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168.002 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Words, terms, and phrases.** Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words, terms, and phrases, for the purposes of this chapter, shall be given the meanings subjoined to them.

Subd. 2. **All-terrain vehicle.** "All-terrain vehicle" has the meaning given in section 84.92, subdivision 8.

Subd. 3. **Application for registration; listing for taxation.** "Application for registration" shall have the same meaning as "listing for taxation," and when a motor vehicle is registered it is also listed.

Subd. 4. **Bus; intercity bus.** (a) "Bus" means (1) every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 15 passengers including the driver and used for transporting persons, (2) every motor vehicle that is (i) designed for carrying more than ten passengers including the driver, (ii) used for transporting persons, and (iii) owned by a nonprofit organization and not operated for hire or for commercial purposes, or (3) every motor vehicle certified by the Department of Transportation as a special transportation service provider vehicle and receiving reimbursement as provided in section 256B.0625, subdivision 17.

(b) "Intercity bus" means any bus operating as a common passenger carrier over regular routes and between fixed termini, but excluding all buses operating wholly within the limits of one city, or wholly within two or more contiguous cities, or between contiguous cities and a terminus outside the corporate limits of such cities, and not more than 20 miles distant measured along the fixed route from such corporate limits.

Subd. 5. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Subd. 6. **Dealer.** "Dealer" means any person, firm, or corporation regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, or selling, purchasing, and generally dealing in new and unused motor vehicles having an established place of business for the sale, trade, and display of new and unused motor vehicles and having in possession new and unused motor vehicles for the purposes of sale or trade. "Dealer" also includes any person, firm or corporation regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing or selling, purchasing, and generally dealing in new and unused motor vehicle bodies, chassis mounted or not, and having an established place of business for the sale, trade and display of such new and unused motor vehicle bodies, and having in possession new and unused motor vehicle bodies for the purposes of sale or trade. For the purposes of sections 168.27, subdivision 28; 168.33, subdivision 8a; 168.345; and 168.346, the commissioner may designate a motor vehicle dealer licensed under the laws of a contiguous state as a dealer or licensed dealer.

Subd. 7. **Distributor.** "Distributor" means a person, firm, or corporation which has a bona fide contract or franchise with a manufacturer to distribute the new motor vehicles of that manufacturer to licensed new motor vehicle dealers, but does not include a dealer.

Subd. 8. **Farm truck.** (a) "Farm truck" means all single-unit trucks, truck-tractors, tractors, semitrailers, and trailers used by the owner thereof to transport agricultural, horticultural, dairy, and other farm products, including livestock, produced or finished by the owner of the truck, and any other personal property owned by the farmer to whom the license for the truck is issued, from the farm to market, and to transport property and supplies to the farm of the owner. Trucks, truck-tractors, tractors, semitrailers, and trailers registered as "farm trucks" may be used by the owner thereof to occasionally transport unprocessed and raw farm products, not produced by the owner of the truck, from the place of production to market when the transportation constitutes the first haul of the products, and may be used by the owner thereof, either farmer or logger who harvests and hauls forest products only, to transport logs, pulpwood, lumber, chips, railroad ties and other raw and unfinished forest products from the place of production to an intermediate or final assembly point or transfer yard or railhead, which transportation may be continued by another farm truck to a place for final processing or manufacture located within 200 miles of the place of production and all of which is deemed to constitute the first haul of unfinished wood products; provided that the owner and operator of the vehicle transporting planed lumber shall have in immediate possession a statement signed by the producer of the lumber designating the governmental subdivision, section, and township where the lumber was produced and that this haul, indicating the date, is the first haul thereof. The licensed vehicles may also be used by the owner thereof to transport, to and from timber-harvesting areas, equipment and appurtenances incidental to timber harvesting, and gravel and other road-building materials for timber haul roads.

(b) "Farm trucks" shall also include only single-unit trucks that, because of their construction, cannot be used for any other purpose and are used exclusively to transport milk and cream en route from a farm to an assembly point or place for final manufacture, and for transporting milk and cream from an assembly point to a place for final processing or manufacture. This section shall not be construed to mean that the owner or operator of the truck cannot carry on usual accommodation services for patrons on regular return trips, such as butter, cream, cheese, and other dairy supplies.

Subd. 9. **Final-stage manufacturer.** "Final-stage manufacturer" means a person, firm, or corporation which performs manufacturing operations on an incomplete motor vehicle or a van-type motor vehicle so that it becomes a type A, B, or C motor home.

Subd. 10. **First year of life.** "First year of life" means the year of model designation of the vehicle, or, if there be no year of model designation, it shall mean the year of manufacture.

Subd. 11. **First-stage manufacturer.** "First-stage manufacturer" means a person, firm, or corporation which manufactures, assembles, and sells new motor vehicles for resale in this state.

Subd. 12. **Fleet.** "Fleet" means a combination of 50 or more vehicles and trailers owned by a person solely for the use of that person or employees of the person and registered in this state under section 168.127. It does not include vehicles licensed under section 168.187.

Subd. 12a. **Full-service provider.** "Full-service provider" means a person who is appointed by the commissioner as both a deputy registrar under this chapter and a driver's license agent under chapter 171 who provides all driver services, excluding International Registration Plan and International Fuel Tax Agreement transactions. The commissioner is not a full-service provider.

Subd. 13. **Gross weight.** (a) "Gross weight" means the actual unloaded weight of the vehicle, either a truck or tractor, or the actual unloaded combined weight of a truck-tractor and semitrailer or semitrailers, or of the truck-tractor, semitrailer and one additional semitrailer, fully equipped for service, plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on such vehicle or combined vehicles.

(b) The term gross weight applied to a truck used for towing a trailer means the unloaded weight of the truck, fully equipped for service, plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on such truck, including the weight of such part of the trailer and its load as may rest upon the truck.

(c) The term gross weight applied to school buses means the weight of the vehicle fully equipped with all fuel tanks full of fuel, plus the weight of the passengers and their baggage computed at the rate of 100 pounds per passenger seating capacity, including that for the driver. The term gross weight applied to other buses means the weight of the vehicle fully equipped with all fuel tanks full of fuel, plus the weight of passengers and their baggage computed at the rate of 150 pounds per passenger seating capacity, including that for the driver. For bus seats designed for more than one passenger, but which are not divided so as to allot individual seats for the passengers that occupy them, allow two feet of its length per passenger to determine seating capacity.

(d) The term gross weight applied to a truck, truck-tractor or a truck used as a truck-tractor used exclusively by the owner thereof for transporting unfinished forest products or used by the owner thereof to transport agricultural, horticultural, dairy and other farm products including livestock produced or finished by the owner of the truck and any other personal property owned by the farmer to whom the license for such truck is issued, from the farm to market, and to transport property and supplies to the farm of the owner, as described in subdivision 8, shall be the actual weight of the truck, truck-tractor or truck used as a truck-tractor or the combined weight of the truck-tractor and semitrailer plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on such vehicle or combined vehicles and shall be licensed and taxed as provided by section 168.013, subdivision 1c.

(e) The term gross weight applied to a truck-tractor or a truck used as a truck-tractor used exclusively by the owner, or by a for-hire carrier hauling exclusively for one owner, for towing an equipment dolly shall be the actual weight of the truck-tractor or truck used as a truck-tractor plus the weight of such part of the equipment dolly and its load as may rest upon the truck-tractor or truck used as a truck-tractor, and shall be licensed separately and taxed as provided by section 168.013, subdivision 1e, and the equipment dolly shall be licensed separately and taxed as provided in section 168.013, subdivision 1d, which is applicable for the balance of the weight of the equipment dolly and the balance of the maximum load the applicant has elected to carry on such combined vehicles. The term "equipment dolly" as used in this subdivision means a heavy semitrailer used solely by the owner, or by a for-hire carrier hauling exclusively for one owner, to transport

the owner's construction machinery, equipment, implements and other objects used on a construction project, but not to be incorporated in or to become a part of a completed project.

(f) The term gross weight applied to a tow truck or towing vehicle defined in section 168B.011, subdivision 12a, means the weight of the tow truck or towing vehicle fully equipped for service, including the weight of the crane, winch and other equipment to control the movement of a towed vehicle, but does not include the weight of a wrecked or disabled vehicle towed or drawn by the tow truck or towing vehicle.

Subd. 14. **Highway.** "Highway" has the meaning given "street or highway" in section 169.011, subdivision 81.

Subd. 15. **Limousine.** "Limousine" means a luxury passenger automobile that has a seating capacity of not more than 15 persons, including the driver.

Subd. 16. **Manufactured home.** "Manufactured home" has the meaning given it in section 327.31, subdivision 6.

Subd. 17. **Motor home.** (a) "Motor home" means a recreational vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters. The motor home has a living unit built into as an integral part of, or permanently attached to the chassis of, a motor vehicle or van.

(b) A motor home must contain permanently installed, independent, life-support systems that meet the American National Standards Institute standard number A119.2 for recreational vehicles and provide at least four of the following facilities, two of which must be from the systems listed in clauses (1), (5), and (6): (1) a cooking facility with liquid propane gas supply, (2) a refrigerator, (3) a self-contained toilet or a toilet connected to a plumbing system with a connection for external water disposal, (4) a heating or air conditioning system separate from the motor vehicle engine, (5) a potable water supply system including a sink with a faucet either self-contained or with connections for an external source, and (6) a separate 110-125 volts electrical power supply.

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "permanently installed" means built into or attached as an integral part of a chassis or van, and designed not to be removed except for repair or replacement. A system that is readily removable or held in place by clamps or tie-downs is not permanently installed.

(d) Motor homes include a:

(1) type A motor home, which is a raw chassis upon which is built a driver's compartment and an entire body that provides temporary living quarters as described in paragraph (b);

(2) type B motor home, which is a van that conforms to the description in paragraph (b) and has been completed or altered by a final-stage manufacturer; and

(3) type C motor home, which is an incomplete vehicle upon which is permanently attached a body designed to provide temporary living quarters as described in paragraph (b).

(e) A motor vehicle with a slip-in camper or other removable equipment that is mounted into or on a motor vehicle is not a motor home, is not a recreational vehicle, and must not be registered as a recreational vehicle under section 168.013.

Subd. 18. **Motor vehicle.** (a) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle designed and originally manufactured to operate primarily on highways, and not operated exclusively upon railroad tracks. It includes any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle and includes vehicles known as trackless trolleys that are propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not operated upon rails.

(b) "Motor vehicle" includes an all-terrain vehicle only if the all-terrain vehicle (1) has at least four wheels, (2) is owned and operated by a physically disabled person, and (3) displays both disability plates and a physically disabled certificate issued under section 169.345.

