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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would create a new veterans license plate to designate an eligible veteran's military service branch, where the five options are:

- U.S. ARMY VET;
- U.S. MARINE VET;
- U.S. NAVY VET;
- U.S. AIR FORCE VET; and
- U.S. COAST GUARD VET.

To be eligible for the new license plate, an applicant must:

- be a veteran, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.447;
- have served in the active military service in the corresponding branch of the United States Armed Forces;
- have been honorably discharged from the military; and
- meet the eligibility requirements for the specific plate design requested.

The applicant must pay a \$10 fee per set of veterans plates, and must also be in compliance with (i.e., not exempted from) other applicable laws relating to vehicle registration and licensing.

The new plates are authorized for passenger automobiles, recreational motor vehicles, one-ton pickups (non-commercial), and motorcycles that are registered or co-registered to the eligible veteran.

Veterans plates may be kept lifetime, or may be replaced or changed at any time, subject to authorized administrative fees.

1 **General requirements; fees.** Language cleanup.

2 **Design and plate eligibility.** Creates a new veterans license plate to recognize the person's branch of service in the United States Armed Forces.

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