenger automobile registered to the individual to whom the special collegiate
 32.5 ~~plates were~~ plate was issued.

32.6 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1291, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

32.7 Subd. 4. **Fees.** Despite section 168.12, subdivisions 2b to 2e; 168.123; or 168.129,
 32.8 the commissioner shall charge a fee of \$10 for each ~~set of plates~~ plate issued under this
 32.9 section.

32.10 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1293, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

32.17 (b) The commissioner shall discontinue the issuance or renewal of any special
 32.18 plate authorized by sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.1235; and 168.129, and
 32.19 distribution of any contributions resulting from that plate, if the commissioner determines
 32.20 that (1) the fund or requester receiving the contributions no longer exists, (2) the requester
 32.21 has stopped providing services that are authorized to be funded from the contribution
 32.22 proceeds, (3) the requester has requested discontinuance, or (4) contributions have been
 32.23 used in violation of subdivision 6.

32.24 (c) Nothing in this subdivision applies to plates issued under section 168.123,
 32.25 168.124, 168.125, 168.1251, or 168.1255.

32.26 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1296, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

32.27 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall
 32.28 issue a critical habitat ~~plates~~ plate to an applicant who:

32.29 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile or recreational vehicle;

32.30 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the ~~plates~~
 32.31 plate;

32.32 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

32.33 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

33.1 (5) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota critical habitat private
33.2 sector matching account established in section 84.943; and

33.3 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles
33.4 and licensing of drivers.

33.5 (b) The critical habitat plate application must indicate that the annual contribution
33.6 specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plate
33.7 and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

33.8 (c) Owners of recreational vehicles under paragraph (a), clause (1), are eligible
33.9 only for special critical habitat license plates for which the designs are selected under
33.10 subdivision 2, on or after January 1, 2006.

33.11 (d) Special critical habitat license plates, the designs for which are selected under
33.12 subdivision 2, on or after January 1, 2006, may be personalized according to section
33.13 168.12, subdivision 2a.

33.14 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1296, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

33.15 Subd. 4. **Plate transfers.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, on
33.16 payment of a transfer fee of \$5, ~~plates a plate~~ issued under this section may be transferred
33.17 to another passenger automobile registered to the person to whom the ~~plates were~~ plate
33.18 was issued.

33.19 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1297, is amended to read:

33.20 **168.1297 SPECIAL "ROTARY MEMBER" ~~PLATES~~ PLATE.**

33.21 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** The commissioner shall
33.22 issue a special "Rotary member" plates plate to an applicant who:

- 33.23 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile;
- 33.24 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the ~~plates~~
33.25 plate;
- 33.26 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;
- 33.27 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;
- 33.28 (5) submits proof to the commissioner that the applicant is a member of Rotary
33.29 International; and
- 33.30 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles
33.31 and licensing of drivers.

33.32 Subd. 2. **Design.** A special plate under this section consists of a plate as described
33.33 in section 168.1291 with a unique emblem that is the recognized emblem of Rotary
33.34 International.

34.1 Subd. 3. **Compliance with other law.** The commissioner shall take no action
 34.2 under this section unless the commissioner determines that Rotary International, or one or
 34.3 more districts of Rotary International, has complied with section 168.1293, subdivision
 34.4 2, paragraph (a). Issuance and renewal of plates under this section are subject to section
 34.5 168.1293, subdivisions 3 to 6.

34.6 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.1298, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

34.7 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall
 34.8 issue a special "Support Our Troops" license plates ~~plates~~ plate to an applicant who:

34.9 (1) is an owner of a passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, recreational
 34.10 vehicle, or motorcycle;

34.11 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the ~~plates~~
 34.12 plate;

34.13 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

34.14 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

34.15 (5) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota "Support Our Troops"
 34.16 account established in section 190.19; and

34.17 (6) complies with laws and rules governing registration and licensing of vehicles
 34.18 and drivers.

34.19 (b) The license application under this section must indicate that the annual
 34.20 contribution specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive
 34.21 the ~~plates~~ plate and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

34.22 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.13, is amended to read:

34.23 **168.13 PROOF OF OWNERSHIP.**

34.24 (a) The registrar shall not approve an application and shall not issue a number ~~plates~~
 34.25 plate for any motor vehicle, unless and until the title certificate issued under chapter 168A,
 34.26 or registration certificate if not titled, is delivered to the registrar. The registrar must be
 34.27 satisfied from the records that all taxes and fees due have been paid and that endorsements
 34.28 upon the certificate are in writing and have been signed by the seller and purchaser.

