# House Research

## -Act Summary-

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#### Overview

This act creates a law enforcement memorial special license plate. As part of first obtaining the plate, the vehicle owner must donate \$25 to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association, with at least \$5 required in subsequent years. The plate goes into effect January 1, 2018.

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- 1 [168.1294] Law enforcement memorial plates. Creates a new section of statutes for a law enforcement memorial special license plate. Application and issuance of the plate would begin January 1, 2018.
  - **Subd. 1. Issuance of plates.** Sets requirements to obtain the special plate, including ownership of an eligible passenger-type vehicle or motorcycle, payment of a \$10 fee as well as other applicable fees and taxes, and a \$25 donation (along with \$5 annually in subsequent years) to the Minnesota law enforcement memorial account.
    - **Subd. 2. Design.** Directs the Department of Public Safety to design the plate.
  - **Subd. 3. Plates transfer.** Sets requirements and a \$5 fee for transferring the plate to another vehicle.
  - **Subd. 4. Exemption.** Exempts the plates from application requirements governing new special license plate proposals, including a survey, marketing strategy, and application fee.
  - **Subd. 5. Fees.** Clarifies that fees are allocated to the vehicle services operating account.
  - **Subd. 6. Contributions; memorial account; appropriation.** Creates a new Minnesota law enforcement memorial account, directs plate-related donations to the account, and appropriates the funds to the Department of Public Safety for

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administrative costs and distribution to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association.