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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing Minnesota professional sports team
1.3 foundation special license plates; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 168.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[168.1259] MINNESOTA PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM**
1.7 **FOUNDATION PLATES.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "Minnesota professional sports
1.9 team" means one of the following teams while its home stadium is located in Minnesota:
1.10 Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Lynx, Minnesota Wild, Minnesota
1.11 Twins, or Minnesota United.

1.12 Subd. 2. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner must issue
1.13 Minnesota professional sports team foundation plates to an applicant who:

1.14 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup
1.15 truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

1.16 (2) pays an additional fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12,
1.17 subdivision 5;

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

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

1.20 (5) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the professional sports team foundations
1.21 account; and

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

2.3 (b) Minnesota professional sports team foundation plates may be personalized according
2.4 to section 168.12, subdivision 2a.

2.5 Subd. 3. **Design.** At the request of a Minnesota professional sports team's foundation,
2.6 the commissioner must, in consultation with the foundation, adopt a suitable plate design
2.7 incorporating the foundation's marks and colors. The commissioner may design a single
2.8 plate that incorporates the marks and colors of all foundations that have requested a plate.

2.9 Subd. 4. **Plate transfers.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer
2.10 fee of \$5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle
2.11 if the subsequent vehicle is:

2.12 (1) qualified under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1), to bear the special plates;
2.13 and

2.14 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

2.15 Subd. 5. **Contribution and fees credited.** Contributions collected under subdivision 2,
2.16 paragraph (a), clause (5), must be deposited in the Minnesota professional sports team
2.17 foundations account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account
2.18 is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual
2.19 cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to the
2.20 foundations in proportion to the total number of Minnesota professional sports team
2.21 foundation plates issued for that year. Proceeds from a plate that includes the marks and
2.22 colors of all foundations must be divided evenly between all foundations. The foundations
2.23 must only use the proceeds for philanthropic or charitable purposes.

2.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, for Minnesota
2.25 professional sports team foundation special plates issued on or after that date.