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Overview

This bill makes a couple of changes related to motorcycles, to (1) establish a “start seeing motorcycles” special license plate that includes a required annual minimum \$10 donation to a motorcycle safety fund; and (2) modify revenue allocation from a motorcycle endorsement on driver’s licenses, which increases funding to the motorcycle safety fund.

Money in the motorcycle safety fund is statutorily appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for motorcycle safety education activities such as training safety instructors, public information, and some motorcycle safety education course reimbursements.

Section

1 [168.1294] “**Start seeing motorcycles” plates.** Creates a new section of statutes establishing a “start seeing motorcycles” special plate. The new plate would go into effect January 1, 2018.

Subd. 1. Issuance of plates. Sets requirements to obtain the special plate, including ownership of an eligible vehicle, payment of a \$10 fee as well as other applicable fees and taxes, and payment of an annual \$10 donation to the motorcycle safety fund.

Subd. 2. Design. Directs American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education of Minnesota to design the plates, subject to approval by the Department of Public Safety.

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Subd. 3. Plates transfer. Sets requirements and a \$5 fee for transfer of the plate to another vehicle.

Subd. 4. Exemption. Exempts the plates from application requirements governing new special license plate proposals, including a survey, marketing strategy, and application fee.

Subd. 5. Fees. Directs the \$10 plate fee and transfer fee to the vehicle services operating account.

Subd. 6. No refund. Prevents a refund of the required donation.

2 Two-wheeled vehicle endorsement fee. Eliminates some of the general fund allocation of fee revenue from two-wheeled vehicle endorsements on driver's licenses, which has the effect of increasing funds going to the motorcycle safety fund.