

Subject Special license plates
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Overview

This bill modifies procedures to establish new special license plates, including to authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to create new plates following an application and review process, create accounts for plate donations and appropriate the donated funds, and require legislative reporting.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Certain special plates; authorization, discontinuance.</p> <p>Authorizes and creates a process for DPS to establish new special license plates. Provides for applications, plate standards, issuance, appropriation of plate donations, and plate discontinuance. Effective January 1, 2023.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines and revises terms for the section.</p> <p>Subd. 1a. Establishment of special plate; authority. Authorizes DPS to establish additional types of special plates (rather than limiting the authority to those that are established in state statute).</p> <p>Subd. 2. Establishment of special plate; application. Sets application requirements for an entity that requests a new special plate. Sets amounts to be determined for (1) a minimum threshold of interested vehicle owners (which is currently at least 10,000), and (2) an application fee (which is currently \$20,000).</p> <p>Subd. 2a. Information for legislature. Repeals a requirement that DPS report to the legislature on the plate application status when legislation is introduced to create a new special plate.</p> <p>Subd. 2b. Establishment of special plate; standards. Directs DPS to create standards for plate approval, including prohibitions on plate proposals that are controversial, obscene, indecent, offensive to public morals or decency, or perform direct commercial advertising.</p> |
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Subd. 2c. Establishment of special plate; contribution structure. Sets limits on donations that can be required to obtain the proposed plate, including an annual \$50 maximum contribution.

Subd. 3. Establishment of special plate; design; redesign. Makes conforming and clarifying changes.

Subd. 4. Refund of fee. Eliminates a provision on application fee refunds that is made obsolete by other changes in this section.

Subd. 4a. Plates issuance. Sets general requirements for motor vehicle owners who apply for a special plate that DPS has approved and established, including to identify the types of permitted vehicles and authorize plate personalization.

Subd. 4b. Plates transfer. Sets a \$5 fee and requirements to transfer plates to another qualifying vehicle.

Subd. 5. Discontinuance of plate. Revises the minimum number of plate issuances, with an amount to be filled in, when a special plate must be discontinued. Makes technical and clarifying changes. (Note: the discontinuance provision only applies to some special plates, including veterans service groups plates, special collegiate plates, plates established in law after August 1, 2010, and plates approved and established by DPS under this section.)

Subd. 6. Use of contributions. Makes a conforming change.

Subd. 7. Deposit of fee; accounts; appropriation. Provides for separate accounts to hold donations for each type of special plate approved and established by DPS (if donations are setup for that plate). Appropriates the donated funds for administrative costs and the purposes arranged for each special plate. Eliminates a statutory appropriation that is made obsolete by other changes in this section.

Subd. 8. Legislative report. Requires an annual legislative report on special plates, plate applications, and plate finances. Makes the reporting expire in 2031.

2 Repealer.

Repeals exceptions from plate application requirements that are in authorizing statutes for various current special plates. Effective January 1, 2023.



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