

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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which fee shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

The commissioner of public safety may adopt rules under the administrative procedure act, sections 15.041 to 15.052, to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized in this subdivision. All fees from the sale of special license plates for firefighters shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

There is appropriated from the highway user tax distribution fund to the commissioner of public safety the sum of \$175,000 for fiscal year 1983 for the purpose of providing firefighter license plates.

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CHAPTER 468 — S.F.No. 1967

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; including a person in a wheelchair within the definition of pedestrian; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Sections 169.01, Subdivision 24, and by adding a subdivision; and 169.21, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 169.01, Subdivision 24, is amended to read:

Subd. 24. **PEDESTRIAN.** "Pedestrian" means any person afoot or in a wheelchair.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 169.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 24a. WHEELCHAIR. For the purposes of chapter 169 "wheelchair" is defined to include any manual or motorized wheelchair, scooter, tricycle, or similar device used by a handicapped person as a substitute for walking.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 169.21, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **WALK ON LEFT SIDE OF ROADWAY.** Pedestrians when walking or moving in a wheelchair along a roadway shall, when practicable, walk or move on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder giving way to oncoming traffic. Where sidewalks are provided and are accessible and usable it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk or move in a wheelchair along and upon an adjacent roadway.

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