34.29 (b) The registrar shall not register and shall not issue a number ~~plates~~ plate for a
 34.30 motor vehicle brought into Minnesota from another state until:

34.31 (1) a registration certificate or other evidence of title as may reasonably be required
 34.32 from the registrant within that state is surrendered to the registrar in the same manner as
 34.33 certificates of this state; or in lieu thereof

35.1 (2) the registrar receives evidence of the chain of ownership as will assure the
 35.2 payment of the proper tax so long as the motor vehicle is in the state.

35.3 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.15, is amended to read:

35.4 **168.15 RIGHTS AS TO REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND ~~PLATES~~**
 35.5 **PLATE.**

35.6 Subdivision 1. **Transfer of ownership.** (a) Upon the transfer of ownership,
 35.7 destruction, theft, dismantling, or permanent removal by the owner from this state of any
 35.8 vehicle registered in accordance with this chapter, the right of the owner of the vehicle to
 35.9 use the registration certificate and ~~plates~~ plate assigned to the vehicle expires.

35.10 (b) When the ownership of a vehicle is transferred to another person required to
 35.11 register the vehicle in this state, the transferor shall assign the registration tax paid to the
 35.12 credit of the transferee unless the registration ~~stickers are~~ sticker is surrendered to the
 35.13 commissioner before the first day of the new registration period.

35.14 (c) When seeking to become the owner by gift, trade, or purchase of any vehicle for
 35.15 which a registration certificate has been issued under this chapter, a person shall join with
 35.16 the registered owner in transmitting with the application for transfer of ownership, the
 35.17 registration certificate, with the assignment and notice of sale duly executed.

35.18 (d) In case of loss of the title or certificate of registration of a vehicle not subject to
 35.19 section 325E.15, the person shall make application to the commissioner with proof of loss
 35.20 of the title as specified in section 168A.09 and assign a notice of sale of the vehicle on
 35.21 the application for title as specified in section 168A.04.

35.22 (e) Upon the transfer of any vehicle by a manufacturer or dealer, for use within
 35.23 the state, whether by sale, lease, or otherwise, the transferor shall, within ten days after
 35.24 the transfer, file with the commissioner (1) a notice containing the date of transfer, a
 35.25 description of the vehicle, and the transferee's name and residence address in the state or
 35.26 if not a natural person then the transferee's business and mailing address, and (2) the
 35.27 transferee's application for registration.

35.28 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.16, is amended to read:

35.29 **168.16 REGISTRATION TAX REFUND; APPROPRIATION.**

35.30 (a) After the registration tax upon any vehicle has been paid for any registration
 35.31 period, refund must be made for errors made in computing the registration tax or fees and
 35.32 for the error on the part of an owner who may in error have registered a vehicle that was
 35.33 not before, nor at the time of registration, nor at any time thereafter during the preceding
 35.34 registration period, subject to registration tax in this state as provided by section 168.012.

36.1 (b) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, a claim for a refund of an overpayment
36.2 of registration tax must be filed within 3-1/2 years from the date of payment.

36.3 (c) The former registered owner of a transferred vehicle, by an assignment in writing
36.4 endorsed upon the registration certificate and delivered to the commissioner within the
36.5 time provided in this subdivision, shall assign, except for vehicles registered under
36.6 section 168.187, to the new owner the right to have the tax paid by the former registered
36.7 owner accredited to the new owner who duly registers the vehicle unless the registration
36.8 ~~stickers are~~ sticker is surrendered to the commissioner before the first day of the new
36.9 registration period.

36.10 (d) Any owner is entitled to a refund of the unused portion of the registration tax paid
36.11 on the owner's vehicle upon filing a claim, verified by the commissioner, if the vehicle is:

36.12 (1) declared by an insurance company to be permanently destroyed due to accident,
36.13 fire, or an Act of God as defined in section 115B.02; or

36.14 (2) sold to the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state.

36.15 (e) The refund must be equal to the sum of the remaining registration tax attributable
36.16 for the registration period after the month in which the ~~plates~~ plate and certificate of
36.17 registration or title were returned to the commissioner.

36.18 (f) There is hereby appropriated to the persons entitled to a refund, from the fund
36.19 or account in the state treasury to which the money was credited, an amount sufficient
36.20 to make the refund and payment.

