

(1) With respect to a relief association or account where the governing bylaws provide for a lump sum service pension to a retiring member, no retirement benefit may be paid to any former member or paid to any person on behalf of any former member subsequent to the former member terminating active service with the municipal fire department to which the relief association or account is directly associated or the independent nonprofit firefighting corporation of which the relief association is a subsidiary, whichever is applicable, and active membership in the relief association or account, and commencing receipt of a service pension as authorized pursuant to this section; and

(2) With respect to any relief association or account, no retirement benefit paid or payable to any member, to any former member or to any person on behalf of any member or former member may exceed in amount the total service pension calculated using the service pension amount specified in the governing bylaws and the years of service credited to the member or former member as of the date the member or former member became entitled to the retirement benefit or the date the member or former member died entitling a survivor to a retirement benefit on behalf of the member or former member, calculated without regard to whether the member or former member attained the minimum amount of service credit specified in the governing bylaws or not and without regard to the percentage amounts specified in subdivision 2; except that the bylaws of any relief association may provide for the payment of a benefit equivalent of not to exceed five times the yearly service pension amount specified in the bylaws on behalf of any member who dies before having performed five years of active service in the fire department with which the relief association is affiliated.

Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective July 1, 1982.

Approved March 18, 1982

CHAPTER 466 — S.F.No. 1231

An act relating to waters; exempting certain watercraft from requirements related to personal flotation devices; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 361.141, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 361.141, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **PERSONAL FLotation OR LIFESAVING DEVICES.** Watercraft using the waters of this state shall be equipped with the

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number and type of personal flotation or lifesaving devices prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall not require sailboards to be equipped with personal flotation or lifesaving devices. Nor shall the commissioner require persons on sailboards to wear those devices or have them readily available.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved March 18, 1982

CHAPTER 467 — S.F.No. 1398

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for certain motor vehicles owned and operated by members of certain fire departments; imposing an additional fee for firefighter license plates; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 168.12, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 168.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2b. FIREFIGHTERS; SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE. The registrar shall issue special license plates to any applicant who is both a member of a fire department receiving state aid under chapter 69 and an owner or joint owner of a passenger automobile, station wagon, van or pickup with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or less, upon payment of a fee of \$10 and upon payment of the registration tax required by law for the vehicle and compliance with other laws of this state relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers. In lieu of the identification required under subdivision 1, the special license plates shall be inscribed with a symbol of a Maltese Cross together with five numbers. No applicant shall receive more than two sets of plates for vehicles owned or jointly owned by the applicant.

Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner or joint owner of the vehicle is a member of a fire department as specified in this subdivision. When the person to whom the special plates were issued is no longer a member of a fire department or when the vehicle ownership is transferred, the special license plates shall be removed from the vehicle and returned to the registrar. Upon return of the special plates, the owner or purchaser of the vehicle is entitled to receive regular plates for the vehicle without cost for the remainder of the registration period for which the special plates were issued. Firefighter license plates issued pursuant to this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle upon payment of \$5,

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