(c) "Motor vehicle" does not include an all-terrain vehicle except (1) an all-terrain vehicle described in paragraph (b), or (2) an all-terrain vehicle licensed as a motor vehicle before August 1, 1985. The owner may continue to license an all-terrain vehicle described in clause (2) as a motor vehicle until it is conveyed or otherwise transferred to another owner, is destroyed, or fails to comply with the registration and licensing requirements of this chapter.

(d) "Motor vehicle" does not include a snowmobile; a manufactured home; a park trailer; an electric personal assistive mobility device as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 26; a motorized foot scooter as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 46; or an electric-assisted bicycle as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 27.

(e) "Motor vehicle" includes an off-highway motorcycle modified to meet the requirements of chapter 169 according to section 84.788, subdivision 12.

(f) "Motor vehicle" includes a roadable aircraft as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 67a.

Subd. 19. **Motorcycle.** "Motorcycle" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 44.

Subd. 20. **Motorized bicycle.** "Motorized bicycle" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 45.

Subd. 21. **Neighborhood electric vehicle.** "Neighborhood electric vehicle" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 47.

Subd. 21a. **Noncommercial vehicle.** "Noncommercial vehicle" means a one-ton pickup truck registered under section 168.013, subdivision 1e, with a 15,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight rating and for which the owner has made a declaration that the vehicle will be operated exclusively for personal use. The declaration must be based on one or more of the following:

(1) a change of vehicle use;

(2) registration of a new vehicle;

(3) transfer of vehicle ownership; or

(4) registration renewal.

Subd. 21b. **One-ton pickup truck.** "One-ton pickup truck" means any truck resembling a pickup truck with a manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity of one ton. If the manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity is not provided or is not known, then the value specified by the manufacturer as the gross vehicle weight rating as indicated on the manufacturer's certification label must be 10,001 pounds or more, not to exceed 15,000 pounds, in accordance with the definition of "commercial motor vehicle" in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 390.5.

Subd. 22. **Owner.** "Owner" means any person owning or leasing a vehicle, or having the exclusive use of the vehicle, under a lease or otherwise, for a period greater than 30 days.

Subd. 23. **Park trailer.** "Park trailer" means a trailer that:

(1) exceeds 8-1/2 feet in width in travel mode but is no larger than 400 square feet when the collapsible components are fully extended or at maximum horizontal width; and

(2) is used as temporary living quarters.

"Park trailer" does not include a manufactured home.

Subd. 24. **Passenger automobile.** (a) "Passenger automobile" means any motor vehicle designed and used for carrying not more than 15 individuals, including the driver.

(b) "Passenger automobile" does not include motorcycles, motor scooters, buses, school buses, or commuter vans as defined in section 168.126.

(c) "Passenger automobile" includes but is not limited to:

(1) a vehicle that is a pickup truck or a van as defined in subdivisions 26 and 40;

(2) neighborhood electric vehicles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 47;

(3) medium-speed electric vehicles, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 39; and

(4) roadable aircraft, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 67a.

Subd. 25. **Person.** "Person" has the meaning given in section 168A.01, subdivision 14.

Subd. 26. **Pickup truck.** "Pickup truck" means any truck with a manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity of three-fourths ton or less and commonly known as a pickup truck. If the manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity is not provided or cannot be determined, then the value specified by the manufacturer as the gross vehicle weight as indicated on the manufacturer's certification label must be 10,000 pounds or less.

Subd. 27. **Recreational vehicle.** (a) "Recreational vehicle" means travel trailers including those that telescope or fold down, chassis-mounted campers, motor homes, tent trailers, teardrop trailers, and converted buses that provide temporary human living quarters.

(b) "Recreational vehicle" is a vehicle that:

(1) is not used as the residence of the owner or occupant;

(2) is used while engaged in recreational or vacation activities; and

(3) is either self-propelled or towed on the highways incidental to the recreational or vacation activities.

Subd. 28. **Registered owner.** "Registered owner" means any person, other than a secured party, having title to a vehicle. If a passenger automobile is under lease for a term of 180 days or more, the lessee is deemed to be the registered owner, for purposes of registration only; provided that the application for renewal of the registration of a passenger automobile is sent to the lessor.

Subd. 29. **Registrar.** "Registrar" means the registrar of motor vehicles designated in this chapter.

Subd. 30. **Semitrailer.** "Semitrailer" means a vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a truck-tractor that a considerable part of its own weight or that of its load rests upon and is carried by the truck-tractor and shall include a trailer drawn by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination. For the purpose of registration, trailers coupled with a truck-tractor, semitrailer combination are semitrailers.

Subd. 31. **Special mobile equipment.** (a) "Special mobile equipment" means every vehicle not designed or used for the transportation of persons or property and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway, except vehicles described in paragraph (b). Special mobile equipment includes, but is not limited to: ditch-digging apparatuses, pump hoists and other water well-drilling equipment registered and licensed under chapter 103I, other road construction or road maintenance machinery, aggregate processing and conveying equipment, truck-mounted log loaders that are used exclusively for commercial logging, and self-propelled cranes.

(b) "Special mobile equipment" does not include:

(1) machinery that has been temporarily or permanently mounted on a commercial motor vehicle chassis that is used only to provide a service and is not able to haul goods for resale; or

(2) dump trucks.

Subd. 31a. **Special plates.** Unless otherwise specified, "special plates" or "special plate" means plates, or a single motorcycle plate, that are designed with wording or graphics that differ from a regular Minnesota passenger automobile plate or motorcycle plate.

Subd. 32. **State.** "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Subd. 33. **Tax.** "Tax" means the annual registration tax imposed on vehicles in lieu of all other taxes, except wheelage taxes which may be imposed by any city, and gross earnings taxes paid by companies. The annual tax is both a property tax and a highway use tax and shall be on the basis of the calendar year.

Subd. 34. **Tractor.** "Tractor" means any motor vehicle designed or used for drawing other vehicles but having no provision for carrying loads independently.

Subd. 35. **Trailer.** "Trailer" means any vehicle designed for carrying property or passenger on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle but shall not include a trailer drawn by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, or an auxiliary axle on a motor vehicle which carries a portion of the weight of the motor vehicle to which it is attached. For the purpose of registration, trailers coupled with a truck-tractor, semitrailer combination are semitrailers.

Subd. 36. **Travel trailer.** "Travel trailer" means a trailer, mounted on wheels, that:

(1) is designed to provide temporary living quarters during recreation, camping, or travel;

(2) does not require a special highway movement permit based on its size or weight when towed by a motor vehicle; and

(3) complies with sections 169.80, subdivision 2, and 169.81, subdivision 2.

Subd. 37. **Truck.** "Truck" means any motor vehicle designed and used for carrying things other than passengers, except pickup trucks and vans included within the definition of passenger automobile in subdivision 24.

Subd. 38. **Truck-tractor.** "Truck-tractor" means:

(1) a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not constructed to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load drawn; and

(2) a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles used exclusively for transporting motor vehicles and capable of carrying motor vehicles on its own structure.

Subd. 39. **Unloaded weight.** "Unloaded weight" means the actual weight of the vehicle fully equipped without a load.

Subd. 40. **Van.** "Van" means any vehicle of box-like design with no barrier or separation between the operator's area and the remainder of the cargo-carrying area, and with a manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity of three-fourths ton or less. If the manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity is not provided or not known, then the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum gross weight or gross vehicle weight rating as indicated on the manufacturer's certification label must be less than 10,000 pounds.

Subd. 41. **Van converter or modifier.** "Van converter or modifier" means a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of modifying, completing or converting van-type vehicles into multipurpose passenger vehicles which are not motor homes as defined in subdivision 27.

Subd. 42. **Vehicle.** "Vehicle" has the meaning given in section 168A.01, subdivision 24.

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Subd. 2. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 3]

Subd. 2a. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 5]

Subd. 3. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 14]

Subd. 4. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 18]

Subd. 5. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 22]

Subd. 5a. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 28]

Subd. 6. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 33]

Subd. 7. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 24]

Subd. 8. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 16]

Subd. 8a. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 23]

Subd. 8b. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 36]

Subd. 9. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 4]

Subd. 10. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 37]

Subd. 11. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 34]

Subd. 12. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 38]

Subd. 13. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 35]

Subd. 14. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 30]

Subd. 15. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 39]

Subd. 16. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 13]

Subd. 17. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 8]

Subd. 18. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 29]

Subd. 19. MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

Subd. 20. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 10]

Subd. 21. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 6]

Subd. 22. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 31]

Subd. 23. MS 1988 [Repealed, 1989 c 140 s 14]

Subd. 24. MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 218 s 9]

Subd. 25. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 27]

Subd. 25a. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 17]

Subd. 26. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 19]

Subd. 27. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 20]

Subd. 28. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 40]

Subd. 29. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 26]

Subd. 30. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 7]

Subd. 31. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 11]

Subd. 32. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 9]

Subd. 33. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 41]

Subd. 34. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 12]

Subd. 35. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 15]

Subd. 36. MS 1998 [Repealed, 1999 c 238 art 2 s 92]

Subd. 37. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 2]

Subd. 38. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 25]

Subd. 39. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 32]

Subd. 40. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 42]

Subd. 41. MS 2006 [Renumbered 168.002, subd 21]

168.012 VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM TAX OR LICENSE FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Vehicles exempt from tax, fees, or plate display.** (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 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 those 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 charitable, religious, or educational purposes;

(5) vehicles owned by nonprofit charities and used exclusively for disaster response and related activities;

(6) vehicles owned by ambulance services licensed under section 144E.10 that are equipped and specifically intended for emergency response or providing ambulance services; and

(7) vehicles owned by a commercial driving school licensed under section 171.34, or an employee of a commercial driving school licensed under section 171.34, and the vehicle is used exclusively for driver education and training.

(b) Provided the general appearance of the vehicle is unmistakable, the following vehicles are not required to register or display number plates:

(1) vehicles owned by the federal government;

(2) fire apparatuses, including fire-suppression support vehicles, owned or leased by the state or a political subdivision;

(3) police patrols owned or leased by the state or a political subdivision; and

(4) ambulances owned or leased by the state or a political subdivision.

(c) Unmarked vehicles used in general police work, liquor investigations, or arson investigations, and passenger automobiles, pickup trucks, and buses owned or operated by the Department of Corrections or by conservation officers of the Division of Enforcement and Field Service of the Department of Natural Resources, must be registered and must display appropriate license number plates, 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 or by conservation officers 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, 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 Department of Health Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division 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 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) Unmarked vehicles used by staff of the Gambling Control Board in gambling investigations and reviews 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 board chair. The 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 Gambling Control Board.

(g) Unmarked vehicles used in general investigation, surveillance, supervision, and monitoring by the Office of Inspector General's staff, including, but not limited to, county fraud prevention investigators, must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification license number plates, furnished by the registrar at cost. Original and renewal applications for passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied by a certification signed by the commissioner of human services. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles must be used exclusively for the official duties of the Office of Special Investigations' staff and the Office of the Inspector General's staff, including, but not limited to, contract and county fraud prevention investigators.