36.21 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.27, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

36.22 Subd. 16. **Dealer ~~plates~~ plate: distinguishing number, fee, tax, use.** (a) The
36.23 registrar shall issue to every motor vehicle dealer, upon a request from the motor vehicle
36.24 dealer licensed as provided in subdivision 2 or 3, one or more plates displaying a general
36.25 distinguishing number. This subdivision does not apply to a scrap metal processor, a used
36.26 vehicle parts dealer, or a vehicle salvage pool. The fee for each of the first four plates is
36.27 \$75 per registration year, of which \$60 must be paid to the registrar and the remaining \$15
36.28 is payable as sales tax on motor vehicles under section 297B.035. For each additional
36.29 plate, the dealer shall pay the registrar a fee of \$25 and a sales tax on motor vehicles of
36.30 \$15 per registration year. The registrar shall deposit the tax in the state treasury to be
36.31 credited as provided in section 297B.09. Motor vehicles, new or used, owned by the motor
36.32 vehicle dealership and bearing the number plate, except vehicles leased to the user who is
36.33 not an employee of the dealer during the term of the lease, held for hire, or customarily
36.34 used by the dealer as a tow truck, service truck, or parts vehicle, may be driven upon the
36.35 streets and highways of this state:

37.1 (1) by the motor vehicle dealer or dealer's spouse, or any full-time employee of the
37.2 motor vehicle dealer for either private or business purposes;

37.3 (2) by a part-time employee when the use is directly related to a particular business
37.4 transaction of the dealer;

37.5 (3) for demonstration purposes by any prospective buyer for a period of 48 hours or
37.6 in the case of a truck, truck-tractor, or semitrailer, for a period of seven days; or

37.7 (4) in a promotional event that lasts no longer than four days in which at least three
37.8 motor vehicles are involved.

37.9 (b) A new or used motor vehicle sold by the motor vehicle dealer and bearing the
37.10 motor vehicle dealer's number plate may be driven upon the public streets and highways
37.11 for a period of 72 hours by the buyer for either of the following purposes: (1) removing the
37.12 vehicle from this state for registration in another state, or (2) permitting the buyer to use
37.13 the motor vehicle before the buyer receives a number ~~plates~~ plate pursuant to registration.
37.14 Use of a motor vehicle by the buyer under clause (2) before the buyer receives a number
37.15 ~~plates~~ plate pursuant to registration constitutes a use of the public streets or highways for
37.16 the purpose of the time requirements for registration of motor vehicles.

37.17 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.27, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

37.18 Subd. 28. **Distribution of plates and stickers.** The commissioner may distribute
37.19 registration plates and stickers to be held and issued by new and used motor vehicle
37.20 dealers. A dealer may issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate and ~~stickers~~ sticker only in
37.21 conjunction with and at the time of the sale of a vehicle by the dealer. A dealer permitted
37.22 to hold and issue registration plates and stickers must be equipped with electronic
37.23 transmission technology and trained in its use. Before receiving registration plates
37.24 and stickers under this subdivision, a dealer must adopt and implement security and
37.25 record-keeping requirements satisfactory to the commissioner. The commissioner may
37.26 revoke the authority granted under this subdivision for any violation of law or rule
37.27 governing the issuance of registration plates and stickers, any violation of the dealer's
37.28 security and record-keeping plan, or any other action that in the commissioner's opinion
37.29 adversely affects the registration system. The dealer is financially responsible for the cost
37.30 and tax value of any unaccounted inventory.

37.31 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.29, is amended to read:

37.32 **168.29 REPLACEMENT PLATES.**

37.33 (a) In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of any number ~~plates~~ plate or
37.34 validation ~~stickers~~ sticker, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of

38.1 the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances of the defacement, loss, destruction or
 38.2 theft of the number ~~plates~~ plate or validation ~~stickers~~ sticker, together with any defaced
 38.3 ~~plates~~ plate or ~~stickers~~ sticker and the payment of a fee calculated to cover the cost of
 38.4 replacement, shall issue a new ~~set of plates~~ plate or ~~stickers~~ sticker.

38.5 (b) The registrar shall then note on the registrar's records the issue of the new
 38.6 number ~~plates~~ plate and shall proceed in such manner as the registrar may deem advisable
 38.7 to cancel and call in the original ~~plates~~ plate so as to insure against ~~their~~ its use on another
 38.8 motor vehicle.

