

(b) Minnesota inspection decals may be affixed only to:

(1) commercial motor vehicles bearing Minnesota-based license plates; or

(2) special mobile equipment, within the meaning of subdivision 2, clause (2).

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a person inspecting (1) a vehicle of less than 57,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and registered as a farm truck, (2) a storage semitrailer, or (3) a building mover vehicle must issue an inspection decal to the vehicle unless the vehicle has one or more defects that would result in the vehicle being declared out of service under the North American Uniform Driver, Vehicle, and Hazardous Materials Out-of-Service Criteria issued by the federal highway administration and the commercial motor vehicle safety alliance. A decal issued to a vehicle described in clause (1), (2), or (3) is valid for two years from the date of issuance. A decal issued to such a vehicle must clearly indicate that it is valid for two years from the date of issuance.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a commercial motor vehicle that (1) is registered as a farm truck, (2) is not operated more than 75 miles from the owner's home post office, and (3) was manufactured before 1979 that has a dual transmission system, is not required to comply with a requirement in an inspection standard that requires that the service brake system and parking brake system be separate systems in the motor vehicle.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 190—H.F.No. 1182

An act relating to commerce; modifying requirements for invention developers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 325A.04, by adding a subdivision; 325A.06, subdivision 1; and 325A.09, subdivision 5, and by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 325A.06, subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 325A.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. The contract must state that the invention developer has fully complied with the bonding requirements of section 325A.06.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 325A.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Every invention developer rendering ~~or~~, offering to render, or advertising invention development services in this state shall maintain a continuous corporate surety bond issued by a surety admitted to do business in this state, and equal to either ten percent of the invention developer's gross income from the invention development business in this state during the invention developer's preceding fiscal year, or ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000, whichever is larger. A copy of the bond shall be approved by the attorney general and filed with the secretary of state before the invention developer renders ~~or~~, offers to render, or advertises invention development services in this state. The secretary of state shall maintain a list of all outstanding bonds filed under this subdivision. The invention developer shall have 90 days after the end of each fiscal year within which to change the bond as may be necessary to conform to the requirements of this subdivision.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 325A.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Any person who has been injured by a violation of sections 325A.01 to 325A.10 by an invention developer, by any false or fraudulent statement, representation or omission of material fact by an invention developer or by failure of an invention developer to make all the disclosures required by sections 325A.01 to 325A.10 may bring a civil action against the invention developer for the damages sustained together with costs and disbursements, including reasonable attorney's fees. The court in its discretion may increase the award of damages to an amount not to exceed three times the damages sustained or ~~\$2,500~~ \$10,000, whichever is greater.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 325A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. The statute of limitations on actions arising out of a breach of contract for invention development services shall be six years as provided in section 541.05, subdivision 1.

Sec. 5. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 325A.06, subdivision 3, is repealed the day following final enactment.

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