(h) Unmarked vehicles used in general investigation, surveillance, supervision, and monitoring by the Direct Care and Treatment Office of Special Investigations' staff and unmarked vehicles used by the Minnesota Sex Offender Program's executive director and the executive director's staff must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification license number plates, furnished by the registrar at cost. Original and renewal applications for passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied by a certification signed by the Direct Care and Treatment executive board. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles must be used exclusively for the official duties of the Minnesota Sex Offender Program's executive director and the executive director's staff, including but not limited to contract and county fraud prevention investigators.

(i) Each state hospital and institution for persons who are mentally ill and developmentally disabled may have one vehicle without the required identification on the sides of the vehicle. The vehicle 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 hospital administrator. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the Direct Care and Treatment executive board and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the official duties of the state hospital or institution.

(j) Each county social service agency may have vehicles used for child and vulnerable adult protective services without the required identification on the sides of the vehicle. The vehicles 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 agency administrator. The 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 social service agency.

(k) Unmarked vehicles used in general investigation, surveillance, supervision, and monitoring by tobacco inspector staff of the Department of Human Services' Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division for the purposes of tobacco inspections, investigations, and reviews must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification license number plates, furnished at cost by the registrar. Original and renewal applications for passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied by a certification signed by the commissioner of human services. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively by tobacco inspector staff for the duties specified in this paragraph.

(l) All other motor vehicles must be registered and display tax-exempt number plates, furnished by the registrar at cost, except as provided in subdivision 1c. All vehicles required to display tax-exempt number plates must have the name of the state department or political subdivision, nonpublic high school operating a driver education program, licensed commercial driving school, or other qualifying organization or entity, plainly displayed on both sides of the vehicle. This identification must be in a color giving contrast with that of the part of the vehicle on which it is placed and must endure throughout the term of the registration. The identification must not be on a removable plate or placard and must 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.

Subd. 1a. **Special markings on conservation officer vehicle.** Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or any other law to the contrary, motor vehicles of the conservation officer service need not be specially marked in any way.

Subd. 1b. MS 2010 [Repealed, 2012 c 287 art 4 s 50]

Subd. 1c. **Payment of administrative, plate, and filing fee.** The annual administrative fee for a tax-exempt vehicle under this section is $5. The license plate fee for a tax-exempt vehicle, except a trailer, is $10 for two plates per vehicle, payable only on the first tax-exempt registration of the vehicle. The registration period for a tax-exempt vehicle is biennial. The administrative fee is due on March 1 biennially and payable the preceding January 1, with validating stickers issued at time of payment. Replacement plates are subject to the fees in section 168.12.

Subd. 1d. **State Lottery vehicle.** Unmarked passenger vehicles used by the State Lottery for the purpose of conducting security or criminal investigations or ensuring that lottery retailers are in compliance with law and with their contracts are not required to display tax-exempt number plates, but must be registered and must display passenger vehicle license plates. The registrar shall furnish the license plates to the director

of the State Lottery at cost. On applying for initial registration or renewal of a registration under this subdivision, the director of the State Lottery must certify, on a form prescribed by the registrar and signed by the director, that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the purposes of this subdivision.

Subd. 2. **Farm vehicle.** Implements of husbandry, as defined in section 168A.01, subdivision 8, and tractors used solely for agricultural purposes or tractors, together with trailers or wagons thereto attached, occasionally hauling agricultural products or necessary commodities used on the farm from said farm to and from the usual marketplace of the owner, tractors for drawing threshing machinery and implements of husbandry temporarily moved upon the highway, shall not be taxed as motor vehicles using the public streets and highways and shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Subd. 2a. **Small farm trailer.** Farm trailers with a gross weight of less than 10,000 pounds, drawn by a passenger automobile or farm truck and used exclusively for transporting agricultural products from farm to farm and to and from the usual marketplace of the owner, shall not be taxed as motor vehicles using the public streets and highways and shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Subd. 2b. **Fertilizer trailer.** A trailer used exclusively to carry liquid or dry fertilizer for use on a farm shall not be taxed as a motor vehicle using the public streets and highways and shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Subd. 2c. MS 2012 [Expired, 2008 c 350 art 1 s 8]

Subd. 2d. **Electric-assisted bicycles.** Electric-assisted bicycles must not be taxed as motor vehicles using the public streets and highways, and are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Subd. 3. **Special mobile equipment, snowmobile.** Special mobile equipment and snowmobiles shall not be taxed as motor vehicles using the public streets and highways, and shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Subd. 3a. **Special permits.** Motorized golf carts and four-wheel all-terrain vehicles operated under permit and on roadways designated pursuant to section 169.045 are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Subd. 4. **Camp equipment.** Bunkhouses, supply cars, shop cars, and other similar camp equipment mounted on trailers and used by highway construction contractors exclusively at construction camp sites shall not be taxed as motor vehicles using the public streets and highways and shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter. Such trailers with such mounted bunkhouses, supply cars, shop cars, and other similar camp equipment thereon shall be listed and taxed as personal property.

Subd. 5. **Carrier of certain equipment.** Motor vehicles, which are used primarily for the purpose of carrying sawing machines; well-drilling machines, pump hoists, and other equipment registered under chapter 103I; barn sprayers or corn shellers permanently attached to them, shall not be subject to the registration tax as herein provided, but shall be listed for taxation as personal property as provided by law. The exemption in this subdivision for well-drilling machines, pump hoists, and other equipment registered under chapter 103I applies regardless of whether the well-drilling machine, pump hoist, or other equipment is also carrying materials related to its operation.

Subd. 5a. **Vehicle used for testing.** Motor vehicles operated for testing under section 168.25 are not subject to registration taxes under this chapter.

Subd. 6. **Fire truck or ambulance operated without profit.** All motor vehicle fire apparatuses and ambulances operated without profit while owned by a farmers' cooperative association, a body of farmers,

a volunteer fire department or association, or a group of citizens, and used solely for the extinguishment of fire in the community in which it is so owned and employed or, in the case of an ambulance used only for the benefit of the community in which it is owned or employed, shall be exempt from taxation.

Subd. 7. **Vehicle not used; domiciled in another state.** (a) The owner of a motor vehicle that during any calendar year, or in the case of a vehicle registered under section 168.017 during the registration period provided for in that section, is not operated on a public highway is exempt from the provisions of this chapter requiring registration, payment of tax, and penalties for tax nonpayment, but only if the owner of the vehicle first files a verified written application with the registrar, correctly describing the vehicle and certifying that it has not been operated upon a public highway.

(b) A motor vehicle domiciled in a foreign state, legally licensed in that state, and owned by a Minnesota resident is exempt from this chapter; except that it is subject to section 168.181, subdivision 3, provided, that this exemption does not conflict with any existing reciprocal agreement with the state in which the vehicle is domiciled.

Subd. 8. **60-day exemption for vehicle of new resident.** Every passenger automobile, travel trailer, other than manufactured homes, or passenger car utility trailer duly registered in any foreign state, district, territory, or country and displaying all license number plates or like insignia required by the laws of such state, district, territory, or country shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter during the first 60 days of residence of the owner in this state; provided that if the 60-day period expires after the 15th day of any month, the remainder of that month shall be deemed to be within the 60-day period and provided further that any such vehicles shall become subject to the provisions of this chapter immediately upon transfer of the ownership of such vehicles or upon expiration of the registration.

Subd. 9. **Manufactured homes and park trailers.** Manufactured homes and park trailers shall not be taxed as motor vehicles using the public streets and highways and shall be exempt from the motor vehicle tax provisions of this chapter. Except as provided in section 273.125, manufactured homes and park trailers shall be taxed as personal property. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, section 272.02 or any other act providing for tax exemption shall be inapplicable to manufactured homes and park trailers, except such manufactured homes as are held by a licensed dealer or limited dealer, as defined in section 327B.04, and exempted as inventory under subdivision 9a. Travel trailers not conspicuously displaying current registration plates on the property tax assessment date shall be taxed as manufactured homes if occupied as human dwelling places.

Subd. 9a. **Manufactured home as dealer inventory.** Manufactured homes, as defined in section 327.31, subdivision 6, shall be considered as dealer inventory on the January 2 assessment date, if the home is:

(1) listed as inventory and held by a licensed or limited dealer;

(2) unoccupied and not available for rent;

(3) connected or not connected to utilities when located in a manufactured home park; and

(4) connected or not connected to utilities when located at a dealer's sales center.

The exemption under this subdivision is allowable for up to five assessment years after the date a home is initially claimed as dealer inventory.

Subd. 10. **Exemption determined by use.** If a vehicle is used for a purpose which would make it exempt pursuant to subdivision 1 but title is held by a seller or a vendor or is assigned to a third party under a lease

agreement or a lease purchase agreement or installment sale permitted under section 465.71, exemption shall be determined by the use rather than the holder of the title.

Subd. 11. **Semitrailer.** Semitrailers as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 30, shall not be taxed as a motor vehicle using the public streets and highways and shall display a number plate for identification purposes only.

Subd. 12. MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 48]

Subd. 13. **Vehicles registered by certain veterans.** (a) A passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle registered by a veteran with a total service-connected disability, as defined in section 171.01, subdivision 51, is not subject to:

(1) registration taxes under this chapter;

(2) administrative fees imposed under subdivision 1c;

(3) filing fees and surcharges imposed under section 168.33, subdivision 7; or

(4) plate and validation sticker fees imposed under this chapter, including but not limited to:

(i) fees under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

(ii) fees identified in any section authorizing special plates; and

(iii) transfer fees.

(b) The exemptions under this subdivision apply to a motor vehicle that is jointly registered by a qualifying veteran and a spouse or domestic partner.

(c) The fees identified under paragraph (a), clause (4), do not include:

(1) a fee for personalized plates under section 168.12, subdivision 2a; or

(2) a required contribution or donation for a special plate, including but not limited to a contribution under sections 168.1255, subdivision 1, clause (6); 168.1258, subdivision 1, clause (4); 168.1259, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (5); 168.1287, subdivision 1, clause (5); 168.129, subdivision 1, clause (5); 168.1295, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5); 168.1296, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5); and 168.1299, subdivision 1, clause (3).

(d) A qualifying veteran may register no more than two motor vehicles at the same time with the exemptions under this subdivision. Nothing in this paragraph prevents registration of additional motor vehicles as otherwise provided in this chapter.

