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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2053

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; restricting driveway in-transit license to Minnesota
1.3 applicants; allowing plate to be used outside Minnesota; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 168.053, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 168.053, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Application; fee; penalty.** Any person, firm, or corporation with
1.8 a business located in Minnesota engaged in the business of transporting motor vehicles
1.9 owned by another, by delivering, by drive-away or towing methods, either singly or by
1.10 means of the full mount method, the saddle mount method, the tow bar method, or any other
1.11 combination thereof, and under their own power, vehicles over the highways of the state
1.12 from the manufacturer or any other point of origin, to any point of destination, within or
1.13 without the state, shall make application to the registrar for a drive-away in-transit license.
1.14 This application for annual license shall be accompanied by a registration fee of \$250 and
1.15 contain information the registrar may require. Upon the filing of the application and the
1.16 payment of the fee, the registrar shall issue to each drive-away operator a drive-away
1.17 in-transit license plate, which must be carried and displayed on the power unit consistent
1.18 with section 169.79 and the plate shall remain on the vehicle while being ~~operated within~~
1.19 ~~Minnesota~~ transported. The license plate issued under this subdivision is not valid for the
1.20 purpose of permanent vehicle registration ~~and is not valid outside Minnesota~~. Additional
1.21 drive-away in-transit license plates desired by any drive-away operator may be secured
1.22 from the registrar of motor vehicles upon the payment of a fee of \$5 for each set of
1.23 additional license plates. Any person, firm, or corporation engaging in the business as a
1.24 drive-away operator, of transporting and delivering by means of full mount method, the

2.1 saddle mount method, the tow bar method, or any combination thereof, and under their
2.2 own power, motor vehicles, who fails or refuses to file or cause to be filed an application,
2.3 as is required by law, and to pay the fees therefor as the law requires, shall be found guilty
2.4 of violating the provisions of sections 168.053 to 168.057; and, upon conviction, fined
2.5 not less than \$50, and not more than \$100, and all costs of court. Each day so operating
2.6 without securing the license and plates as required shall constitute a separate offense.