

Signed by the governor May 17, 1989, 6:34 p.m.

CHAPTER 178—H.F.No. 1338

An act relating to motor vehicles; restricting access to registration information concerning passenger automobile lessees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 168.345.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 168.345, is amended to read:

168.345 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS; INFORMATION.

Subdivision 1. TELEPHONE INFORMATION. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law,~~ Information concerning motor vehicle registrations shall not be furnished on the telephone to any person except the personnel of law enforcement agencies, and the personnel of federal, state and local governmental units.

Subd. 2. LESSEES; INFORMATION. ~~The registrar may not furnish information concerning registered owners of passenger automobiles who are lessees under a lease for a term of 180 days or more to any person except the personnel of law enforcement agencies and federal, state, and local governmental units, and, at the registrar's discretion, to persons who use the information to notify lessees of automobile recalls. The registrar may release information about lessees in the form of summary data, as defined in section 13.02, to persons who use the information in conducting statistical analysis and market research.~~

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CHAPTER 179—H.F.No. 578

An act relating to transportation; authorizing road authorities to mow or till rights-of-way of certain highways by ordinance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, sections 160.232; and 160.27, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 160.232, is amended to read:

160.232 MOWING DITCHES OUTSIDE CITIES.

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Road authorities may not mow or till the right-of-way of a highway located outside of a home rule charter or statutory city except as allowed in this section and section 160.23.

(a) On any highway, the first eight feet away from the road surface, or shoulder if one exists, may be mowed at any time.

(b) An entire right-of-way may be mowed after July 31. From August 31 to the following July 31, the entire right-of-way may only be mowed if necessary for safety reasons, and may not be mowed to a height of less than 12 inches.

(c) A right-of-way may be mowed as necessary to maintain sight distance for safety and may be mowed at other times under rules of the commissioner, or by ~~resolution~~ ordinance of a local road authority not conflicting with the rules of the commissioner.

(d) A right-of-way may be mowed, burned, or tilled to prepare the right-of-way for the establishment of permanent vegetative cover or for prairie vegetation management.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 160.27, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **MISDEMEANORS.** Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) Obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon;

(2) Plow or perform any other detrimental operation within the road right-of-way except in the preparation of the land for planting permanent vegetative cover or as authorized under section 160.232;

(3) Erect a fence on the right-of-way of a trunk highway, county state-aid highway, county highway or town road, except to erect a lane fence to the ends of a livestock pass;

(4) Dig any holes in any highway; except to locate markers placed to identify sectional corner positions and private boundary corners;

(5) Remove any earth, gravel or rock from any highway;

(6) Obstruct any ditch draining any highway or drain any noisome materials into any ditch;

(7) Place or maintain any building or structure within the limits of any highway;

(8) Place or maintain any advertisement within the limits of any highway;

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(9) Paint, print, place, or affix any advertisement or any object within the limits of any highway;

(10) Deface, mar, damage, or tamper with any structure, work, material, equipment, tools, signs, markers, signals, paving, guardrails, drains, or any other highway appurtenance on or along any highway;

(11) Remove, injure, displace, or destroy right-of-way markers, or reference or witness monuments, or markers placed to preserve section or quarter section corners;

(12) Improperly place or fail to place warning signs and detour signs as provided by law;

(13) Drive over, through, or around any barricade, fence, or obstruction erected for the purpose of preventing traffic from passing over a portion of a highway closed to public travel or to remove, deface, or damage any such barricade, fence, or obstruction.

Any violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 180—H.F.No. 33

An act relating to town roads; permitting town ordinances to regulate the burning of vegetation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 164.02, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 164.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPERVISION.** Town roads shall be established, located, relocated, constructed, reconstructed, improved and maintained, or vacated by the several towns. The town boards shall have supervision over town roads, and they may employ such persons as they deem necessary to carry out their duties. They may appropriate and expend such sums of money from their respective town road and bridge funds as they deem necessary for the establishment, location, relocation, construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance, or vacation of such roads. Subject to sections 88.16, 88.17, and 88.22, maintenance may include town ordinances to regulate the burning of vegetation on town road rights-of-way. The ordinance shall set forth limits and conditions on burning to minimize the danger of fire escaping. A town adopting an ordinance pursuant to this section shall submit a copy of the ordinance to the department of natural resources.

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