38.9 (c) Duplicate registration certificates plainly marked as duplicates may be issued in
 38.10 like cases upon the payment of a \$1 fee. Fees collected under this section must be paid
 38.11 into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

38.12 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.301, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

38.13 Subd. 4. **Reinstatement fee.** When the commissioner has suspended the license
 38.14 ~~plates~~ plate on a vehicle because the transferee has failed to file the title certificate within
 38.15 30 days, the transferee shall pay a \$10 fee before the registration is reinstated.

38.16 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

38.17 Subd. 4. **Installments.** If the tax for a vehicle assessed under section 168.013,
 38.18 subdivision 1c, 1d, 1e, or 1g, amounts to more than \$400, the owner may pay the tax by
 38.19 installments. The owner shall tender with the application for registration one-third of the
 38.20 annual tax due or \$400, whichever is greater, plus any penalties or arrears, plus a fee
 38.21 of \$10. Instead of this fee, the applicant may furnish a bond, bank letter of credit, or
 38.22 certificate of deposit approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, for the total of the tax
 38.23 still due. The amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit may include
 38.24 any penalties assessed. The bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit must be for
 38.25 the benefit of the state for monetary loss caused by failure of the vehicle owner to pay
 38.26 delinquent license fees and penalties. The remainder of the tax due must be paid in two
 38.27 equal installments; the due date of the first installment is the first day of the fifth month of
 38.28 the registration period for which the tax is assessed and the second installment is due on
 38.29 the first day of the ninth month of the registration period for which the tax is assessed.
 38.30 When the applicant elects to pay the administrative fee, the registrar shall issue to the
 38.31 applicant a validation ~~stickers~~ sticker indicating the expiration date of a registration.
 38.32 When the applicant elects to furnish a bond, bank letter, or letter of deposit, the registrar
 38.33 shall issue a regular validation ~~stickers~~ sticker for the registration year. If an owner of a
 38.34 vehicle fails to pay an installment on or before its due date, the vehicle must not be used

39.1 on the public streets or highways in this state until the installment or installments of the
 39.2 tax remaining due on the vehicle have been paid in full for the licensed year together with
 39.3 a penalty at the rate of \$1 per day for the remainder of the month in which the balance of
 39.4 the tax becomes due and \$4 a month for each succeeding month or fraction of a month
 39.5 during which the balance of the tax remains unpaid. Upon the payment of the balance of
 39.6 the tax and the penalties, the registrar shall issue a registration certificate to the owner of
 39.7 the vehicle in the manner provided by law. The registrar shall deny installment payment
 39.8 privileges provided in this subdivision in the subsequent year to any owner on any or all
 39.9 vehicles of the owner who during the current year fails to pay any installment due within
 39.10 one month after the due date.

39.11 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.31, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

39.12 Subd. 5. **Refund.** For the registration tax paid on any vehicle before the registration
 39.13 period for which that tax was assessed, the owner of the vehicle who paid the tax is
 39.14 entitled to full refund if the registration ~~stickers are~~ sticker is surrendered before the first
 39.15 day of the new registration period.

39.16 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.36, is amended to read:

39.17 **168.36 UNLAWFUL USE OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLES,**
 39.18 **REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, ~~PLATES~~ PLATE.**

39.19 Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor; use of vehicle or certificate.** Any person who shall
 39.20 use or cause any motor vehicle to be used or operated in violation of the provisions of
 39.21 this chapter or while a certificate of registration of a motor vehicle issued to the person is
 39.22 suspended or revoked, or who shall knowingly deliver a motor vehicle to another to be
 39.23 used or operated in violation of this chapter, or who shall violate any of the provisions
 39.24 thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

39.25 Subd. 2. **Misdemeanor; use of ~~plates~~ plate or certificate.** Any person who shall
 39.26 loan or use any number plate or registration certificate upon or in connection with any
 39.27 motor vehicle except the one for which the same was duly issued, or upon any such motor
 39.28 vehicle after such certificate or ~~plates~~ plate, or the right to use the same, have expired, or
 39.29 any person who shall retain in possession or shall fail to surrender, as herein provided, any
 39.30 such number plate or registration certificate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person
 39.31 who manufactures, buys, sells, uses or displays motor vehicle license number plates,
 39.32 motor vehicle registration certificates, or tax receipts issued by this state or any other state,
 39.33 territory or district in the United States, without proper authority from such state, territory
 39.34 or district of the United States, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

