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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill establishes a new special plate for anatomical gifts, and creates administrative and reporting requirements for the Department of Public Safety concerning special plates.

Section

- 1** **Record keeping.** Requires the Department of Public Safety to maintain records on all special license plate issuances.
- 2** **Legislative report.** Mandates a legislative report on special license plates that provides information on plate issuances, donations collected, and use of donated funds. The first report would be due November 15, 2014, and annually thereafter.
- 3** **[168.1299] Special anatomical gift plates.** Creates a special license plate for anatomical gifts.

Subd. 1. Issuance. Sets requirements to obtain the special plate, including payment of applicable fees and taxes, ownership of an eligible vehicle, and payment of a onetime donation of at least \$30.

Subd. 2. Design. Sets requirements for plate appearance, including logo and inscription on the plate.

Subd. 3. No refund. Prevents a refund of the required donation.

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Subd. 4. Plates transfer. Sets requirements for transfer of the plate to another vehicle.

Subd. 5. Exemption. Exempts the special plate from requirements concerning an application fee, survey, and market study required for new plate proposals.

Subd. 6. Contribution funds; allocation. Deposits donated funds into an anatomical gift account and appropriates the first dollars from donations to the Department of Public Safety to go towards plate start-up costs.

This account was newly created in 2011 legislation. It is currently funded from contributions made at the time of vehicle registration and driver licensing. Funds are used for grants to federally certified organ procurement organizations and nonprofits dedicated to organ and tissue donation advocacy, as well as for administrative costs.

The section has an effective date, of January 1, 2014, which has the effect of providing time for the department to establish the plate.

4 Anatomical gift account. Makes a conforming change.