History: *1949 c 694 s 2; 1951 c 690 s 1; 1957 c 166 s 1; 1959 c 133 s 1; 1959 c 151 s 1; 1959 c 178 s 2,3; 1959 c 562 s 2; 1961 c 340 s 2; 1961 c 621 s 1; 1965 c 176 s 1; 1965 c 871 s 1; 1967 c 56 s 1; 1967 c 117 s 1; 1967 c 876 s 2; 1967 c 905 s 9; Ex1967 c 48 s 57; 1969 c 95 s 1; 1969 c 965 s 1; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 15; 1971 c 797 s 2; 1973 c 208 s 1; 1973 c 549 s 1; 1974 c 406 s 26; 1975 c 12 s 1; 1976 c 39 s 1; 1976 c 225 s 1; 1980 c 364 s 1; 1980 c 607 art 2 s 1; 1981 c 37 s 2; 1981 c 113 s 1; 1981 c 365 s 9; 1982 c 523 art 15 s 1; 1982 c 549 s 1; 1983 c 363 s 2; 1985 c 291 s 5-7; 1Sp1985 c 10 s 75; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 4 s 28; 1986 c 336 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1986 c 452 s 18; 1986 c 454 s 11; 1987 c 321 s 2; 1987 c 379 s 1; 1987 c 404 s 149; 1988 c 613 s 26; 1989 c 140 s 6; 1989 c 277 art 1 s 5; 1989 c 342 s 5,6; 1990 c 385 s 2; 1990 c 392 s 1; 1990 c 497 s 2,3; 1990 c 556 s 1; 1992 c 486 s 4; 1992 c 581 s 1,2; 1993 c 187 s 1; 1993 c 375 art 3 s 48; 1994 c 501 s 1; 1994 c 510 art 1 s 2; 1994 c 536 s 2; 1995 c 74 s 1; 1995 c 231 art 2 s 42; 1995 c 264*

art 3 s 3; 1996 c 269 s 2; 1996 c 435 s 4; 1997 c 143 s 3; 1997 c 199 s 14; 1999 c 238 art 2 s 3; 2000 c 287 s 1; 2000 c 426 s 1; 2000 c 490 art 13 s 4; 2001 c 188 s 1; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 29; 2002 c 371 art 1 s 3; 2004 c 294 art 2 s 16; 2005 c 56 s 1; 2005 c 135 s 3; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 29; 1Sp2005 c 7 s 20; 2008 c 350 art 1 s 7,8; 2008 c 366 art 9 s 2,3; 2009 c 111 s 3; 2010 c 351 s 16; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 17; art 4 s 10; 2013 c 143 art 4 s 6,7; 2014 c 228 art 3 s 1; 2015 c 78 art 2 s 1; 1Sp2020 c 3 s 1; 2023 c 68 art 3 s 4; 2025 c 20 s 154; 2025 c 38 art 3 s 26; 2026 c 88 art 1 s 78

168.013 VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAXES.

Subdivision 1. **Imposition.** Motor vehicles, except as set forth in section 168.012, using the public streets or highways in the state shall be taxed in lieu of all other taxes thereon, except wheelage taxes, so-called, which may be imposed by any city as provided by law, and except gross earnings taxes paid by companies subject or made subject thereto, and shall be privileged to use the public streets and highways, on the basis and at the rate for each calendar year as hereinafter provided.

Subd. 1a. MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 218 s 9]

Subd. 1a. **Passenger automobile; hearse.** (a) On passenger automobiles as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 24, and hearses, except as otherwise provided, the registration tax is calculated as $10 plus:

(1) for a vehicle initially registered in Minnesota prior to November 16, 2020, 1.54 percent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price of the vehicle and the destination charge, subject to the adjustments in paragraphs (e) and (f); or

(2) for a vehicle initially registered in Minnesota on or after November 16, 2020, 1.575 percent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price of the vehicle, subject to the adjustments in paragraphs (e) and (f).

(b) The registration tax calculation must not include the cost of each accessory or item of optional equipment separately added to the vehicle and the manufacturer's suggested retail price. The registration tax calculation must not include a destination charge, except for a vehicle previously registered in Minnesota prior to November 16, 2020.

(c) The registrar must determine the manufacturer's suggested retail price:

(1) using list price information published by the manufacturer or any nationally recognized firm or association compiling such data for the automotive industry;

(2) if a dealer does not determine the amount, using the retail price label as provided by the manufacturer under United States Code, title 15, section 1232; or

(3) if the retail price label is not available, using the actual sales price of the vehicle.

If the registrar is unable to ascertain the manufacturer's suggested retail price of any registered vehicle in the foregoing manner, the registrar may use any other available source or method.

(d) The registrar must calculate the registration tax using information available to dealers and deputy registrars at the time the initial application for registration is submitted.

(e) The amount under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), must be calculated based on a percentage of the manufacturer's suggested retail price, as follows:

(1) during the first year of vehicle life, upon 100 percent of the price;

(2) for the second year, 95 percent of the price;

(3) for the third year, 90 percent of the price;

(4) for the fourth year, 80 percent of the price;

(5) for the fifth year, 70 percent of the price;

(6) for the sixth year, 60 percent of the price;

(7) for the seventh year, 50 percent of the price;

(8) for the eighth year, 40 percent of the price;

(9) for the ninth year, 25 percent of the price; and

(10) for the tenth year, ten percent of the price.

(f) For the 11th and each succeeding year, the amount under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), must be calculated as $20.

(g) Except as provided in subdivision 23, for any vehicle previously registered in Minnesota and regardless of prior ownership, the total amount due under this subdivision must not exceed the smallest total amount previously paid or due on the vehicle.

Subd. 1b. **Motorcycle.** On motorcycles the tax is $10, which includes the surtax provided for in subdivision 14.

Subd. 1c. **Farm truck.** (a) On farm trucks having a gross weight of not more than 57,000 pounds, the tax shall be based on total gross weight and shall be 45 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed by subdivision 1e during each of the first eight years of vehicle life, but in no event less than $35, and during the ninth and succeeding years of vehicle life the tax shall be 27 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed by subdivision 1e, but in no event less than $21.

(b) On farm trucks having a gross weight of more than 57,000 pounds, the tax shall be 60 percent of the Minnesota base rate during each of the first eight years of vehicle life and 36 percent of the Minnesota base rate during the ninth and succeeding years.

Subd. 1d. **Trailer.** (a) On trailers registered at a gross vehicle weight of greater than 3,000 pounds, the annual tax is based on total gross weight and is 30 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed in subdivision 1e, when the gross weight is 15,000 pounds or less, and when the gross weight of a trailer is more than 15,000 pounds, the tax for the first eight years of vehicle life is 100 percent of the tax imposed in the Minnesota base rate schedule, and during the ninth and succeeding years of vehicle life the tax is 75 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed by subdivision 1e. A trailer registered at a gross vehicle weight greater than 3,000 pounds but no greater than 7,200 pounds may be taxed either: (1) annually as provided in this paragraph; or (2) once every three years on the basis of total gross weight and is 90 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed in subdivision 1e, provided that the filing fee under section 168.33, subdivision 7, paragraph (a), is multiplied by three, with funds collected by the commissioner allocated proportionally in the same manner as provided in section 168.33, subdivision 7, paragraph (e).

(b) Farm trailers with a gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds and as described in section 168.002, subdivision 8, are taxed as farm trucks as prescribed in subdivision 1c.

(c) Effective on and after July 1, 2001, trailers registered at a gross vehicle weight of 3,000 pounds or less, excluding recreational vehicles, must display a distinctive plate. The registration on the license plate

is valid for the life of the trailer only if it remains registered at the same gross vehicle weight. The onetime registration tax for trailers registered for the first time in Minnesota is $55. For trailers registered in Minnesota before July 1, 2001, and for which:

(1) registration is desired for the remaining life of the trailer, the registration tax is $25; or

(2) permanent registration is not desired, the biennial registration tax is $10 for the first renewal if registration is renewed between and including July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2003. These trailers must be issued permanent registration at the first renewal on or after July 1, 2003, and the registration tax is $20.

For trailers registered at a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less before July 1, 2001, but not renewed until on or after July 1, 2003, the registration tax is $20 and permanent registration must be issued.

Subd. 1e. **Truck; tractor; combination; exceptions.** (a) On trucks and tractors except those in this chapter defined as farm trucks and on truck-tractor and semitrailer combinations except those defined as farm combinations, the tax based on total gross weight shall be graduated according to the Minnesota base rate schedule prescribed in this subdivision, but in no event less than $120.

Minnesota Base Rate Schedule

Scheduled taxes include five percent

surtax provided for in subdivision 14

	TOTAL GROSS WEIGHT IN POUNDS				TAX
A	0	-	1,500	$	15
B	1,501	-	3,000		20
C	3,001	-	4,500		25
D	4,501	-	6,000		35
E	6,001	-	10,000		45
F	10,001	-	12,000		70
G	12,001	-	15,000		105
H	15,001	-	18,000		145
I	18,001	-	21,000		190
J	21,001	-	26,000		270
K	26,001	-	33,000		360
L	33,001	-	39,000		475
M	39,001	-	45,000		595
N	45,001	-	51,000		715
O	51,001	-	57,000		865

P	57,001	-	63,000	1,015
Q	63,001	-	69,000	1,185
R	69,001	-	73,280	1,325
S	73,281	-	78,000	1,595
T	78,001	-	80,000	1,760

(b) For purposes of the Minnesota base rate schedule, for vehicles with six or more axles in the "S" and "T" categories, the base rates are $1,520 and $1,620 respectively.

(c) For each vehicle with a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds an additional tax of $50 is imposed for each ton or fraction thereof in excess of 80,000 pounds, subject to subdivision 12 or section 169.86, subdivision 5a, as applicable.

(d) For purposes of registration identification, for vehicles registered in the "O" category, the owner must declare at the time of registration whether the vehicle will carry a weight of 55,000 pounds or more and therefore be subject to the federal heavy vehicle use tax. For those owners who declare a weight less than 55,000 pounds, a distinctive weight sticker must be issued and the owner is restricted to a gross vehicle weight of less than 55,000 pounds.

(e) Truck-tractors except those herein defined as farm vehicles shall be taxed in accordance with the foregoing gross weight tax schedule on the basis of the combined gross weight of the truck-tractor and any semitrailer or semitrailers which the applicant proposes to combine with the truck-tractor.

(f) On trucks, truck-tractors and semitrailer combinations, except those defined as farm trucks and farm combinations, the tax for each of the first eight years of vehicle life is 100 percent of the tax imposed in the Minnesota base rate schedule, and during the ninth and succeeding years of vehicle life, the tax is 75 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed by this subdivision.

(g) For the purpose of registration, trailers coupled with a truck-tractor, semitrailer combination are semitrailers.

