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This bill makes “drive-away/in-transit” license plates valid outside of Minnesota and available to a business that is located within Minnesota. Under current law, the plates are only permitted for use within this state. The change would go into effect August 1, 2015.

Drive-away/in-transit plates are temporarily placed on a vehicle or trailer when it is being towed or driven by a company whose business is to provide transport services (allowing for movements such as manufacturer to dealer, or dealer to dealer). Unlike most license plates, drive-away/in-transit plates do not reflect that vehicle's state of registration, and are re-used by a company for subsequent vehicle or trailer transportation.

A 2013 legislative change had clarified that the plate is only for use in towing or operating the vehicle within Minnesota. Laws 2013, ch. 127, sec. 15.