

interests of the community, whether for monetary consideration or otherwise, any hospital supplies or equipment for use in such hospital, and may reimburse such association for any expenditures made for such hospital supplies or equipment, or pay and discharge any indebtedness of such association therefor, out of the general or permanent improvement fund of the city, or out of any special hospital fund which may be created, or out of moneys of the city realized from levies made pursuant to Laws 1953, Chapter 216. Such city, by a three-fourths vote of the members of the council, may reimburse such hospital association for losses or deficits incurred in the operation of said hospital.

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CHAPTER 59—S. F. No. 245

An act relating to the taxation and registration of motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.10, Subdivision 1.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.10, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

168.10 Listing for taxation, registration. Subdivision 1. **Application.** (1) Except as provided in clause (2) of this subdivision, every owner of any motor vehicle in this state, not exempted by section 168.012 or section 168.26, shall as soon as he shall become the owner thereof and thereafter during the period October 1 to December 31 each year, both dates inclusive, file with the registrar on a blank provided by him, a listing for taxation and application for the registration of such vehicle, stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, make of motor vehicle, year and number of the model, manufacturer's identification number and serial number, type of body, the weight of the vehicle in pounds, for trailers only, its rated load carrying capacity and for buses only, its seating capacity, and such other information as the registrar may require. The owner shall make an oath or affirmation before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations that the statements made are correct and true; and any false statement wilfully and knowingly made in regard thereto shall be deemed perjury and punished accordingly. Such listing for taxation and application for registration need not be sworn to when the applicant is listing the same vehicle for taxation and regis-

tration for the second or any succeeding time, unless he elects to pay registration tax thereon for a different gross weight or carrying capacity than for the previous registration. The listing and application for registration by dealers or manufacturers' agents within the state, of motor vehicles received for sale or use within the state shall be accepted as compliance with the requirements of this chapter, imposed upon the manufacturer.

Registration shall be refused a motor vehicle if the original identification or serial number has been destroyed, removed, altered, covered or defaced. However, if the registrar is satisfied on the sworn statements of the owner or such other persons as he may deem advisable that the applicant is the legal owner, a special identification number in a form prescribed by the registrar shall be assigned such motor vehicle. When it has been determined that the number has been affixed to such vehicle in a manner prescribed by the registrar, the vehicle may thereafter be registered in the same manner as other motor vehicles. In the case of a new or rebuilt motor vehicle manufactured or assembled without an identification or serial number, the registrar may assign an identification number to such motor vehicle in the same manner as prescribed heretofore.

(2) Any motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1926 and owned and operated solely as a collector's item shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: an affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number and serial number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the registrar is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$6 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates so issued shall bear the inscription "Pioneer", "Minnesota" and the registration number but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke said plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of \$1

fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

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CHAPTER 60—H. F. No. 293

[Not Coded]

An act relating to police pensions in cities of the first class having not less than 250,000 nor more than 450,000 inhabitants; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 423.011, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 59, Section 1; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 423.021, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 59, Section 2, and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 423.023, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 59, Section 3.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Definitions.** Subdivision 1. For the purpose of this act the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. The term "member" shall mean any person regularly employed in the police department of any such city. It shall also include any person who was a member of the Police Relief Association in any such city under the provisions of any previous police pension plan. If, in any city affected by the provisions of this act, there has been in existence prior to January 1, 1953, a park police force organized under the provisions of the charter of such city, and the governing body of such city by resolution or ordinance provides for the merger of such park police force with the regular police department, and provides for the transfer of former park police to the regular police force, any member of such former park police force, who had been a member of the Public Employees Retirement Association, may apply for and shall be granted membership in the police relief association organized under the provisions of this law and shall be given credit for his time of service in such park police force in the same manner as if such service had been in the regular police force, provided, however, that such an applicant, to secure such service credit shall pay into the police relief association the sum of money that he would have contributed from his salary had his service been entirely