Subd. 1f. **Bus; commuter van.** (a) On all intercity buses, the tax during each the first two years of vehicle life shall be based on the gross weight of the vehicle and graduated according to the following schedule:

Gross Weight of Vehicle	Tax
Under 6,000 lbs.	$125
6,000 to 8,000 lbs., incl.	125
8,001 to 10,000 lbs., incl.	125
10,001 to 12,000 lbs., incl.	150
12,001 to 14,000 lbs., incl.	190
14,001 to 16,000 lbs., incl.	210
16,001 to 18,000 lbs., incl.	225

18,001 to 20,000 lbs., incl.	260
20,001 to 22,000 lbs., incl.	300
22,001 to 24,000 lbs., incl.	350
24,001 to 26,000 lbs., incl.	400
26,001 to 28,000 lbs., incl.	450
28,001 to 30,000 lbs., incl.	500
30,001 and over	550

(b) During each of the third and fourth years of vehicle life, the tax shall be 75 percent of the foregoing scheduled tax; during the fifth year of vehicle life, the tax shall be 50 percent of the foregoing scheduled tax; during the sixth year of vehicle life, the tax shall be 37-1/2 percent of the foregoing scheduled tax; and during the seventh and each succeeding year of vehicle life, the tax shall be 25 percent of the foregoing scheduled tax; provided that the annual tax paid in any year of its life for an intercity bus shall be not less than $175 for a vehicle of over 25-passenger seating capacity and not less than $125 for a vehicle of 25-passenger and less seating capacity.

(c) On all intracity buses operated by an auto transportation company in the business of transporting persons for compensation as a common carrier and operating within the limits of cities, the tax during each year of the vehicle life of each such bus shall be $2.

(d) On all other buses and commuter vans, as defined in section 168.126, the tax during each of the first three years of the vehicle life shall be based on the gross weight of the vehicle and graduated according to the following schedule: Where the gross weight of the vehicle is 6,000 pounds or less, $25. Where the gross weight of the vehicle is more than 6,000 pounds, and not more than 8,000 pounds, the tax shall be $25 plus an additional tax of $5 per ton for the ton or major portion in excess of 6,000 pounds. Where the gross weight of the vehicle is more than 8,000 pounds, and not more than 20,000 pounds, the tax shall be $30 plus an additional tax of $10 per ton for each ton or major portion in excess of 8,000 pounds. Where the gross weight of the vehicle is more than 20,000 pounds and not more than 24,000 pounds, the tax shall be $90 plus an additional tax of $15 per ton for each ton or major portion in excess of 20,000 pounds. Where the gross weight of the vehicle is more than 24,000 pounds and not more than 28,000 pounds, the tax shall be $120 plus an additional tax of $25 per ton for each ton or major portion in excess of 24,000 pounds. Where the gross weight of the vehicle is more than 28,000 pounds, the tax shall be $170 plus an additional tax of $30 per ton for each ton or major portion in excess of 28,000 pounds.

(e) During the fourth and succeeding years of vehicle life, the tax shall be 80 percent of the foregoing scheduled tax but in no event less than $20 per vehicle.

Subd. 1g. **Recreational vehicle.** (a) Self-propelled recreational vehicles must be separately licensed and taxed annually on the basis of total gross weight. The tax must be graduated according to the Minnesota base rate schedule prescribed in subdivision 1e, but in no event less than $20, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision.

(b) For all self-propelled recreational vehicles, the tax for the ninth and succeeding years of vehicle life is 75 percent of the tax imposed in the Minnesota base rate schedule.

(c) Towed recreational vehicles must be separately licensed and taxed under either one of the following, as determined by the vehicle owner: (1) annually on the basis of total gross weight at 30 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed in subdivision 1e; or (2) once every three years on the basis of total gross weight at 90 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed in subdivision 1e, provided that the filing fee under section 168.33, subdivision 7, paragraph (a), is multiplied by three, with funds collected by the commissioner allocated proportionally in the same manner as provided in section 168.33, subdivision 7, paragraph (e). In no event is the tax under this paragraph less than $5.

(d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all trailers and semitrailers taxed pursuant to this section are exempt from any wheelage tax now or hereafter imposed by any political subdivision or political subdivisions.

Subd. 1h. **Motorized bicycle.** On motorized bicycles the tax is $6, which includes the surtax provided for in subdivision 14.

Subd. 1i. MS 1984 [Repealed, 1985 c 291 s 27]

Subd. 1j. MS 1994 [Repealed, 1995 c 264 art 3 s 51]

Subd. 1k. **Commuter van.** A commuter van, as defined in section 168.126, must be separately licensed and taxed annually on the basis of total gross weight and the tax must be graduated according to the schedule prescribed in subdivision 1f.

Subd. 1l. **Concrete pumps and street-sweeping vehicles.** The tax on vehicle-mounted concrete pumps and street-sweeping vehicles that are not registered under section 168.187 is 15 percent of the Minnesota base rate schedule. Vehicles registered under this subdivision must display plates from a distinctive series.

Subd. 1m. **Electric vehicle.** (a) A surcharge as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) is imposed for an all-electric vehicle, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 1a. The surcharge is in addition to the tax under subdivision 1a.

(b) The surcharge is calculated as the greater of the minimum amount specified in paragraph (c) or:

(1) 0.5 percent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price, as determined under subdivision 1a, paragraph (c); multiplied by

(2) the percentage specified under subdivision 1a, paragraph (e), clauses (1) to (10), for the vehicle's year of life, or ten percent for a vehicle in its 11th and each succeeding year of life.

(c) The minimum amount is:

(1) $150 for a registration period beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and on or before June 30, 2027; or

(2) $100 for a registration period beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision 8, revenue collected under this subdivision must be deposited in the highway user tax distribution fund.

Subd. 1n. **Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.** (a) A surcharge as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) is imposed for a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 54a. The surcharge is in addition to the tax under subdivision 1a.

(b) The surcharge is calculated as the greater of the minimum amount specified under paragraph (c) or:

(1) 0.25 percent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price, as determined under subdivision 1a, paragraph (c); multiplied by

(2) the percentage specified under subdivision 1a, paragraph (e), clauses (1) to (10), for the vehicle's year of life, or ten percent for a vehicle in its 11th and each succeeding year of life.

(c) The minimum amount is:

(1) $75 for a registration period beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and on or before June 30, 2027; or

(2) $50 for a registration period beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision 8, revenue collected under this subdivision must be deposited in the highway user tax distribution fund.

Subd. 2. **Prorated fees.** When a motor vehicle first becomes subject to taxation during the registration period for which the tax is paid, or when a vehicle becomes subject to taxation upon transfer from a motor vehicle dealer, the tax shall be for the remainder of the period prorated on a monthly basis, 1/12 of the annual tax for each calendar month or fraction thereof; provided, however, that for a vehicle having an annual tax of $10 or less there shall be no reduction until on and after September 1 when the annual tax shall be reduced one-half.

Subd. 3. **Application; cancellation; excessive gross weight forbidden.** (a) The applicant for all licenses based on gross weight shall state the unloaded weight of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer and the maximum load the applicant proposes to carry on it, the sum of which constitutes the gross weight upon which the license tax must be paid. However, the declared gross weight upon which the tax is paid must not be less than 1-1/4 times the declared unloaded weight of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to be registered, except recreational vehicles taxed under subdivision 1g, school buses taxed under subdivision 18, and tow trucks or towing vehicles defined in section 168B.011, subdivision 12a. The gross weight of a tow truck or towing vehicle is the actual weight of the tow truck or towing vehicle fully equipped, but does not include the weight of a wrecked or disabled vehicle towed or drawn by the tow truck or towing vehicle.

(b) Except as provided by special permit issued under section 169.86, the gross weight of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer must not exceed the gross weight upon which the license tax has been paid by more than four percent or 1,000 pounds, whichever is greater; provided that, a vehicle transporting unfinished forest products on a highway, other than a highway that is part of the system of interstate and defense highways, unless a federal exemption is granted, in accordance with paragraph (d), clause (3):

(1) shall not exceed its gross vehicle weight upon which the license tax has been paid, or gross axle weight on any axle, by more than five percent and, notwithstanding other law to the contrary, is not subject to any fee, fine, or other assessment or penalty for exceeding a gross vehicle or axle weight by up to five percent. This clause applies year round to suppliers of unfinished forest products to mills; and

(2) is not subject to any provision of paragraph (d) or chapter 169 limiting the gross axle weight of any individual axle unless the entire vehicle also exceeds its gross vehicle weight plus its weight allowance allowed in clause (1) and plus any weight allowance permitted under section 169.826 or 169.8261, in which case the vehicle is subject to all applicable penalties for excess weight violations.

(c) The gross weight of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer for which the license tax is paid must be indicated by a distinctive character on the license plate or plates except as provided in subdivision 12 or

section 169.86, subdivision 5a, as applicable, and the plate or plates must be kept clean and clearly visible at all times.

(d) The owner, driver, or user of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, upon conviction for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which it was registered or for operating a vehicle with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful axle load weight, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to increased registration or reregistration according to the following schedule:

(1) Upon conviction for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is registered by more than the allowance set forth in paragraph (b) but less than 25 percent, or for operating or using a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful axle load as provided in sections 169.822 to 169.829 by more than the allowance set forth in paragraph (b) but less than 25 percent, the owner, driver, or user of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used to commit the violation, in addition to any penalty imposed for the misdemeanor, shall apply to the registrar to increase the authorized gross weight to be carried on the vehicle to a weight equal to or greater than the gross weight the owner, driver, or user was convicted of carrying. The increase is computed for the balance of the calendar year on the basis of 1/12 of the annual tax for each month remaining in the calendar year beginning with the first day of the month in which the violation occurred. If the additional registration tax computed upon that weight, plus the tax already paid, amounts to more than the regular tax for the maximum gross weight permitted for the vehicle under sections 169.822 to 169.829, that additional amount must nevertheless be paid into the highway fund, but the additional tax thus paid does not authorize or permit any person to operate the vehicle with a gross weight in excess of the maximum legal weight as provided by sections 169.822 to 169.829. Unless the owner within 30 days after a conviction applies to increase the authorized weight and pays the additional tax as provided in this section, the registrar shall revoke the registration on the vehicle and demand the return of the registration card and plates issued on that registration.

(2) Upon conviction of an owner, driver, or user of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer was registered by 25 percent or more or for operating or using the vehicle or trailer with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful axle load as provided in sections 169.822 to 169.829 by 25 percent or more, and in addition to any penalty imposed for the misdemeanor, the registrar shall either (i) cancel the reciprocity privileges on the vehicle involved if the vehicle is being operated under reciprocity or (ii) if the vehicle is not being operated under reciprocity, cancel the certificate of registration on the vehicle operated and demand the return of the registration certificate and registration plates. The registrar may not cancel the registration or reciprocity privileges for any vehicle found in violation of seasonal load restrictions imposed under section 169.87 unless the axle weight exceeds the year-round weight limit for the highway on which the violation occurred. The registrar may investigate any allegation of gross weight violations and demand that the operator show cause why all future operating privileges in the state should not be revoked unless the additional tax assessed is paid.