40.1 Subd. 3. **Misdemeanor; use of altered ~~plates~~ plate or certificate.** Any person who
 40.2 shall deface or alter any registration certificate or number plate or retain the same in
 40.3 possession after it has been defaced or altered shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

40.4 Subd. 4. **Officer may seize registration ~~plates~~ plate.** If a peace officer stops a
 40.5 motor vehicle and determines, through a check of the motor vehicle registration record
 40.6 system, that the vehicle is being operated while the certificate of registration for the
 40.7 vehicle is revoked, the officer may immediately seize the vehicle's registration ~~plates~~ plate
 40.8 and destroy the ~~plates~~ plate or return ~~them~~ it to the commissioner of public safety.

40.9 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.62, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

40.10 Subd. 3. **Special ~~plates~~ plate or certificate; fee; proceeds to highway user**
 40.11 **fund.** At the same time that an owner or operator of intercity buses registers them in
 40.12 Minnesota and obtains number plates therefor, the owner or operator shall apply for
 40.13 special identification plates or certificates for the remainder of that fleet of intercity buses.
 40.14 The registrar of motor vehicles shall design an appropriate plate or identification certificate
 40.15 for this purpose which shall be issued upon the payment of a fee of \$10 covering each
 40.16 intercity bus so identified. The proceeds of such fees shall be deposited to the credit of the
 40.17 highway user tax distribution fund. No intercity bus shall at any time be operated in the
 40.18 state of Minnesota without either a Minnesota number ~~plates~~ plate or special identification
 40.19 ~~plates~~ plate or ~~certificates~~ certificate issued as herein provided.

40.20 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.041, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

40.21 Subd. 5. **Towing prohibited.** Unless the vehicle is described in subdivision 4, a
 40.22 towing authority may not tow a motor vehicle because:

40.23 (1) the vehicle has an expired registration ~~tabs~~ plate that ~~have~~ has been expired for
 40.24 less than 90 days;

40.25 (2) the vehicle is at a parking meter on which the time has expired and the vehicle
 40.26 has fewer than five unpaid parking tickets.

40.27 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.345, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

40.28 Subd. 4. **Unauthorized use or noncompliance; cancellation; misdemeanor.**

40.29 (a) If a peace officer, authorized parking enforcement employee or agent of a statutory
 40.30 or home rule charter city or town, representative of the Minnesota State Council on
 40.31 Disability, or an authorized agent of a citizen enforcement program under section 169.346,
 40.32 subdivision 4, finds that a certificate, permit, or disability plate is being improperly used,
 40.33 or the applicant is no longer eligible, the officer, municipal employee, representative,

41.1 or agent shall report the violation or situation to the commissioner. The commissioner
 41.2 may cancel the certificate, permit, or disability ~~plates~~ plate issued under section 168.021
 41.3 on determining that:

- 41.4 (1) the certificate, permit, or ~~plates were~~ plate was used improperly;
 41.5 (2) the certificate, permit, or ~~plates were~~ plate was fraudulently obtained;
 41.6 (3) the certificate, permit, or ~~plates were~~ plate was issued in error;
 41.7 (4) the person who was issued the certificate, permit, or ~~plates~~ plate is deceased;
 41.8 (5) the person who was issued the certificate, permit, or ~~plates~~ plate no longer
 41.9 maintains a Minnesota address; or
 41.10 (6) the person or organization has failed to comply with the requirements of this
 41.11 section.

41.12 (b) A person who uses a certificate, permit, or disability ~~plates~~ plate in violation of
 41.13 this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of \$500.

41.14 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.79, is amended to read:

41.15 **169.79 VEHICLE REGISTRATION; DISPLAYING LICENSE ~~PLATES~~**
 41.16 **PLATE.**

41.17 Subdivision 1. **Registration required.** No person shall operate, drive, or park a
 41.18 motor vehicle on any highway unless the vehicle is registered in accordance with the
 41.19 laws of this state and has ~~the one~~ number ~~plates~~ plate or permit confirming that valid
 41.20 registration or operating authority has been obtained, except as provided in sections
 41.21 168.10 and 168.12, subdivision 2f, as assigned to it by the commissioner of public safety,
 41.22 conspicuously displayed ~~thereon~~ at the rear of the vehicle in a manner that the view of ~~any~~
 41.23 the plate or permit is not obstructed. A plate issued under section 168.27 or a permit issued
 41.24 under chapter 168 may be displayed on a vehicle in conjunction with expired registration
 41.25 whether or not it displays the license plate to which the last registration was issued.

