

## CHAPTER 314—H. F. No. 940

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*An act relating to the pay schedule for the town assessor of the Town of White, St. Louis County.*

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

**Section 1. White, town of, compensation of assessor.** The town of White, St. Louis county, may, at the next meeting of the town board, fix the compensation of the town assessor in a sum not to exceed \$150 per month for services rendered.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority vote of the town board of the town of White, St. Louis county.

Approved April 17, 1959.

## CHAPTER 315—H. F. No. 1033

*An act relating to registration and taxation of motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 168.10, Subdivision 1.*

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

**Section 1.** Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 168.10, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**168.10 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 annually thereafter during the period November 15 to March 1 following, 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 registration 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 1930 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 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 a \$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.

Approved April 17, 1959.

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CHAPTER 316—H. F. No. 1148

*An act relating to port authorities and seaway port authorities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 458.09.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 458.09, is amended to read:

**458.09 Port authority commissions; application to seaway port authorities.** *Subdivision 1.* A commission to be known as "Port Authority of ....." is hereby established in and for every city of the state which has, or shall have over 50,000 inhabitants and which is or shall be situated upon, or adjacent to, or which embraces or shall embrace within its boundaries, in whole or in part a port or harbor located on a navigable lake or stream. Sections 458.09 to 458.19 are expressly declared to be applicable to all such cities, whether now or hereafter existing under a charter framed and adopted under the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article 4, Section 36, or not. Those port authorities now or hereafter having jurisdiction over harbors located on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway system shall be known and are referred to in Sections 458.09 to 458.19 as seaway port authorities. Any such port authority shall be a body politic and corporate in the State of Minnesota with the right to sue and be sued in the names above designated. Any such port authority shall also be considered a governmental subdivision within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01. The exercise by any such authority or commission of any of its powers shall be deemed and held to be essential governmental functions of the State of Minnesota, but any such authority shall not be immune from liability by reason thereof.

*Subd. 2.* Any port authority, created and existing pursuant to this section, the membership of which has been ap-