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State of Minnesota HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **478**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring conservation officer vehicles to be
1.3 marked; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.98, subdivision 1;
1.4 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 168.012, subdivision 1a.
1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.98, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Colors and markings.** (a) Except as provided in subdivisions 2 and
1.8 2a, all motor vehicles which are primarily used in the enforcement of highway traffic rules
1.9 by the State Patrol or for general uniform patrol assignment by any municipal police
1.10 department or other law enforcement agency, except conservation officers, shall have
1.11 uniform colors and markings as provided in this subdivision. Motor vehicles of:

1.12 (1) municipal police departments, including the University of Minnesota Police
1.13 Department and park police units, shall be predominantly blue, brown, green, black,
1.14 or white;

1.15 (2) the State Patrol shall be predominantly maroon; and

1.16 (3) the county sheriff's office shall be predominantly brown, black, gold, or white.

1.17 (b) The identity of the governmental unit operating ~~the~~ a motor vehicle that is
1.18 primarily used in the enforcement of highway traffic rules by the State Patrol or for general
1.19 uniform patrol assignment by any municipal police department or other law enforcement
1.20 agency, including conservation officers, shall be displayed on both front door panels or,
1.21 for vehicles without doors, both sides of the vehicle, and on the rear of the vehicle. The
1.22 identity may be in the form of a shield or emblem, or may be the word "police," "sheriff,"
1.23 or the words "State Patrol" or "conservation officer," as appropriate, with letters not less
1.24 than 2-1/2 inches high, one-inch wide and of a three-eighths inch brush stroke. The

2.1 identity shall be of a color contrasting with the background color so that the motor vehicle
2.2 is easily identifiable as belonging to a specific type of law enforcement agency. Each
2.3 vehicle shall be marked with its own identifying number on the rear of the vehicle. The
2.4 number shall be printed in the same size and color required pursuant to this subdivision
2.5 for identifying words which may be displayed on the vehicle.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2016.

2.7 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.8 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 168.012, subdivision 1a, is repealed.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2016.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 15-2071

168.012 VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM TAX OR LICENSE FEES.

Subd. 1a. **Special markings on conservation officer vehicle.** Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or any other law to the contrary, motor vehicles of the conservation officer service need not be specially marked in any way.