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Overview

This bill would authorize a special veterans *motorcycle* license plate for veterans of the Gulf War (beginning August 1, 1990). Currently, special veterans motorcycle license plates are authorized only for Vietnam War Veterans.

The bill also exempts the new plate from the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, § 168.1293, which requires that the proponents of any new license plate submit a usage survey showing that at least 10,000 such plates will be issued, along with a marketing plan, while also posting a \$20,000 bond with the State (partly refundable if the plate is *not* approved by the legislature).

The veteran would continue to be required to pay a one-time fee of \$10 per motorcycle for a set of special veterans license plates, and must also continue to pay the usual motorcycle vehicle registration tax each year.

Note: This would be a stamped plate, similar to the Vietnam Veterans motorcycle plate since, according to a DPS spokesperson, there is insufficient room on the small motorcycle plates for a sticker.

Note: Section 168.1293 was enacted by the legislature in the 1st Special Session 2003. No new license plate has been issued since its enactment, with or without an exemption.

