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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4542

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; authorizing special license plates for firefighters who
1.3 are also emergency medical technicians; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,
1.4 section 168.12, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 2h. Firefighter emergency medical technician; special plates. (a) The
1.9 commissioner shall issue special firefighter emergency medical technician plates to an
1.10 applicant who:

1.11 (1) is certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
1.12 technician, or paramedic by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board under
1.13 section 144E.28 and has a letter from the board affirming the applicant is in good standing
1.14 and not subject to discipline;

1.15 (2) is a member of a fire department, as defined in section 299N.01, subdivision 2; has
1.16 a letter from the fire chief; and is an owner of a passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck,
1.17 or motorcycle;

1.18 (3) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under subdivision 5, for each
1.19 set of license plates applied for along with any other fees required by this chapter;

1.20 (4) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and

1.21 (5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and
1.22 licensing of drivers.

2.1 (b) The commissioner must design the special plate emblem so that it is distinguishable
2.2 from the emblems on firefighter special plates issued under subdivision 2b and volunteer
2.3 ambulance attendant special plates issued under subdivision 2e.

2.4 (c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that
2.5 the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of a fire department and a certified emergency
2.6 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic as specified in
2.7 this subdivision. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued is no longer
2.8 a member of a fire department or no longer a certified emergency medical technician,
2.9 advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic or when the motor vehicle ownership
2.10 is transferred, the owner shall remove the special plates from the motor vehicle. If the
2.11 commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these
2.12 special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this
2.13 action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the
2.14 qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation of the special plates or
2.15 special motorcycle plate, the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular
2.16 plates, a regular motorcycle plate, or special plates for the proper registration classification
2.17 for the motor vehicle.

2.18 (d) On payment of a transfer fee of \$5, plates issued under this subdivision may be
2.19 transferred to another passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, or motorcycle registered
2.20 to the individual to whom the special plates were issued.

2.21 (e) Fees collected under this subdivision must be credited to the driver and vehicle
2.22 services operating account under section 299A.705.

2.23 (f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act, sections
2.24 14.001 to 14.69, to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized in this
2.25 subdivision.