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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1378

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; establishing Minnesota missing and murdered Indigenous
1.3 relatives special license plates; appropriating money; proposing coding for new
1.4 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

1.6 Section 1. [168.1287] MINNESOTA MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS
1.7 RELATIVES SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Issuance of plates. The commissioner must issue Minnesota missing
1.9 and murdered Indigenous relatives special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an
1.10 applicant who:

1.11 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup
1.12 truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

1.13 (2) pays an additional fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12,
1.14 subdivision 5;

1.15 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

1.16 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

1.17 (5) contributes a minimum of \$25 annually to the Minnesota missing and murdered
1.18 Indigenous relatives account; and

1.19 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and
1.20 licensing of drivers.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Design.** In consultation with the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous
2.2 Relatives, the commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes a red handprint
2.3 to one side, a partial ribbon skirt toward the bottom corner, and reads "Missing and Murdered
2.4 Indigenous Relatives" or "MMIR."

2.5 Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer
2.6 fee of \$5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle
2.7 if the subsequent vehicle is:

2.8 (1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

2.9 (2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

2.10 Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section
2.11 168.1293, subdivision 2.

2.12 Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under
2.13 subdivision 1, clause (5), must be deposited in the Minnesota missing and murdered
2.14 Indigenous relatives account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in
2.15 the account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for distribution to the Office
2.16 of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives for investigation of unsolved cases and to
2.17 establish a reward fund for information relating to missing and murdered Indigenous relatives.
2.18 The commissioner must not use money in the account for the cost of administering the
2.19 account funds.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, for Minnesota missing
2.21 and murdered Indigenous relatives special plates issued on or after that date.