

CHAPTER 149—H. F. No. 346

An act relating to motor vehicle licensing; changing the length of the periods of issuance for certain number plates; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 168.12, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 168.12, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

168.12 Motor vehicles; license plates. Subdivision 1. **Number plates; visibility, periods of issuance.** ~~(a)~~ The registrar, upon such approval and payment, issues to the applicant the number plates required by law, bearing an abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned. The number assigned may be a combination of a letter or sign with figures. The color of the plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned shall be in marked contrast. The plates shall be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably indicate the classification of the vehicle according to the regulations of the registrar. These number plates shall be so treated as to be at least 100 times brighter than the conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, these number plates, when viewed from a distance of not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet. *At the end of the registration periods in effect immediately before the effective date of this act, and for subsequent registration periods, the registrar shall furnish issue these number plates for a two year period commencing January 1, 1956; subsequently on January 1 for such period as he determines: the following periods:*

(1) Number plates issued under Minnesota Statutes 1961, Sections 168.012, Subdivision 9, 168.053, 168.27, and 168.62, Subdivision 2, shall be issued for a one year period;

(2) Number plates issued for passenger automobiles shall be issued for a three year period; and

(3) Number plates issued for any vehicle other than those specified in (1) and (2) above shall be issued for a two year period.

In any year during which these number plates are not ~~furnished~~ issued the registrar shall ~~furnish~~ issue for each annual registration a reflectorized year plate, tab, or sticker to designate the year of registration. This plate, tab, or sticker shall show the calendar year for which issued, and is valid only for that year. Unless the motor vehicle for which a number plate, number, tab, or sticker is issued,

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is permanently lost, is destroyed, or is removed from the state, no number plate, number, tab, or sticker may be transferred to another motor vehicle during the calendar year in which issued.

The provisions of clause (a) for the calendar years 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965 shall only apply to license plates issued for trucks, tractors, truck tractors, trailers and semitrailers, buses and interstate buses. For the calendar year 1966 the provisions of clause (b) shall apply to such vehicles in addition to other vehicles.

(b) The registrar, upon such approval and payment, issues to the applicant the number plates required by law, bearing an abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned. The number assigned may be a combination of a letter or sign with figures. The color of the plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned shall be in marked contrast. The plates shall be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably indicate the classification of the vehicle according to the regulations of the registrar. These number plates shall be so treated as to be at least 100 times brighter than the conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, these number plates, when viewed from a vehicle equipped with standard headlights, shall be visible for a distance of not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet. The registrar shall furnish these number plates for a three year period commencing January 1, 1962. During the succeeding two years which these number plates are not furnished, the registrar shall furnish for each annual registration a reflectorized year plate, tab, or sticker to designate the year of registration. This plate, tab, or sticker shall show the calendar year for which issued, and is valid only for that year, and shall be affixed by applicant to the number plate. Unless the motor vehicle for which a number plate, number, tab, or sticker is issued, is permanently lost, is destroyed, or is removed from the state, no number plate, number, tab, or sticker may be transferred to another motor vehicle during the calendar year in which issued.

The provisions of clause (b) for the calendar years 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965 shall apply to license plates issued for all motor vehicles except those covered by clause (a). For the calendar year 1966 and thereafter this clause shall apply to all motor vehicles.

Approved April 1, 1965.

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