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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **167**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; permitting issuance of disability license plates to
1.3 spouses of eligible individuals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section
1.4 168.021, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Disability plates; application.** (a) When a motor vehicle registered
1.8 under section 168.017, a motorcycle as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 19, a
1.9 one-ton pickup truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 21b, or a self-propelled
1.10 recreational vehicle as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 27, is owned or primarily
1.11 operated by a permanently physically disabled person or a custodial parent or guardian of
1.12 a permanently physically disabled minor, the owner may apply for and secure from the
1.13 commissioner (1) immediately, a temporary permit valid for 30 days if the applicant is
1.14 eligible for the disability plates issued under this section and (2) two disability plates with
1.15 attached emblems, one plate to be attached to the front, and one to the rear of the motor
1.16 vehicle, truck, or recreational vehicle, or, in the case of a motorcycle, one disability plate
1.17 the same size as a regular motorcycle plate.

1.18 (b) The commissioner may issue an additional disability plate, in the case of a
1.19 motorcycle, or plates, in the case of a motor vehicle, truck, or recreational vehicle, to
1.20 the spouse of an individual eligible for disability plates under paragraph (a). Except as
1.21 specified in this paragraph, the commissioner shall not issue ~~more than one plate~~ any
1.22 additional plates to the owner of a motorcycle and ~~not more than one set~~ or additional sets
1.23 of plates to any owner of another vehicle described in paragraph (a) at the same time

2.1 unless the state Council on Disability approves the issuance of ~~a second plate~~ additional
2.2 plates or set sets of plates to an owner.

2.3 (c) When the owner first applies for the disability plate or plates, the owner must
2.4 submit a medical statement in a format approved by the commissioner under section
2.5 169.345, or proof of physical disability provided for in that section.

2.6 (d) No medical statement or proof of disability is required when an owner applies for
2.7 a plate or plates for one or more vehicles listed in paragraph (a) that are specially modified
2.8 for and used exclusively by permanently physically disabled persons.

2.9 (e) The owner of a vehicle listed in paragraph (a) may apply for and secure (i)
2.10 immediately, a permit valid for 30 days, if the applicant is eligible to receive the disability
2.11 plate or plates issued under this section, and (ii) a disability plate or plates for the vehicle if:

2.12 (1) the owner employs a permanently physically disabled person who would qualify
2.13 for the disability plate or plates under this section; and

2.14 (2) the owner furnishes the motor vehicle to the physically disabled person for the
2.15 exclusive use of that person in the course of employment.