

CHAPTER 153—H. F. No. 635

An act relating to motor vehicle drive-away in transit licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Chapter 168.053.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 168.053, is amended to read:

168.053 Drive-away in transit license. *Subdivision 1.* Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of transporting motor vehicles, not his own, by delivering, by drive-away or towing methods, either singly or by means of the full mount method, the saddle mount method, the tow-bar method, or any other combination thereof, and under their own power, new vehicles over the highways of the state from the manufacturer or any other point of origin, to any point of destination, within or without the state, shall make application to the registrar for a drive-away in transit license. This application for annual license shall be accompanied by a registration fee of \$250 and contain such information as the registrar may require. Upon the filing of the application and the payment of the fee, the registrar shall issue to each drive-away operator a general distinguishing number, which number must be carried and displayed by each motor vehicle in like manner as is now provided by law for vehicles while being operated upon public highways and such number shall remain on the vehicle from the manufacturer, or any point of origin, to any point of destination within or beyond the state. Additional plates bearing the same distinguishing number desired by any drive-away operator may be secured from the registrar of motor vehicles upon the payment of a fee of \$2.00 for each set of additional license plates. Any person, firm, or corporation engaging in the business as a drive-away operator, of transporting and delivering by means of full mount method, the saddle mount method, the tow-bar method, or any combination thereof, and under their own power, new motor vehicles, who fails or refuses to file or cause to be filed an application, as is required by law, and to pay the fees therefor as the law requires, shall be found guilty of violating the provisions of sections 168.053 to 168.057; and, upon conviction; fined not less than \$50, and not more than \$100, and all costs of court. Each day so operating without securing the license and plates as required therein shall constitute a separate offense within the meaning thereof.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of subdivision 1 inconsistent herewith the provisions of sections 168.053 to 168.057 shall also apply to the delivery of new house trailers

and semi-trailers by towing methods whether or not the power unit is a part of the combination being delivered.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1959.

Approved April 3, 1959.

CHAPTER 154—H. F. No. 754

An act relating to the gross weight registration tax upon certain motor vehicles and the reduction of the registered gross weight thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 168.013, Subdivision 13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 168.013, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Reduction of registered gross weight.** Whenever a motor vehicle registered in the gross weight class is sold during the calendar year for which the tax has been paid, the registrar may upon application of the seller reduce the registered gross weight of such motor vehicle to a lower gross weight provided such application is also accompanied by an application of the buyer to register or transfer the registration of such motor vehicle. The seller making such application shall be entitled to a *refund* of the difference in tax between the higher and lower gross weights. However, the gross weight on such a vehicle shall not be reduced to a weight less than the unloaded weight of such vehicle. The *refund* given to the seller applying for reduced gross weight provided herein shall be computed pro rata by the month $1/12$ of the annual tax paid for each month remaining in the year beginning with the month following the month such application for reduced gross weight was made less the tax due for the lower gross weight computed pro rata by the month $1/12$ of the annual tax due for each month remaining in the year beginning with the month following the month such application for reduced gross weight was made. The buyer of a vehicle for which the seller has applied to reduce the gross weight shall immediately apply to register or transfer the vehicle to his name on the basis of his selected gross weight and shall pay such additional tax as may be due thereon for the remainder of the year prorated by the month $1/12$ of the annual tax due for each month remaining in the calendar year beginning with the month following the month of such application with credit given for tax previously paid by the seller on the basis of the lower gross weight to