41.26 Subd. 2. **Semitrailer.** If the vehicle is a semitrailer, the number plate displayed
 41.27 must be assigned to the registered owner and correlate to the documentation on file with
 41.28 the department.

41.29 Subd. 3. **Rear display of single plate.** If the vehicle is a motorcycle, motor scooter,
 41.30 motorized bicycle, motorcycle sidecar, trailer registered at greater than 3,000 pounds
 41.31 gross vehicle weight (GVW), semitrailer, or vehicle displaying a dealer plate, then one
 41.32 license plate must be displayed horizontally with the identifying numbers and letters
 41.33 facing outward from the vehicle and must be mounted in the upright position on the
 41.34 rear of the vehicle.

42.1 Subd. 3a. **Small trailer.** If the vehicle is a trailer with 3,000 pounds or less GVW
 42.2 with lifetime registration, the numbered plate or sticker must be adhered to the side of the
 42.3 trailer frame tongue near the hitch.

42.4 Subd. 4. **Collector's vehicle.** If the vehicle is (1) a collector's vehicle with a pioneer,
 42.5 classic car, collector, or street rod license; (2) a vehicle that meets the requirements
 42.6 of a pioneer, classic, or street rod vehicle except that the vehicle is used for general
 42.7 transportation purposes; or (3) a vehicle that is of model year 1972 or earlier, not registered
 42.8 under section 168.10, subdivision 1c, and is used for general transportation purposes, then
 42.9 one plate must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle, ~~or one plate on the front and one~~
 42.10 ~~on the rear, at the discretion of the owner.~~

42.11 Subd. 5. **Truck-tractor, road-tractor, or farm truck.** If the vehicle is a
 42.12 truck-tractor, road-tractor, or farm truck, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 8, but
 42.13 excluding from that definition semitrailers and trailers, then one plate must be displayed
 42.14 on the front of the vehicle.

42.15 Subd. 6. **Other motor vehicles.** If the motor vehicle is any kind of motor vehicle
 42.16 other than those provided for in ~~subdivisions 2 to~~ subdivision 3a, 4, or 5, one plate must be
 42.17 displayed on the ~~front and one on the~~ rear of the vehicle.

42.18 Subd. 7. **Plate fastened and visible.** All plates must be (1) securely fastened so as
 42.19 to prevent them from swinging, (2) displayed horizontally with the identifying numbers
 42.20 and letters facing outward from the vehicle, and (3) mounted in the upright position. The
 42.21 person driving the motor vehicle shall keep the plate legible and unobstructed and free
 42.22 from grease, dust, or other blurring material so that the lettering is plainly visible at all
 42.23 times. It is unlawful to cover any assigned letters and numbers or the name of the state
 42.24 of origin of a license plate with any material whatever, including any clear or colorless
 42.25 material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity.

42.26 Subd. 8. **Plate registration ~~stickers~~ sticker.** As viewed facing the plates:

42.27 (a) A license plates plate issued to ~~vehicles~~ a vehicle registered under section
 42.28 168.017 must display the month of expiration in the lower left corner of ~~each~~ the plate and
 42.29 the year of expiration in the lower right corner of ~~each~~ the plate.

42.30 (b) A license plates plate issued to ~~vehicles~~ vehicle registered under section 168.127
 42.31 must display either a fleet registration validation stickers sticker in the lower right corner
 42.32 of ~~each~~ the plate or a distinctive license plates plate, issued by the registrar, with "FLEET
 42.33 REG" displayed on the bottom center portion of ~~each~~ the plate.

42.34 (c) A license plates plate issued after July 1, 2008, requiring validation must display
 42.35 the month of expiration in the lower left corner of ~~each~~ the plate and the year of expiration
 42.36 in the lower right corner of the plate.

43.1 Subd. 9. **Tax-exempt vehicle marking.** ~~Vehicles~~ A vehicle displaying a tax-exempt
 43.2 ~~plates~~ plate issued under section 16B.581 or 168.012 must have vehicle markings that
 43.3 comply with section 168.012, subdivision 1.