(3) Clause (1) does not apply to the first haul of unprocessed or raw farm products or unfinished forest products, when the registered gross weight is not exceeded by more than ten percent. For purposes of this clause, "first haul" means (i) the first, continuous transportation of unprocessed or raw farm products from the place of production or on-farm storage site to any other location within 100 miles of the place of production or on-farm storage site, or (ii) the continuous or noncontinuous transportation of unfinished forest products from the place of production to the place of final processing or manufacture located within 200 miles of the place of production.

(4) When the registration on a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is revoked by the registrar according to this section, the vehicle must not be operated on the highways of the state until it is registered or reregistered, as the case may be, and new plates issued, and the registration fee is the annual tax for the total gross weight of the vehicle at the time of violation. The reregistration pursuant to this subdivision of any vehicle operating under reciprocity agreements pursuant to section 168.181 or 168.187 must be at the full annual registration fee without regard to the percentage of vehicle miles traveled in this state.

Subd. 4. **Gross earnings tax system.** Motor vehicles using the public streets and highways of this state, and owned by companies paying taxes under gross earnings system of taxation, shall be registered and taxed as provided for the registration and taxation of motor vehicles by this chapter, notwithstanding the fact that earnings from such vehicles may be included in the earnings of such companies upon which such gross earnings taxes are computed, and all provisions of this chapter are hereby made applicable to the enforcement and collection of the tax herein provided for.

Subd. 5. **Certain vehicles subject to personal property tax.** Motor vehicles not subject to taxation as provided in section 168.012, but subject to taxation as personal property within the state under section 273.36 or 273.37, subdivision 1, have a classification rate as provided in section 273.13, subdivision 24, provided, that if the person against whom any tax has been levied on the ad valorem basis because of any motor vehicle shall, during the calendar year for which such tax is levied, be also taxed under the provisions of this chapter, then and in that event, upon proper showing, the commissioner of revenue shall grant to the person against whom said ad valorem tax was levied, such reduction or abatement of net tax capacity or taxes as was occasioned by the so-called ad valorem tax imposed, and provided further that, if said ad valorem tax upon any motor vehicle has been assessed against a dealer in new and unused motor vehicles, and the tax imposed by this chapter for the required period is thereafter paid by the owner, then and in that event, upon proper showing, the commissioner of revenue, upon the application of said dealer, shall grant to such dealer against whom said ad valorem tax was levied such reduction or abatement of net tax capacity or taxes as was occasioned by the so-called ad valorem tax imposed. If such motor vehicle be registered and taxed under this chapter for a fractional part of the calendar year only, then such ad valorem tax shall be reduced in the percentage which such fractional part of the years bears to a full year.

Subd. 6. **Listing by dealers.** The owner of every motor vehicle not exempted by section 168.012 or 168.28, shall, so long as it is subject to taxation within the state, list and register the same and pay the tax herein provided annually; provided, however, that any dealer in motor vehicles, to whom dealer's plates have been issued as provided in this chapter, coming into the possession of any such motor vehicle to be held solely for the purpose of sale or demonstration or both, shall be entitled to withhold the tax becoming due on such vehicle for the following year. When, thereafter, such vehicle is otherwise used or is sold, leased, or rented to another person, firm, corporation, or association, the tax for the remainder of the year, prorated on a monthly basis, shall become payable immediately.

Subd. 7. **Agent.** Any act required herein of a registered owner may be performed in the registered owner's behalf by a duly authorized agent. Any person having a lien upon, or claim to, any motor vehicle may pay any tax due thereon to prevent the penalty for delayed registration from accruing, but the registration certificate and number plates shall not be issued until legal ownership is definitely determined.

Subd. 8. **Tax proceeds to highway user fund; fee proceeds to driver and vehicle services operating account.** (a) Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, the net proceeds of the registration tax imposed under this chapter must be collected by the commissioner, paid into the state treasury, and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

(b) All fees collected under this chapter, unless otherwise specified, must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

Subd. 9. **Municipality not to impose tax; exceptions.** No city shall impose any tax or license fee or bond of any kind for the operation of any motor vehicle on its streets if the person or company owning or operating such vehicle holds a certificate or permit to operate such vehicle issued in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, chapter 221, provided, that this section shall not apply to vehicles transporting persons for hire which are operated exclusively within any city or contiguous cities.

Subd. 10. MS 1949 [Repealed, 1973 c 218 s 9]

Subd. 11. [Obsolete, 1951 c 123 s 2]

Subd. 12. **Additional tax for excessive gross weight.** (a) Whenever an owner has registered a vehicle and paid the tax as provided in subdivisions 1 to 1g, on the basis of a selected gross weight of the vehicle and thereafter such owner desires to operate such vehicle with a greater gross weight than that for which the tax has been paid, such owner shall be permitted to reregister such vehicle by paying the additional tax due thereon for the remainder of the calendar year for which such vehicle has been reregistered, the additional tax computed pro rata by the month, 1/12 of the annual tax due for each month of the year remaining in the calendar year, beginning with the first day of the month in which such owner desires to operate the vehicle with the greater weight. In computing the additional tax as aforesaid, the owner shall be given credit for the unused portion of the tax previously paid computed pro rata by the month, 1/12 of the annual tax paid for each month of the year remaining in the calendar year beginning with the first day of the month in which such owner desires to operate the vehicle with the greater weight. An owner will be permitted one reduction of gross weight or change of registration per year, which will result in a refund. This refund will be prorated monthly beginning with the first day of the month after such owner applies to amend the registration. The application for amendment shall be accompanied by a fee of $3, and all fees shall be deposited in the highway user tax distribution fund. Provided, however, the owner of a vehicle may reregister the vehicle for a weight of more than 81,000 pounds for one or more 30-day periods. For each 30-day period, the additional tax shall be equal to 1/12 of the difference between the annual tax for the weight at which the vehicle is registered and reregistered.

(b) This subdivision does not apply to the owner of a vehicle who pays the additional tax for excessive gross weight under section 169.86, subdivision 5a, when buying a permit to operate with the greater gross weight.

Subd. 13. MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 218 s 9]

Subd. 14. **Increase of tax rate.** Beginning in and for the first calendar year following the issuance and sale of bonds of the state of Minnesota under the provisions of the Constitution of the state of Minnesota, article 14, section 4, and after July 1, 1957, under the provisions of the Constitution of the state of Minnesota, article 14, section 11, the proceeds of the sale of which are to be used in the construction of bridges and approaches thereto forming a part of the trunk highway system, all motor vehicle taxes imposed by subdivisions 1 to 1g shall be increased by 5 percent; such increased rate of tax shall remain in effect until and including the calendar year following the year in which all principal and interest on all of any such bonds shall be paid in full. Immediately upon the payment in full of all interest and principal on all of any such bonds, the commissioner of management and budget shall certify that fact to the registrar of motor vehicles and the registrar shall, for the second calendar year and thereafter following receipt of such certification, cease to collect motor vehicle taxes at the increased rate prescribed by this subdivision.

Subd. 15. **Adjustment of tax.** Whenever the tax on any vehicle as computed under the provisions of this section is found to be indivisible by $1, the registrar is authorized to adjust such tax to the nearest even dollar.

Subd. 16. MS 2022 [Repealed, 2023 c 25 s 190]

Subd. 17. MS 1980 [Repealed, 1981 c 363 s 58]

Subd. 18. **School buses.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, school buses used exclusively for the transportation of students under contract with a school district, used in connection with transportation for nonprofit educational institutions, or used as provided under section 169.4475, shall be taxed during each year of the vehicle life of such bus in the amount of $25.

Subd. 19. **Limited rental of farm truck to governmental unit.** A motor vehicle licensed as a farm truck may be rented to any governmental unit for use in snow removal, flood, tornado, fire or other emergency or disaster situation without affecting its license status.

Subd. 20. **Federal heavy vehicle use tax; proof of payment.** No person may register a motor vehicle that, along with the trailers and semitrailers customarily used with the same type of motor vehicle, has a taxable gross weight of at least 55,000 pounds and is subject to the use tax imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, section 4481, unless proof of payment of the use tax, if required and in a form as may be prescribed by the secretary of the treasury, is presented.

Subd. 21. **Technology surcharge.** For every vehicle registration renewal required under this chapter, the commissioner shall collect a surcharge of $2.25. Surcharges collected under this subdivision must be credited to the driver and vehicle services technology account under section 299A.705.

Subd. 22. **Optional donation for education on anatomical gifts.** As part of procedures for payment of the vehicle registration tax under this section, the commissioner shall allow a vehicle owner to add to the tax a $2 donation for the purposes of public information and education on anatomical gifts under section 171.075, for in-person transactions conducted by a deputy registrar appointed under section 168.33, subdivision 2. This subdivision applies to annual renewal registrations only, and does not apply to registrations authorized under sections 168.053 to 168.057, 168.127, 168.187, and 168.27.

Subd. 23. **Adjustments to registration tax.** (a) Except as provided in this subdivision, the commissioner must not adjust the manufacturer's suggested retail price or destination charge for any vehicle in a subsequent registration period following initial registration in Minnesota.

(b) The commissioner must adjust the registration tax amount of any vehicle to correct an error or omission that was made in determining or entering the registration tax amount or the destination charge amount. For a vehicle with a registration tax determined based on the actual sales price, the commissioner must adjust the registration tax within two years of the initial registration using one of the methods described in subdivision 1a, paragraph (c), clauses (1) to (2). The adjusted registration tax amount is effective starting with the vehicle's next registration period. The commissioner must not collect any amount that would have been paid but for the error or omission.

(c) When the commissioner makes an adjustment to the registration tax amount pursuant to this subdivision, the commissioner must mail written notice to the owner of the vehicle stating that an adjustment

was made to the registration tax amount, the reason for the adjustment, and contact information so that the owner may contact the department to ask questions.

