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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 transportation; establishing Panhellenic special plates; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

1.5 Section 1. 168.1261 PANHELLENIC PLATES.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Issuance of plates. The commissioner must issue Panhellenic special
1.7 plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

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

1.10 (2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision
1.11 5, along with any other fees required under this chapter;

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

1.13 (4) contributes a minimum of \$40 annually to the Panhellenic foundations account; and

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

1.16 Subd. 2. Organization eligibility. A fraternity or sorority is eligible to request a plate
1.17 design under this section if the fraternity or sorority:

1.18 (1) is a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and

1.19 (2) has an affiliated charitable foundation that is a nonprofit organization.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Design.** At the request of an eligible fraternity or sorority or its affiliated
2.2 charitable foundation, the commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design for that
2.3 organization. Each design must (1) incorporate an emblem for the requesting organization,
2.4 and (2) include an inscription that identifies the organization, an associated motto, or the
2.5 standard inscription used for license plates.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer
2.7 fee of \$5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle
2.8 if the subsequent vehicle is:

2.9 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

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

2.11 Subd. 5. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section
2.12 168.1293, subdivision 2.

2.13 Subd. 6. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under
2.14 subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Panhellenic foundations account, which
2.15 is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the
2.16 commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering
2.17 the account, and the remaining money is for distribution to affiliated charitable foundations
2.18 in the same proportions as the number of plates issued under each plate design relative to
2.19 the total number of Panhellenic special plates issued for that year. A charitable foundation
2.20 must use the distributed money solely for charitable purposes that further the organization's
2.21 mission and purpose.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.