

[145.425] PUBLIC HEALTH; PAY TOILETS IN PUBLIC PLACES PROHIBITED. Pay toilets and urinals in public places, public conveyances or public buildings are prohibited unless at least one half of the available toilets in the same area or rest room are free and maintained at the same standards of sanitation and upkeep. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. This act is effective July 1, 1975.

Approved June 2, 1975.

CHAPTER 216—H.F.No.209

An act relating to adoptions; annulment of decree after discovery of defect; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 259.30.

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

Section 1. **ADOPTION; ANNULMENT OF DECREE.** Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 259.30, is repealed.

Approved June 2, 1975.

CHAPTER 217—H.F.No.231

An act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the issuance of special license plates to physically handicapped persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.021.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.021, is amended to read:

168.021 MOTOR VEHICLES; LICENSE PLATES FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS. Subdivision 1. **SPECIAL PLATES; APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE.** Where a motor vehicle is owned or primarily operated by a physically handicapped person, the owner may apply for and secure from the registrar of motor vehicles two license number plates with attached emblems, one plate to be attached to the front, and one to the rear license number plate of the vehicle. Application for issuance of these emblems-plates shall be made on or before July 1, 1963—March 1, 1976, or where the person acquires the vehicle after such date, when he first applies for its registration.

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Subd. 2. DESIGN OF PLATES; FURNISHING BY REGISTRAR.

The registrar of motor vehicles shall design and furnish two license number plates with attached emblems to each such physically handicapped person-owner. The emblem shall bear an appropriate letter or word designation indicating that the person who operates the vehicle is physically handicapped—the internationally accepted wheelchair symbol, as designated in Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 299G.12, surrounded by a border approximately three inches square. The emblem shall be of such size as to be visible plainly from a distance of 50 feet. The registrar shall charge a fee of 50 cents for each emblem he furnishes—Applicants eligible for these special plates shall pay the motor vehicle registration fee authorized by law less a credit of \$10.

Subd. 3. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PLATE. A person who appropriates or uses an emblem—the plate provided in this section upon a motor vehicle other than as authorized by this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. This subdivision does not preclude a person who is not physically handicapped from operating a vehicle upon which these emblems—plates are displayed where he is the owner of the vehicle and permits its operation by a physically handicapped person, or where he operates the vehicle with the consent of the owner who is physically handicapped.

Subd. 4. All fees collected from the sale of emblems plates under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the highway user tax distribution fund.

Subd. 5. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this section, a “physically handicapped person” is hereby defined as a person who has suffered the loss of one or both lower extremities or has suffered the loss or use thereof sustained an amputation or suffered the permanent loss of use of one leg or both legs. “Loss of use” shall mean a functional disability of 50 percent or more of one or both lower extremities.

Subd. 6. DRIVERS LICENSE LAW NOT AFFECTED. Nothing in this section shall be construed to revoke, limit, or amend any of the terms of the drivers license law.

Subd. 7. ADDITIONAL PLATES. Additional plates bearing the emblem, but with different letter or number combinations may be issued to a qualified applicant upon payment of the regularly required registration fee.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect March 1, 1976.

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