History: *1949 c 694 s 3; 1951 c 123 s 1,2; 1951 c 575 s 1; 1951 c 576 s 1; 1953 c 58 s 1; 1953 c 374 s 1; 1953 c 737 s 1; 1955 c 352 s 2; 1955 c 605 s 1; 1955 c 749 s 1; 1957 c 60 s 1; 1957 c 176 s 1; 1957 c 875 s 1; 1957 c 961 s 1; 1959 c 154 s 1; 1961 c 282 s 1; 1963 c 119 s 1; 1965 c 94 s 1; 1965 c 108 s 3; 1965 c 147 s 1; 1965 c 202 s 1,2; 1967 c 332 s 1; 1969 c 9 s 31; 1969 c 24 s 1; 1969 c 824 s 3; 1969 c 1059 s 1; 1971 c 700 s 1; 1971 c 754 s 2; Ex1971 c 31 art 5 s 1; 1973 c 54 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 218 s 3-6; 1973 c 260 s 1; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1973 c 582 s 3; 1974 c 406 s 28-31; 1975 c 339 s 8; 1976 c 2 s 172; 1976 c 39 s 2-4; 1977 c 108 s 1; 1977 c 214 s 3; 1977 c 248 s 1-3; 1977 c 347 s 26; 1979 c 213 s 2; 1980 c 427 s 1; 1981 c 321 s 1; 1981 c 357 s 51-54; 1981 c 363 s 7-17; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 4 s 61; 3Sp1981 c 1 art 2 s 5-7; 1982 c 424 s 41; 1983 c 198 s 2,3; 1983 c 371 s 1; 1984 c 549 s 3,4; 1985 c 291 s 8-11; 1985 c 299 s 8,9; 1986 c 398 art 13 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1986 c 454 s 12,13; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 2 s 11; 1987 c 383 s 1; 1988 c 647 s 2; 1988 c 719 art 5 s 84; 1989 c 268 s 5; 1989 c 329 art 13 s 20; 1989 c 342 s 7,8; 1Sp1989 c 1 art 2 s 11; 1990 c 426 art 1 s 21; 1990 c 480 art 7 s 2; 1990 c 556 s 2; 1991 c 112 s 5; 1994 c 536 s 3,4; 1995 c 264 art 2 s 2; 1996 c 289 s 3; 1996 c 455 art 3 s 18; 1999 c 70 s 1; 1999 c 238 art 2 s 4,5; 2000 c 490 art 7 s 1; 1Sp2001 c 5 art 13 s 2; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 30; 2002 c 364 s 8; 2002 c 371 art 1 s 4; art 3 s 2; 2002 c 388 s 1; 2003 c 2 art 4 s 5; 1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 20; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 2; 2008 c 152 art 3 s 1; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 22; 2008 c 350 art 1 s 9; 2008 c 363 art 11 s 6; 2008 c 366 art 9 s 4; 2009 c 64 s 1; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 2010 c 382 s 37; 1Sp2011 c 3 art 3 s 6; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 18,64; art 4 s 11-13; 2013 c 102 s 1; 2014 c 308 art 10 s 12; 2015 c 75 art 2 s 14,15; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 31,32; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 1; art 3 s 19,20; 2020 c 74 art 2 s 1,2; 2023 c 25 s 59-63; 2023 c 68 art 3 s 5; art 7 s 1; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 15; 1Sp2025 c 8 art 2 s 15-17*

168.0135 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SELF-SERVICE KIOSKS.

Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** (a) The commissioner, in consultation with deputy registrars, must establish a process to implement, locate, and install self-service kiosks that may be used for passenger vehicle and motorcycle registration renewals. The commissioner must establish reasonable performance, security, technical, and financial standards to approve a vendor. Self-service kiosks authorized by this section must:

(1) allow a customer to renew a passenger vehicle or motorcycle registration pursuant to section 168.013 without assistance of a deputy registrar;

(2) collect the appropriate annual contribution for a special license plate;

(3) process requests for duplicate license plates, except that the self-service kiosk must not process any request for a special plate that requires documentation to prove eligibility to receive that type of plate;

(4) dispense license plate registration renewal stickers to the applicant at the time of the application; and

(5) display the contact phone number and email address of the deputy registrar's office that is responsible for the self-service kiosk.

(b) This section only applies to deputy registrars appointed pursuant to section 168.33, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner must contract with a vendor to provide the hardware and software necessary to implement the self-service kiosk program. The commissioner must provide fair and reasonable access to department facilities, staff, and technology. The vendor is responsible for the maintenance and installation of all self-service kiosks. The vendor must provide training to deputy registrars on how to operate and troubleshoot issues with a self-service kiosk.

(b) In order to have a self-service kiosk placed in a deputy registrar's service area, the deputy registrar must make a request to the commissioner. The commissioner must review the request. If the request is approved, the commissioner must direct the vendor to place a self-service kiosk in the requesting deputy registrar's service area.

(c) The deputy registrar that requested the placement of the self-service kiosk is responsible for the kiosk. The deputy registrar must coordinate with the vendor for administration and to ensure that all registration materials contained within the self-service kiosks are properly handled and accounted for.

Subd. 2a. **Limitations.** (a) A vendor must not have an ownership interest with a deputy registrar or a driver's license agent.

(b) A vendor is not eligible to be appointed by the commissioner as a deputy registrar or a driver's license agent.

(c) An entity that owns, leases, or otherwise provides a location where a self-service kiosk is placed is not eligible to be appointed by the commissioner as a deputy registrar or a driver's license agent. This paragraph does not apply to a deputy registrar or a driver's license agent appointed prior to placement of a self-service kiosk within the office of the deputy registrar or driver's license agent.

Subd. 3. **Fees.** (a) The commissioner may assess a convenience fee of $5 or less for each transaction completed using a self-service kiosk. The vendor must collect and retain the revenue from any convenience fee that is assessed.

(b) The filing fees in section 168.33, subdivision 7, apply to transactions conducted at a self-service kiosk. The deputy registrar must retain the filing fees.

(c) The fees authorized in this subdivision are in addition to any transaction fees, convenience fees, or other fees charged by a financial institution for use of a debit or credit card.

History: *1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 29; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 16*

168.014 OWNER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE; EXPIRATION.

The registered owner's right to the registration certificate provided for herein and the right to use the number plates issued therewith shall expire upon the termination of ownership of any person in the motor vehicle for which the same was issued, and in any event at midnight on December 31 of the year for which issued except as provided in section 168.017.

History: *1949 c 694 s 4; 1973 c 6 s 1; 1974 c 406 s 32*

168.015 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 218 s 9]

168.016 COLLECTION OF TAX RATE INCREASE.

The tax provisions include the five percent surtax imposed under section 168.013, subdivision 14 for passenger automobiles, ambulances and hearses, and the five percent increase in taxes provided for in said subdivision 14 shall not be added to the taxes imposed on such vehicles under the provisions of Extra Session Laws 1971, chapter 31.

History: *Ex1971 c 31 art 5 s 4*

168.017 MONTHLY SERIES REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Subdivision 1. **Requirement generally.** All passenger automobiles, ambulances, hearses, and pickup trucks shall be registered by the registrar according to the monthly series system of registration prescribed by this section.

Subd. 2. **12 uniform registration periods.** There are established 12 registration periods, each to be designated by a calendar month and to start on the first day of such month and end on the last day of the 12th month from the date of commencing. The registrar shall register all vehicles subject to registration under the monthly series system for a minimum period of 12 consecutive calendar months.

Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** The registrar shall register all vehicles subject to registration under the monthly series system for a period of 12 consecutive calendar months, unless:

(1) the application is an original under section 168.127; or

(2) the applicant is a licensed motor vehicle lessor under section 168.27 and the vehicle is leased or rented for periods of time of not more than 28 days, in which case the applicant may apply for initial or renewed registration of a vehicle for a period of four or more months, the month of expiration to be designated by the applicant at the time of registration. To qualify for this exemption, the applicant must present the application to a designated deputy registrar office. Subsequent registration periods when the applicant is not a qualified motor vehicle lessor under this subdivision must be for a period of 12 months commencing from the last month for which registration was issued.

Subd. 4. **Proportional registration payment system.** Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the applicant for registration of a vehicle under the monthly series system shall pay in full the calendar year registration fee prescribed by law during the 12 consecutive calendar months of registration under the monthly series system. If the registrar registers the vehicle for a period greater or less than a calendar year pursuant to subdivision 3, the calendar year registration fee shall be apportioned as follows: During the first period the fee is 1/12 of the first calendar year fee times the number of months in the period. During the first 12 consecutive months of registration under the monthly series system, the fee is the sum of the following: (a) 1/12 of the first calendar year fee times the months remaining after subtracting the months in the first period of issuance from 12 months, and (b) 1/12 of the second calendar year fee times the number of months in the first period of issuance. The registration fee shall be computed in the same manner for second and subsequent periods of 12 consecutive months of registration under the monthly series system, subject to changes provided by law for registration fees under the calendar year system. If the registrar registers the vehicle for a part of a year pursuant to subdivision 3, the calendar year registration fee shall be apportioned as above in the case of an original registration for part of a year except that the computation shall begin with the second calendar year fee.

Subd. 5. **Registration period extension for leased vehicle.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivisions 3 and 4, a person leasing for at least one year a vehicle registered under this section may obtain an extension of the motor vehicle's registration period for the unexpired portion of the lease period, for a period not to exceed 11 months beyond the expiration of the registration period.

(b) In order to obtain an extension under this subdivision a lessee must:

(1) apply to the registrar on a form the registrar prescribes;

(2) submit to the registrar a copy of the lease;

(3) pay an administrative fee of $5; and

(4) pay a tax of 1/12 of the tax for the registration period being extended for each month of the extension.

(c) On an applicant's compliance with paragraph (b) the registrar shall issue the applicant a license plate tab or sticker designating the new month of expiration of the registration. The extended registration expires on the tenth day of the month following the month designated on the tab or sticker.

(d) All fees collected under paragraph (b), clause (3), must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1. Taxes collected under paragraph (b), clause (4), must be deposited in the highway user tax distribution fund.

History: *1973 c 6 s 2; 1974 c 121 s 1-4; 1981 c 363 s 18-19; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1989 c 140 s 7; 1991 c 284 s 1; 1995 c 264 art 2 s 3,4,44; 2000 c 426 s 2,31; 1Sp2001 c 5 art 13 s 3; 2007 c 143 art 4 s 1; 2009 c 36 art 3 s 6; 2011 c 48 s 1; 2013 c 127 s 13,14; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 128*

168.018 QUARTERLY REGISTRATION OF FARM TRUCKS.

(a) The owner of (1) any farm truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 8, or (2) a truck owned by a retailer who is engaged in the intrastate transportation of fertilizer or agricultural chemicals directly to a farm for on-farm use within a radius of 50 miles of the retailer's business location, may elect to register and license the truck only for one or more quarters of a registration year, at a tax of one-fourth of the annual tax on the vehicle plus $5 for each quarterly registration. The owner may not apply for quarterly registration or renewal until seven days before the selected quarter or concurrent quarters. The expiration date of a registration shall be displayed on the license plate in such a manner as the registrar shall direct. No truck registered on a quarterly basis shall be operated on the public streets and highways more than ten days beyond the end of the quarter for which it is registered unless the registration has been renewed for another quarter or for the remainder of the registration year.

(b) For purposes of this section registration quarters shall begin on March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

History: *1981 c 363 s 20; 1984 c 549 s 5; 1997 c 159 art 2 s 12*

168.0185 RECORD OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION; DISCLOSURE.

(a) The commissioner shall keep a record of all registered vehicles according to (1) registration plate number, (2) name of the registered owner, (3) make of vehicle and the vehicle's identification number, for a vehicle so identified, or, if none, the vehicle's serial number until the manufacturer adopts and uses a vehicle identification number.

