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H. F. No. 2858

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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 transportation; amending regulation of limousines; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 65B.135; 168.002, subdivision 15; 168.128,
1.4 subdivisions 2, 3; 221.84, subdivisions 1, 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 65B.135, is amended to read:

1.7 **65B.135 LIMOUSINE INSURANCE.**

1.8 An insurer who provides insurance for limousines, defined in section 168.002,
1.9 subdivision 15, shall provide insurance in a minimum aggregate amount of ~~\$300,000~~
1.10 \$1,500,000 per accident for each limousine covered.

1.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014, and applies to coverage
1.12 issued or renewed on or after that date.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.002, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 15. **Limousine.** "Limousine" means a luxury passenger automobile that is
1.15 ~~not a van or station wagon and~~ has a seating capacity of not more than ~~12~~ 15 persons,
1.16 ~~excluding~~ including the driver.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014.

1.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.128, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 2. **Plates.** (a) A person who operates a limousine for other than personal use
1.20 shall register the motor vehicle as provided in this section. ~~(b)~~ A person who operates a
1.21 limousine for personal use may apply for limousine plates.

(b) The commissioner shall issue limousine plates to the registered owner of a limousine who:

(1) certifies that an insurance policy under section 65B.135, ~~in an aggregate amount of \$300,000 per accident~~ the minimum aggregate amount required under that section, is in effect for the entire period of the registration;

(2) provides the commissioner with proof that the passenger automobile license registration tax and a \$10 fee have been paid for each limousine receiving limousine plates; and

(3) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(c) The limousine plates must be designed to specifically identify the vehicle as a limousine and must be clearly marked with the letters "LM." Limousine plates may not be transferred upon sale of the limousine, but may be transferred to another limousine owned by the same person upon notifying the commissioner and paying a \$5 transfer fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2014.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168.128, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Insurance.** (a) The application must include a certificate of insurance verifying that a valid commercial insurance policy is in effect and giving the name of the insurance company and the number of the insurance policy. The policy must provide stated limits of liability, exclusive of interest and costs, with respect to each motor vehicle for which coverage is granted, of not less than ~~\$100,000~~ \$1,500,000 because of bodily injury to one person in any one accident and, subject to that limit for one person, of not less than ~~\$300,000 because of injury to two or more persons in any one accident~~ the minimum aggregate amount required under section 65B.135 and of not less than \$100,000 because of injury to or destruction of property.

(b) The insurance company must notify the commissioner if the policy is canceled or if the policy no longer provides the coverage required by this subdivision.

~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner shall immediately notify the commissioner of transportation if the policy of a person required to have a permit under section 221.84 is canceled or no longer provides the coverage required by this subdivision.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2014.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 221.84, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Limousine service" means a service that:

- 3.1 (1) is not provided on a regular route;
- 3.2 (2) is provided in a luxury passenger automobile that is ~~not a van or station wagon~~
- 3.3 ~~and~~ has a seating capacity of not more than ~~12~~ 15 persons, ~~excluding~~ including the driver;
- 3.4 (3) provides only prearranged pickup and chauffeured transportation; and
- 3.5 (4) charges more than a taxicab fare for a comparable trip.

3.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014.

3.7 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 221.84, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

3.8 Subd. 4. **Permit; decal; fees.** (a) The commissioner shall design a distinctive decal

3.9 to be issued to permit holders under this section. Each decal is valid for one year from

3.10 the date of issuance. No person may operate a limousine that provides limousine service

3.11 unless the limousine has such a decal conspicuously displayed.

3.12 (b) The fee for each decal is \$80. The fee for each permit issued under this section

3.13 is ~~\$150~~ \$1,500. The commissioner shall deposit all fees under this section in the trunk

3.14 highway fund.

3.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment,

3.16 and applies to permit fees payable for a registration period starting on or after July 1, 2014.