procedure as he deems appropriate or necessary. Within 23 days of receipt of such written objection by an insured the commissioner shall approve or disapprove the insurer's action and shall notify the insured and insurer of his final decision. Either party may institute proceedings for judicial review of the commissioner's decision; provided, however, that the commissioner's final decision shall be binding pending judicial review.

Sec. 9. This act shall be effective on January 1, 1968. Approved May 16, 1967.

CHAPTER 464-H. F. No. 489

An act authorizing the registrar of motor vehicles to determine the size and form of motor vehicle number plates; designating the number of plates to be displayed; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 168.37, Subdivision 1, and 169.79.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 168.37, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Motor vehicles; number plates; size, form. Those number plates shall be substantially of the following size and form. A plate or placard of metal, enamel, or other suitable material, approximately five and five-eighths inches wide and approximately 12 inches long, the length to vary with the number of digits in the number. On the body of such the number plate there shall be the year of registration, the word "Minnesota" which may be abbreviated as "Minn." where space limitations preclude the use of the complete state name and the distinctive registration number assigned to the vehicle; in figures approximately three inches high, each stroke of which shall be of such width as will be most eonducive to legibility. A letter or letters similar in size to the figures may be used as a part of the registration number at the beginning thereof to indicate class of registration. Below the registration number shall be the year of registration number and the word "Minnesota" in characters three-fourths of an inch high. Motorcycles shall be assigned plates of substantially the same design, but three inches wide and seven inches long, with such proportionate reduction in size of letter and numerals may be necessary. Dealers' number plates shall be of substantially the same size and design as passenger vehicle and truck plates. The registrar shall determine the dimensions

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and other physical qualities of the number plates, or year tabs, or stickers used during years when number plates are not issued.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 169.79, is amended to read:
- 169.79 Vehicle registration. No person shall operate, drive or park a motor vehicle on any highway unless such vehicle shall have been registered in accordance with the laws of this state and shall have the number plates for the current year only, as assigned to it by the registrar of motor vehicles, conspicuously displayed thereon in such manner that the view thereof shall not be obstructed. If the vehicle be a motorcycle, motor scooter, motorized bicycle, motorcycle sidecar, trailer, or semitrailer, one such plate shall be displayed on the rear thereof; if it be any other kind of motor vehicle, one such plate shall be displayed on the front and one on the rear thereof; securely fastened so as to prevent the same from swinging. It shall be the duty of the person driving the motor vehicle to keep the plate legible and unobstructed and free from grease, dust, or other blurring material so that the lettering thereon shall be plainly visible at all times.

Approved May 16, 1967.

CHAPTER 465-H. F. No. 927

An act relating to the probate code; summary proceedings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 525.51.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 525.51, is amended to read:
- 525.51 **Probate; summary proceedings.** Subdivision 1. In a special administration, general administration, or in the administration of the estate of a person dying testate, if the court has determined that the decedent had no estate, or that the property has been destroyed, abandoned, lost, or rendered valueless, and that no recovery has been had nor can be had therefor, or if there be no property except such as has been recovered for death by wrongful act, or such as is exempt from all debts and charges in the probate court, or such as may be appropriated for the payment of the allowances to the spouse and children mentioned in section 525.15, expenses of administration, funeral expenses, expenses of last illness,

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