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**168.021 LICENSE PLATES FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS.**  
Subdivision 1. **SPECIAL PLATES; APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE.** Where a motor vehicle registered pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.017 with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or less 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 of the vehicle. Application for issuance of these plates shall be made upon renewal for registration year 1977 and subsequent years, or where the person acquires the vehicle on or after March 1, 1976, when he first applies for its registration.

Approved May 20, 1977.

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**CHAPTER 206—S.F.No.964**

*An act relating to labor relations; providing for the exclusion of certain positions and classes of positions in the classified and unclassified civil service of the executive branch from bargaining units; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.74, Subdivision 4.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.74, Subdivision 4, is amended to read: •

Subd. 4. **LABOR RELATIONS; CERTAIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES; BARGAINING UNITS.** The commissioner of personnel shall meet and negotiate with the exclusive representative of appropriate units in the manner prescribed by sections 179.61 to 179.77; provided, however, that the director of mediation services shall define appropriate units of state employees as all the employees under the same appointing authority except where professional, geographical or other considerations affecting employment relations clearly require appropriate units of some other composition. The positions and classes of positions in the classified and unclassified service services defined as managerial by the commissioner of personnel in accordance with the provisions of section 43.326 and so designated in the official state compensation schedules, all unclassified positions in the state university system and the community college system defined as managerial by their respective boards, all positions in the bureau of mediation services, employees who work in the personnel offices of an appointing authority in the executive branch and who have access to information subject to use by the appointing authority in meeting and negotiating or who actively participate in the meeting and negotiating on behalf of state employees, shall be excluded from any appropriate unit. Regardless of unit determination, the governor may upon the unanimous written request of exclusive representatives of units and appointing authorities direct that negotiations be conducted for one or more appointing authorities in a common proceeding.

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Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall be effective the day following its final enactment.

-Approved May 20, 1977.

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**CHAPTER 207—S.F.No.968**

*An act relating to probate; decrees of descent; changing the requirements for the notice of hearing on a petition for a decree of descent; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 525.312.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 525.312, is amended to read:

**525.312 PROBATE PROCEEDINGS; DECREE OF DESCENT.** Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall fix the time and place for the hearing thereof, notice of which shall be given pursuant to section 524.1-401. Notice of the hearing, in the form prescribed by court rule, shall also be given under direction of the clerk of court by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in the county where the hearing is to be held, the last publication of which is to be at least ten days before the time set for hearing. Upon proof of the petition and of the will if there be one, or upon proof of the petition and of an authenticated copy of a will duly proved and allowed outside of this state in accordance with the laws in force in the place where proved, if there be one, the court shall allow the same and enter its decree of descent assigning the real or personal property, or any interest therein, to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the will or such authenticated copy, if there be one, otherwise pursuant to the laws of intestate succession in force at the time of the decedent's death. The court may appoint two or more disinterested persons to appraise the property. No decree of descent shall be entered until the inheritance tax, if any, has been determined and paid.

Approved May 20, 1977.

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**CHAPTER 208—S.F.No.1051**

*An act relating to grand juries; providing for grand juries drawn from more than one county; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 628.41.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 628.41, is amended to read:

**628.41 GRAND JURIES; MEMBERS; QUORUM.** Subdivision 1. A grand jury is  
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