

(4) any agency responsible for credentialing human services occupations.

Sec. 18. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$516,600 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the regulation of home care services, \$191,000 to be available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, and \$325,000 to be available until June 30, 1989.

Sec. 19. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 18 are effective the day following final enactment.

Approved June 2, 1987

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**CHAPTER 379—S.F.No. 862**

*An act relating to public safety; school buses; allowing tax-exempt license plates for vehicles owned by nonprofit charities and used for educational purposes; requiring training for school bus drivers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 168.012, subdivision 1; and 171.321, subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 168.012, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. (a) The following vehicles are exempt from the provisions of this chapter requiring payment of tax and registration fees, except as provided in subdivision 1c:

(1) vehicles owned and used solely in the transaction of official business by representatives of foreign powers, by the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision thereof; ~~or;~~

(2) vehicles owned and used exclusively by educational institutions and used solely in the transportation of pupils to and from such institutions; ~~or;~~

(3) vehicles owned by nonprofit charities and used exclusively to transport handicapped persons for educational purposes;

(4) vehicles owned and used by honorary consul or consul general of foreign governments ~~shall be exempt from the provision of this chapter requiring payment of tax or registration fees, except as provided in subdivision 1c.~~

(b) Vehicles owned by the federal government, municipal fire apparatus, police patrols and ambulances, the general appearance of which is unmistakable, shall not be required to register or display number plates.

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(c) Unmarked vehicles used in general police work, arson investigations, and passenger vehicles, station wagons, and buses owned or operated by the department of corrections shall be registered and shall display passenger vehicle classification license number plates which shall be furnished by the registrar at cost. Original and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates authorized for use in general police work and for use by the department of corrections must be accompanied by a certification signed by the appropriate chief of police if issued to a police vehicle, the appropriate sheriff if issued to a sheriff's vehicle, the commissioner of corrections if issued to a department of corrections vehicle, or the appropriate officer in charge if issued to a vehicle of any other law enforcement agency. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicle will be used exclusively for a purpose authorized by this section.

(d) All other motor vehicles shall be registered and display tax exempt number plates which shall be furnished by the registrar at cost, except as provided in subdivision 1c. All vehicles required to display tax exempt number plates shall have the name of the state department or public subdivision on the vehicle plainly printed on both sides thereof in letters not less than 2-1/2 inches high, one inch wide and of a three-eighths inch stroke; except that each state hospital and institution for the mentally ill and mentally retarded may have one vehicle without the required printing on the sides of the vehicle. Such printing shall be in a color giving a marked contrast with that of the part of the vehicle on which it is placed and shall be done with a good quality of paint that will endure throughout the term of the registration. The printing must be on a part of the vehicle itself and not on a removable plate or placard of any kind and shall be kept clean and visible at all times; except that a removable plate or placard may be utilized on vehicles leased or loaned to a political subdivision.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 171.321, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. (a) ~~The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of education, of public safety~~ shall prescribe rules governing the qualifications of individuals to drive school buses.

(b) The commissioner of public safety, in conjunction with the commissioner of education, shall adopt a training program for school bus drivers. Adoption of the program is not subject to chapter 14. The program must provide for initial classroom and behind-the-wheel training, and annual in-service training. The program must provide training in defensive driving, human relations, emergency and accident procedures, vehicle maintenance, traffic laws, and use of safety equipment. The program must provide that the training will be conducted by the contract operator for a school district, the school district, the commissioner of education, a licensed driver training school, or by another person or entity approved by both commissioners.

### Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.

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\$50,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to administer section 2, \$25,000 to be available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, and \$25,000 to be available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective July 1, 1987. Section 2 is effective the day following final enactment. Section 3 is effective August 1, 1987.

Approved June 2, 1987

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**CHAPTER 380—S.F.No. 1057**

*An act relating to public administration; providing for joint local government funding for certain library construction; regulating disposition of certain animals for research purposes; regulating and licensing the dealing of dogs and cats; requesting University of Minnesota to conduct certain studies; providing for fees; providing penalties; authorizing levies; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 275.50, subdivision 5; 347.31; 347.32; 347.33; 347.34; 347.35; 347.37; 347.38; 347.39; and 347.40; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 134 and 346.*

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

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**ARTICLE 1**

Section 1. **STUDY.**

The University of Minnesota is requested to study the feasibility of establishing a center for alternative methods to animal testing. The overall purpose of a center would be to encourage the development of alternative methods for toxicity testing and other experimentation on animals.

Sec. 2. **POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES.**

In its study, the university shall consider the following possible functions for the center:

(1) facilitating acquisition of federal funding for research in alternative methods;

(2) coordinating and facilitating development of private support for research on alternative methods at the university;

(3) servng as a liaison with the public and the press concerning animal research and alternative methods;

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