43.4 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169A.37, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

43.5 Subdivision 1. **Crime described.** It is a crime for a person:

43.6 (1) to fail to comply with an impoundment order under section 169A.60

43.7 (administrative plate impoundment);

43.8 (2) to file a false statement under section 169A.60, subdivision 7, 8, or 14;

43.9 (3) to operate a self-propelled motor vehicle on a street or highway when the vehicle
 43.10 is subject to an impoundment order issued under section 169A.60, unless a specially
 43.11 coded ~~plates have~~ plate has been issued for the vehicle pursuant to section 169A.60,
 43.12 subdivision 13;

43.13 (4) to fail to notify the commissioner of the impoundment order when requesting
 43.14 a new ~~plates~~ plate;

43.15 (5) who is subject to a plate impoundment order under section 169A.60, to drive,
 43.16 operate, or be in control of any motor vehicle during the impoundment period, unless the
 43.17 vehicle has a specially coded ~~plates~~ plate issued pursuant to section 169A.60, subdivision
 43.18 13, and the person is validly licensed to drive; or

43.19 (6) who is the transferee of a motor vehicle and who has signed a sworn statement
 43.20 under section 169A.60, subdivision 14, to allow the previously registered owner to drive,
 43.21 operate, or be in control of the vehicle during the impoundment period.

43.22 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169A.55, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

43.23 Subd. 2. **Reinstatement of driving privileges; notice.** Upon expiration of a period
 43.24 of revocation under section 169A.52 (license revocation for test failure or refusal) or
 43.25 169A.54 (impaired driving convictions and adjudications; administrative penalties), the
 43.26 commissioner shall notify the person of the terms upon which driving privileges can be
 43.27 reinstated, and a new registration ~~plates~~ plate issued, which terms are: (1) successful
 43.28 completion of an examination and proof of compliance with any terms of alcohol treatment
 43.29 or counseling previously prescribed, if any; and (2) any other requirements imposed by
 43.30 the commissioner and applicable to that particular case. The commissioner shall notify
 43.31 the owner of a motor vehicle subject to an impoundment order under section 169A.60
 43.32 (administrative impoundment of plates) as a result of the violation of the procedures for
 43.33 obtaining a new registration ~~plates~~ plate, if the owner is not the violator. The commissioner
 43.34 shall also notify the person that if driving is resumed without reinstatement of driving

44.1 privileges or without a valid registration ~~plates~~ plate and registration certificate, the person
44.2 will be subject to criminal penalties.

44.3 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 221.031, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

44.4 Subd. 6. **Vehicle identification rule.** (a) The following carriers shall display the
44.5 carrier's name on the power unit of each vehicle:

44.6 (1) motor carriers, regardless of the weight of the vehicle, except that this
44.7 requirement does not apply to a limousine as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 15,
44.8 that is equipped with an "LM" license ~~plates~~ plate;

44.9 (2) interstate and intrastate private carriers operating vehicles with a gross vehicle
44.10 weight of more than 10,000 pounds; and

44.11 (3) vehicles providing transportation described in section 221.025 with a gross
44.12 vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds except those providing transportation
44.13 described in section 221.025, clauses (1), (3), and (4).

44.14 Vehicles described in clauses (2) and (3) that are operated by farmers or farm employees
44.15 and have four or fewer axles are not required to comply with the vehicle identification
44.16 rule of the commissioner.

44.17 (b) Vehicles subject to this subdivision must show the name or "doing business as"
44.18 name of the carrier operating the vehicle. If the carrier operates a leased vehicle, it may
44.19 show its name and the name of the lessor on the vehicle, if the lease relationship is clearly
44.20 shown. If the name of a person other than the operating carrier appears on the vehicle, the
44.21 words "operated by" must immediately precede the name of the carrier.

44.22 (c) The name must be in letters that contrast sharply in color with the background,
44.23 be readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet while the vehicle is
44.24 stationary, and be maintained in a manner that retains the legibility of the markings. The
44.25 name may be shown by use of a removable device if that device meets the identification
44.26 and legibility requirements of this subdivision.

44.27 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 297B.01, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

44.28 Subd. 15. **Purchaser.** "Purchaser" shall mean any person owning or in possession
44.29 of a motor vehicle who makes application to the motor vehicle registrar for a registration
44.30 ~~plates~~ plate for ~~such the~~ vehicle or for transfer of ownership of a vehicle previously
44.31 registered in this state.

