

respect to recreation facilities and recreation purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 469.084, subdivisions 1 and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 469.084, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **POWERS RELATED TO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the port authority of the city of St. Paul may plan for, acquire by condemnation, purchase, or otherwise, construct, improve, operate, directly, by lease or otherwise, and maintain parks and other recreation facilities along navigable rivers and lakes anywhere within its port district, and on lands abutting the rivers and lakes. The port authority shall establish rules on the use of the rivers, lakes, parks and recreation facilities either alone or in cooperation with the federal government or its agencies, the city of St. Paul, the state, or an agency or political subdivision of the state.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 469.084, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **PORT JURISDICTION.** For all other recreation purposes the port authority has jurisdiction over the use of all the navigable rivers or lakes and all the parks and recreation facilities abutting the rivers and lakes.

Sec. 3. **LOCAL APPROVAL.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day after the governing body of the city of St. Paul and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Presented to the governor March 23, 2000

Signed by the governor March 27, 2000, 2:40 p.m.

CHAPTER 287—S.F.No. 2813

An act relating to motor vehicles; modifying how state vehicles are identified; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 168.012, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 168.012, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM TAX AND REGISTRATION FEES.** (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:

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

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

(3) vehicles used solely in driver education programs at nonpublic high schools;

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

(5) vehicles owned and used by honorary consul;

(6) ambulances owned by ambulance services licensed under section 144E.10, the general appearance of which is unmistakable; and

(7) vehicles owned by a commercial driving school licensed under section 171.34 and used exclusively for driver education and training.

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

(c) Unmarked vehicles used in general police work, liquor investigations, arson investigations, and passenger automobiles, pickup trucks, and buses owned or operated by the department of corrections shall be registered and shall display appropriate license number plates which shall be furnished by the registrar at cost. Original and renewal applications for these 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) Unmarked vehicles used by the departments of revenue and labor and industry, fraud unit, in conducting seizures or criminal investigations must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification license number plates which shall be furnished at cost by the registrar. Original and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied by a certification signed by the commissioner of revenue or the commissioner of labor and industry. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the purposes authorized by this section.

(e) Unmarked vehicles used by the division of disease prevention and control of the department of health must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification license number plates. These plates must be furnished at cost by the registrar. Original and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied by a certification signed by the commissioner of health. The

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certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the official duties of the division of disease prevention and control.

(f) 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 political subdivision, nonpublic high school operating a driver education program, or licensed commercial driving school, on the vehicle plainly displayed on both sides thereof in letters not less than 2-1/2 inches high and one-half inch wide; except that each state hospital and institution for the mentally ill and mentally retarded may have one vehicle without the required identification on the sides of the vehicle, and county social service agencies may have vehicles used for child and vulnerable adult protective services without the required identification on the sides of the vehicle. Such identification shall be in a color giving contrast with that of the part of the vehicle on which it is placed and shall endure throughout the term of the registration. The identification must not be on a removable plate or placard 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 or to a nonpublic high school driver education program.

Presented to the governor March 23, 2000

Signed by the governor March 27, 2000, 2:40 p.m.

CHAPTER 288—H.F.No. 3142

An act relating to highways; designating the Richard J. Mathiowetz Memorial Highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 161.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 47. RICHARD J. MATHIOWETZ MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. Marked trunk highway No. 4, from the north city limits of Sleepy Eye to its intersection with marked trunk highway No. 60 in St. James, is designated the "Richard J. Mathiowetz Memorial Highway." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Presented to the governor March 24, 2000

Signed by the governor March 28, 2000, 2:30 p.m.

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