

A bill for an act  
relating to motor vehicles; creating a special Gold Star license plate for family  
members of military personnel who have died in active military service;  
exempting plate fee for a surviving spouse or parent of the deceased service  
member; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[168.1253] GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings  
given them in this subdivision.

(b) "Active military service" has the meaning given in section 190.05, subdivision 5.

(c) "Eligible person" means the surviving spouse and any surviving biological or  
adoptive child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of a person who has died while serving  
honorably in active military service.

(d) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle for personal use, not used for commercial  
purposes, and may include a passenger automobile, motorcycle, recreational vehicle, or  
truck resembling a pickup truck and having a manufacturer's nominal rated capacity  
of one ton.

Subd. 2. **Issuance; eligibility.** The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing  
the inscription "GOLD STAR" to an applicant who is an owner or joint owner of a motor  
vehicle, who is certified in writing by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or  
the state commissioner of veterans affairs as being an eligible person, and who complies  
with all laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers.

Subd. 3. **Plate fee; exemption.** A plate fee may not be charged to a certified eligible  
person who is the surviving spouse or parent of the service member.

2.1            Subd. 4. **Design.** The special license plates issued under this section must be of a  
2.2 design and size determined by the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner  
2.3 of veterans affairs. The commissioner may design the plates in accordance with section  
2.4 168.1291, subdivision 2.

2.5            Subd. 5. **Application.** Application for issuance of these plates may be made at  
2.6 any time.

2.7            Subd. 6. **Transfer.** On payment of a fee of \$5 and notification to the commissioner,  
2.8 special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another personal motor  
2.9 vehicle owned or jointly owned by the eligible person.

2.10           **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.