44.32 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 325F.662, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

45.1 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms
45.2 have the meanings given to them.

45.3 (a) "Consumer" means the purchaser, other than for purposes of resale, of a used
45.4 motor vehicle used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

45.5 (b) "Dealer" means a motor vehicle dealer or lessor, as defined in section 168.27,
45.6 subdivisions 2, 3, and 4, whether licensed or unlicensed, or the dealer's or lessor's agent,
45.7 who is engaged in the business of selling or arranging the sale of used motor vehicles in
45.8 this state; except that, the term does not include a bank or financial institution, a business
45.9 selling a used motor vehicle to an employee of that business, a lessor selling, either
45.10 directly or indirectly, a leased used motor vehicle to that vehicle's lessee or a family
45.11 member or employee of the lessee, or a licensed auctioneer selling motor vehicles at an
45.12 auction if, in the ordinary course of the auctioneer's business, the sale of motor vehicles
45.13 is incidental to the sale of other real or personal property.

45.14 (c) "Motor vehicle" means a passenger automobile, as defined in section 168.002,
45.15 subdivision 24, including pickup trucks and vans.

45.16 (d) "Used motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle which has been driven more
45.17 than the limited use necessary in moving or road testing a new motor vehicle prior to
45.18 delivery to a consumer. The term does not include a new motor vehicle sold by a dealer
45.19 franchised to sell the vehicle if the vehicle was driven for demonstration purposes using
45.20 a dealer plates plate and if, when the vehicle was sold, it carried a manufacturer's express
45.21 warranty which provides coverage at least as broad with respect to covered components
45.22 and duration as that required by this section.

45.23 (e) "Express warranty" means a dealer's written statement, as defined in section
45.24 325G.17, subdivision 5, provided to a consumer in connection with the sale of a used
45.25 motor vehicle.

45.26 (f) "Buyer's Guide" means the window form required by the Federal Trade
45.27 Commission's "Used Motor Vehicle Trade Regulation Rule," Code of Federal Regulations,
45.28 title 16, section 455.2.

45.29 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609B.231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

45.30 Subd. 2. **Revocation.** (a) In addition to criminal penalties, a person driving
45.31 commercial vehicles with an excess of gross weight is subject under section 168.013,
45.32 subdivision 3, paragraph (d), under certain circumstances, to cancellation of the certificate
45.33 of registration and impoundment of the registration plates plate.

45.34 (b) A person operating a commercial motor vehicle who commits a specified first or
45.35 second driving offense, a defined serious traffic violation, a violation of an out-of-service

46.1 order, or a railroad grade crossing violation is disqualified under section 171.17 from
46.2 operating a commercial motor vehicle for varying periods depending upon the offense
46.3 committed as set forth in section 171.17, subdivision 1.

46.4 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609B.237, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

46.5 Subd. 2. **Driving after suspension, revocation, or cancellation.** A person
46.6 convicted of driving a self-propelled motor vehicle after suspension, revocation, or
46.7 cancellation of the person's driver's license shall have the registration ~~plates~~ plate
46.8 impounded under section 168.041, subdivision 1.

46.9 Sec. 71. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

46.10 For Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, the revisor of statutes shall change the
46.11 terms "plates" and "disability plates" as follows:

46.12 (a) "Plates" must be changed to "plate," "a plate," or "the plate," as applicable, where
46.13 found in Minnesota Statutes, sections 97B.055, subdivision 3; 168.013, subdivisions 3,
46.14 7; 168.014; 168.04, clause (1); 168.031; 168.041, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 9; 168.123,
46.15 subdivision 2; 168.1298, subdivision 4; 168.17; 168.183, subdivision 3; 168.187,
46.16 subdivision 26; 168.301, subdivisions 1, 2; 168A.11, subdivision 1; 168A.13, subdivision
46.17 3; 168D.15; 169.041, subdivision 4; 169.346, subdivision 3; 169.79; 169.798, subdivision
46.18 2; 169A.44, subdivision 2; 297B.05; 297B.06; 297B.07; and 360.59, subdivision 6.

46.19 (b) "Disability plates" must be changed to "disability plate," "a disability plate," or
46.20 "the disability plate," as applicable, where found in Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.052,
46.21 subdivision 3; 85.053, subdivision 7; 168.002, subdivision 18; 169.345, subdivisions 1,
46.22 2a, 3; 169.346, subdivision 2; and 325E.08.