

MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971; Section 203.16, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **ELECTIONS; INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNTY AUDITORS.** On or before ~~January~~ July 1 of every even-numbered year the secretary of state shall furnish to the county ~~auditor~~ auditors sufficient copies of the Minnesota election law. The secretary of state also may prepare and transmit to the county auditors guides for election officers in pamphlet form, for the conduct of their duties as prescribed by law.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon the day following final enactment.

Approved March 13, 1974.

CHAPTER 121—H.F.No.3003
[Coded in Part]

An act relating to motor vehicles; registration and taxation; monthly series system of registration; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Sections 168.017, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; and 168.37, Subdivision 3; and Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.09, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 168.017, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

168.017 MOTOR VEHICLES; MONTHLY SERIES SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION FOR PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES. Subdivision 1. All ~~new~~ passenger automobiles ~~sold after July 1~~, ambulances, hearses, and station wagons, beginning April 1, 1975, shall be registered by the registrar according to the monthly series system of registration prescribed by this section.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 168.017, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. There are established 12 registration periods, each to be designated by a calendar month and to start on the first day of such month and end on the last day of the twelfth month from the date of commencing. The registrar shall administer the monthly series system of registration to distribute the work of registering ~~automobiles~~ vehicles described in subdivision 1 as uniformly as practicable through the calendar year.

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 168.017, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. All ~~automobile-vehicles~~ subject to registration under the monthly series system shall be registered by the registrar for a period of 12 consecutive calendar months, except as follows:

(a) If the application is an original rather than renewal application ~~or~~ ; or ,

(b) ~~if~~ The application is the next registration occurring after a dealer or distributor has registered a motor vehicle prior to its assessment or taxation as personal property pursuant to section 168.28 ; or ,

(c) The application is a renewal application for the registration year of 1975.

In such instance the registrar may register the ~~automobile-vehicle~~ which is the subject of the application for ~~the a period or part thereof that of not less than three nor more than 15 calendar months, when~~ the registrar determines that such registration will help to equalize the registration and renewal work load of the department.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 168.017, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the applicant for registration of a ~~passenger automobile-vehicle~~ under the monthly series system shall pay in full the calendar year registration fee prescribed by law during the 12 consecutive calendar months of registration under the monthly series system. If the registrar registers the ~~automobile-vehicle~~ for a part of period greater or less than a calendar year under an original application pursuant to subdivision 3 , the calendar year registration fee shall be apportioned as follows: During the first period the fee is one twelfth of the first calendar year fee times the number of months in the period. During the first 12 consecutive months of registration under the monthly series system, the fee is the sum of the following: (a) one twelfth of the first calendar year fee times the months remaining after subtracting the months in the first period of issuance from 12 months, and (b) one twelfth of the second calendar year fee times the number of months in the first period of issuance. The registration fee shall be computed in the ~~same~~ manner for ~~second and subsequent periods of 12 consecutive months of registration~~ under the monthly series system, subject to changes provided by law for registration fees under the calendar year system. If the registrar registers the ~~automobile-vehicle~~ for a part of a year ~~under an application which is the next registration occurring after a dealer or distributor has registered a motor vehicle prior to its assessment or taxation as personal property pursuant to section 168.28 pursuant to subdivision 3~~ , the calendar year registration fee shall be apportioned as above in the case of an original registration for part of a year except

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that the computation shall begin with the second calendar year fee.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 168.37, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. The registrar may rearrange the words and figures on plates issued for ~~passenger automobiles-vehicles~~ under the monthly series system of registration to provide space on the plates for tabs or stickers which he shall issue to indicate the period of registration.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. A vehicle registered under the monthly series system of registration shall display the plates and insignia issued within ten days of the first day of the month which commences the registration period.

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CHAPTER 122—H.F.No.3038

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; weight limitations; weight increases authorized for haulers of raw and unfinished forest products in certain zones during certain periods of the year; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 169.83, Subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 169.83, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.83 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; FOREST PRODUCTS; WEIGHT LIMITATIONS. Subdivision 1. PNEUMATIC-TIRED VEHICLES. No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires shall be operated upon the highways of this state:

1. Where the gross weight on any wheel exceeds 9,000 pounds;
2. Where the gross weight on any single axle exceeds 18,000 pounds;
3. This limitation shall be increased by 20 percent from January 1 through March 7 each winter for haulers of raw and unfinished forest products in the following specified zone of the state, where frost conditions are most constant and of longest durations: The zone is bounded as follows: Beginning at Pigeon River, in the northeast corner of Minnesota; thence, in a southwesterly direction along the north shore of

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