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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 132

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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 transportation; establishing certain exemptions from taxes and fees on
1.3 motor vehicles for volunteer firefighters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
1.4 section 168.012, subdivision 13.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.012, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 13. **Vehicles registered by certain veterans owners.** (a) For purposes of this
1.8 subdivision, "eligible owner" means any of the following:

1.9 (1) a veteran with a total service-connected disability, as defined in section 171.01,
1.10 subdivision 51; and

1.11 (2) an active member of a volunteer fire department who provides documentation from
1.12 the chief of the fire department.

1.13 (b) A passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle
1.14 registered by a veteran with a total service-connected disability, as defined in section 171.01,
1.15 subdivision 51, an eligible owner is not subject to:

1.16 (1) registration taxes under this chapter;

1.17 (2) administrative fees imposed under subdivision 1c;

1.18 (3) filing fees and surcharges imposed under section 168.33, subdivision 7; or

1.19 (4) plate and validation sticker fees imposed under this chapter, including but not limited
1.20 to:

1.21 (i) fees under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

2.1 (ii) fees identified in any section authorizing special plates; and

2.2 (iii) transfer fees.

2.3 ~~(b)~~ (c) The exemptions under this subdivision apply to a motor vehicle that is jointly  
2.4 registered by ~~a qualifying veteran~~ an eligible owner and a spouse or domestic partner.

2.5 ~~(e)~~ (d) The fees identified under paragraph ~~(a)~~ (b), clause (4), do not include:

2.6 (1) a fee for personalized plates under section 168.12, subdivision 2a; or

2.7 (2) a required contribution or donation for a special plate, including but not limited to  
2.8 a contribution under sections 168.1255, subdivision 1, clause (6); 168.1258, subdivision 1,  
2.9 clause (4); 168.1259, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (5); 168.1287, subdivision 1,  
2.10 clause (5); 168.129, subdivision 1, clause (5); 168.1295, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause  
2.11 (5); 168.1296, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5); and 168.1299, subdivision 1, clause  
2.12 (3).

2.13 ~~(d) A qualifying veteran~~ (e) An eligible owner may register no more than two motor  
2.14 vehicles at the same time with the exemptions under this subdivision. Nothing in this  
2.15 paragraph prevents registration of additional motor vehicles as otherwise provided in this  
2.16 chapter.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
2.18 applies to taxes payable for a registration period starting on or after January 1, 2026.