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**CHAPTER 19—S.F.No.1949**

*An act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the issuance of special license plates to physically handicapped persons; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 168.021, Subdivisions 1 and 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 168.021, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**168.021 MOTOR VEHICLES; LICENSE PLATES FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS.** Subdivision 1. **SPECIAL PLATES; APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE.** Where a motor vehicle registered pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.017 is owned or primarily operated by a physically handicapped person, the owner may apply for and secure from the registrar of motor vehicles two license number plates with attached emblems, one plate to be attached to the front, and one to the rear of the vehicle. Application for issuance of these plates shall be made ~~on or before March 1, 1976~~ upon renewal for registration year 1977 and subsequent years, or where the person acquires the vehicle ~~after such date on or after March 1, 1976~~, when he first applies for its registration.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 168.021, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

**Subd. 2. DESIGN OF PLATES; FURNISHING BY REGISTRAR.** The registrar of motor vehicles shall design and furnish two license number plates with attached emblems to each such owner. The emblem shall bear the internationally accepted wheelchair symbol, as designated in Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 299G.12, ~~surrounded by a border~~ approximately three inches square. The emblem shall be of such size as to be visible plainly from a distance of 50 feet. Applicants eligible for these special plates shall pay the motor vehicle registration fee authorized by law less a credit of ~~\$10~~ \$1 ~~for each month registered.~~

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act takes effect on the day following its final enactment.

Approved March 1, 1976.

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