

CHAPTER 395—S.F.No. 1752

An act relating to highways; designating the Laura Ingalls Wilder historic highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 161.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 29. LAURA INGALLS WILDER HISTORIC HIGHWAY. Marked trunk highway No. 14, from its intersection with marked trunk highway No. 169 in or near the city of Mankato to its terminus at the Minnesota-South Dakota border, is designated the "Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect appropriate signs.

Presented to the governor April 5, 1994

Signed by the governor April 7, 1994, 11:22 a.m.

CHAPTER 396—S.F.No. 1968

An act relating to veterans; extending eligibility for special veterans' license plates to allied veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 168.123, subdivisions 1 and 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 168.123, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; FEES.** The registrar shall issue special license plates to an applicant who served in the active military service in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or of a nation or society allied with the United States in conducting a foreign war, was discharged under honorable conditions, and is an owner or joint owner of a motor vehicle included within the definition of a passenger automobile or which is self-propelled recreational equipment, on payment of a fee of \$10 for each set of two plates, payment of the registration tax required by law, and compliance with other laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers. The additional fee of \$10 is payable for each set of plates, is payable only when the plates are issued, and is not payable in a year in which tabs or stickers are issued instead of number plates. An applicant must not be issued more than two sets of plates for vehicles owned or jointly owned by the applicant.

The veteran shall have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers, indicating character of discharge, at the time of application. If an applicant

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served in the active military service in a branch of the armed forces of a nation or society allied with the United States in conducting a foreign war and is unable to obtain a record of that service and discharge status, the commissioner of veterans affairs may certify the applicant as qualified for the veterans' license plates provided under this section.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 168.123, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DESIGN.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design the special plates, subject to the approval of the registrar, that satisfy the following requirements:

(a) For a Vietnam veteran who served after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978, the special plates must bear the inscription "VIETNAM VET" and the letters "V" and "V" with the first letter directly above the second letter and both letters just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number.

(b) For a veteran stationed on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, or offshore, during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the special plates must bear the inscription "PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR" and the letters "P" and "H" with the first letter directly above the second letter and both letters just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number.

(c) For a veteran who served during World War I or World War II, the special plates must bear the inscription "WORLD WAR VET" and:

(1) for a World War I veteran, the characters "W" and "I" with the first character directly above the second character and both characters just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number; or

(2) for a World War II veteran, the characters "W" and "II" with the first character directly above the second character and both characters just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number.

(d) For a veteran who served during the Korean Conflict, the special plates must bear the inscription "KOREAN VET" and the letters "K" and "V" with the first letter directly above the second letter and both letters just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number.

(e) For a combat wounded veteran who is a recipient of the purple heart medal, the special plates must bear the inscription "COMBAT WOUNDED VET" and inscribed with a facsimile of the official purple heart medal and the letters "c" over "w" with the first letter directly over the second letter just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number.

(f) For a Persian Gulf war veteran, the special plates must bear the inscription "GULF WAR VET" and the letters "G" and "W" with the first letter directly above the second letter and both letters just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number. For the purposes of this section, "Persian

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Gulf war veteran” means a person who served on active duty after August 1, 1990, in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or United Nations during Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, or other military operation in the Persian Gulf area combat zone as designated in United States Presidential Executive Order No. 12744, dated January 21, 1991.

(g) For a veteran who served in the Laos War after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978, the special plates must bear the inscription “LAOS WAR VET” and the letters “L” and “V” with the first letter directly above the second letter and both letters just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number.

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CHAPTER 397—S.F.No. 1983

An act relating to economic development; clarifying applications and criteria for Minnesota companies to participate in the international business partnership program; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 116J.974.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 116J.974, is amended to read:

116J.974 INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

The commissioner shall establish an international partnership program to promote joint ventures in research and development, commercialization, and export opportunities between Minnesota companies, foreign companies, and foreign governments. The purpose of the partnership program is to encourage Minnesota business development, joint venture access to foreign markets, and the export of state products, and to create employment opportunities in Minnesota. Activities of the partnership program may include the following:

- (1) develop and maintain a data base of international partnership programs that finance, assist, or otherwise promote joint projects or ventures with companies in the United States;
- (2) collect and disseminate information on international joint venture programs to Minnesota companies and entrepreneurs;
- (3) provide technical assistance to Minnesota companies in preparing proposals or other applications for international programs that support joint projects or ventures;

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