(b) The commissioner shall furnish to any person applying for a copy of the registration, a copy as specified in section 168.327.

(c) The commissioner shall also furnish vehicle registration records, without charge, to chiefs of police, county sheriffs, prosecuting attorneys, and other law enforcement agencies with the power to arrest.

History: *(2693) 1921 c 461 s 22; 1923 c 418 s 22; 1927 c 340 s 1; 1939 c 259 s 1; 1949 c 131 s 1; 1949 c 132 s 1; 1951 c 384 s 1; 1957 c 82 s 1; 1965 c 45 s 9; 1969 c 540 s 9; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 15-17; 1971 c 58 s 1; 1971 c 625 s 1,3; 1971 c 853 s 13; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 375 s 1; 1975 c 146 s 1; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1976 c 281 s 1,2; 1977 c 327 s 2,3; 1979 c 329 s 3; 1981 c 357 s 59; 1984 c 549 s 24; 1984 c 629 s 3; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 61; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1985 c 291 s 17; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 496 s 11; 1988 c 647 s 10; 1989 c 209 art 1 s 16; 1989 c 269 s 40,41; 1990 c 426 art 1 s 22; 1990 c 565 s 28; 1991 c 56 s 1; 1996 c 435 s 11; 1996 c 455 art 4 s 11; 1997 c 250 s 3; 2000 c 426 s 12; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 36; 2002 c 371 art 1*

s 11,12; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 2005 c 10 art 1 s 28; 2005 c 45 s 2,3; 2005 c 64 s 6; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 26,47

168.019 MS 1997 Supp [Repealed, 3Sp1997 c 3 s 25]

168.02 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1949 c 694 s 5]

168.021 PLATES FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS.

Subdivision 1. **Disability plates; application.** (a) When a motor vehicle registered under section 168.017, a motorcycle, a motorized bicycle, a one-ton pickup truck, or a self-propelled recreational vehicle is owned or primarily operated by a permanently physically disabled person or a custodial parent or guardian of a permanently physically disabled person, the owner may apply for and secure from the commissioner (1) immediately, a temporary permit valid for 30 days if the applicant is eligible for the disability plates issued under this section and (2) two disability plates with attached emblems, one plate to be attached to the front, and one to the rear of the motor vehicle, truck, or recreational vehicle, or, in the case of a motorcycle or a motorized bicycle, one disability plate the same size as a regular motorcycle plate.

(b) The commissioner shall not issue more than one plate to the owner of a motorcycle or a motorized bicycle and not more than one set of plates to any owner of another vehicle described in paragraph (a) at the same time unless the state Council on Disability approves the issuance of a second plate or set of plates to an owner.

(c) When the owner first applies for the disability plate or plates, the owner must submit a medical statement in a format approved by the commissioner under section 169.345, or proof of physical disability provided for in that section.

(d) No medical statement or proof of disability is required when an owner applies for a plate or plates for one or more vehicles listed in paragraph (a) that are specially modified for and used exclusively by permanently physically disabled persons.

(e) The owner of a vehicle listed in paragraph (a) may apply for and secure (i) immediately, a permit valid for 30 days, if the applicant is eligible to receive the disability plate or plates issued under this section, and (ii) a disability plate or plates for the vehicle if:

(1) the owner employs a permanently physically disabled person who would qualify for the disability plate or plates under this section; and

(2) the owner furnishes the motor vehicle to the physically disabled person for the exclusive use of that person in the course of employment.

Subd. 1a. **Scope of privilege.** If a physically disabled person parks a vehicle described in subdivision 1, displaying the disability plate or plates described in this section, or a permit valid for 30 days and issued to an eligible person awaiting receipt of the disability plate or plates described in this section, or any person parks the motor vehicle for a physically disabled person, that person is entitled to park the motor vehicle as provided in section 169.345.

Subd. 2. **Plate design; furnished by commissioner.** The commissioner shall design and furnish two disability plates, or one disability plate for a motorcycle or a motorized bicycle that is the same size as a regular motorcycle plate, with attached emblem or emblems to an eligible owner. The emblem must bear the internationally accepted wheelchair symbol, as designated in section 326B.106, subdivision 9, approximately three inches square. The emblem must be large enough to be visible plainly from a distance

of 50 feet. An applicant eligible for a disability plate or plates shall pay the motor vehicle registration fee authorized by sections 168.013 and 168.09.

Subd. 2a. **Plate transfer.** (a) When ownership of a vehicle described in subdivision 1, is transferred, the owner of the vehicle shall remove the disability plate or plates. The buyer of the motor vehicle is entitled to receive a regular plate or plates for the vehicle without further cost for the remainder of the registration period.

(b) Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, the disability plate or plates may be transferred to a replacement vehicle on notification to the commissioner. However, the disability plate or plates may not be transferred unless the replacement vehicle (1) is listed under section 168.012, subdivision 1, and, in case of a single plate for a motorcycle or a motorized bicycle, the replacement vehicle is a motorcycle or a motorized bicycle, and (2) is owned or primarily operated by the permanently physically disabled person.

Subd. 2b. **When not eligible.** On becoming ineligible for the disability plate or plates, the owner of the motor vehicle shall remove the disability plate or plates. The owner may receive regular plates for the vehicle without further cost for the remainder of the registration period.

Subd. 3. **Penalties for unauthorized use of plates.** (a) A person who uses the disability plate or plates or permit provided under this section on a motor vehicle in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is subject to a fine of $500. This subdivision does not preclude a person who is not physically disabled from operating a vehicle bearing the disability plates or permit if:

(1) the person is the owner of the vehicle described in subdivision 1 and permits its operation by a physically disabled person;

(2) the person operates the vehicle with the consent of the owner who is physically disabled; or

(3) the person is the owner of the vehicle, is the custodial parent or guardian of a permanently physically disabled minor, and operates the vehicle to transport the minor.

(b) A driver who is not disabled is not entitled to the parking privileges provided in this section and in section 169.346 unless parking the vehicle for a physically disabled person.

Subd. 4. **Fees; disposition.** All fees collected from the sale of a disability plate or plates under this section must be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1.

Subd. 5. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the term "physically disabled person" has the meaning given it in section 169.345, subdivision 2.

Subd. 6. **Driver's license law not affected.** This section must not be construed to revoke, limit, or amend chapter 171.

Subd. 7. MS 1986 [Repealed, 1987 c 355 s 10]

History: *1953 c 152 s 1-6; 1965 c 51 s 21; 1975 c 217 s 1; 1976 c 19 s 1,2; 1977 c 205 s 2; 1979 c 225 s 1; 1979 c 277 s 1-3; 1983 c 117 s 1; 1983 c 216 art 1 s 27; 1985 c 291 s 12; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 355 s 1-6; 1987 c 384 art 2 s 1; 1989 c 234 s 1,2; 1990 c 497 s 4; 1991 c 301 s 1; 1993 c 98 s 1-3; 1996 c 435 s 5; 1999 c 25 s 1; 1999 c 238 art 2 s 6; 2005 c 64 s 5; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 61; art 13 s 4; 2008 c 350 art 1 s 10,11; 2009 c 36 art 3 s 7; 2011 c 60 s 1; 2011 c 109 s 6; 2014 c 255 s 1; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 33-35; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 128*

168.022 MANDATORY TAX REFUND DUE TO LEMON LAW.

Subdivision 1. **Entitlement to refund.** If a manufacturer of motor vehicles is required by section 325F.665, subdivision 3, to refund the tax imposed by this chapter, the tax shall be refunded to the manufacturer as provided in this section.

Subd. 2. **Amount of refund.** The amount of the refund shall be the tax paid by the purchaser pursuant to this chapter less 1/12 of the annual tax for the vehicle for each calendar month or fraction of a calendar month between the date of registration and the date the purchase price is refunded.

Subd. 3. **Application.** The refund shall be paid to the manufacturer upon written application to the registrar of motor vehicles with proof of compliance with this section as the registrar may require.

Subd. 4. **Payment out of highway user fund.** Payment of any refund pursuant to this section shall be made out of the highway user tax distribution fund and the amounts necessary to pay the refunds are appropriated out of that fund.

History: *1983 c 342 art 20 s 1; 1999 c 86 art 1 s 38*

168.03 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1949 c 694 s 5]

168.031 REGISTRATION EXEMPTION; ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

(a) The motor vehicle of any person who engages in active military service in any branch or unit of the United States armed forces shall be exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax during the period of such active service and for 90 days immediately thereafter if the owner, before, during, or within 90 days after completion of that active service, files with the registrar of motor vehicles a written application for exemption with such proof of military service as the registrar may have required and if the motor vehicle is not operated on a public highway within the state during the requested period of exemption, except by the owner while on furlough or leave of absence from the military.

(b) The motor vehicle of any disabled war veteran, which vehicle has been furnished free, in whole or in part, by the United States government to said disabled veteran, shall be exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax. The motor vehicle owned and registered by a former prisoner of war that bears the "EX-POW" plates is exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "active service" shall have the meaning given this term in section 190.05, subdivisions 5b and 5c, but excludes service performed exclusively for purposes of:

(1) annual training and other periodic inactive duty training for National Guard and other reserve members;

(2) special training periodically made available to National Guard and other reserve members;

(3) service performed in accordance with section 190.08, subdivision 3; and

(4) service performed as part of the active guard/reserve program pursuant to United States Code, title 32, section 502(f), or other applicable authority.

History: *1941 c 7 s 1; 1943 c 458 s 1; 1951 c 248 s 1; 1971 c 83 s 1; 1993 c 214 s 1; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 30*

168.032 PROPORTIONATE REFUND TO PERSON ON ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

If such person shall have paid the tax for the year when entering upon such active service the person shall surrender to the registrar on applying for the exemption the number plates issued upon the registration. Upon proper application and surrender of the number plates, the registrar shall refund to the applicant from the motor vehicle license suspense fund the portion of the tax paid proportionate to the portion of the year during which the motor vehicle will not be used on any highway of the state.

History: *1941 c 7 s 2; 1986 c 444*

168.033 MAY PAY PROPORTIONATE PART OF TAX.

If such person shall not have paid the tax for the year when entering upon such active service, the registrar shall not accept the application until the person has registered the motor vehicle and paid the portion of the tax with penalties, if any, proportionate to the portion of the year up to the date of application.

History: *1941 c 7 s 3; 1986 c 444*

168.034 MS 1965 [Repealed, 1967 c 515 s 3]

168.035 MS 1965 [Repealed, 1967 c 515 s 3]

168.036 MS 1965 [Repealed, 1967 c 515 s 3]

168.037 MS 1965 [Repealed, 1967 c 515 s 3]

168.038 MS 1965 [Repealed, 1967 c 515 s 3]

168.039 MS 1965 [Repealed, 1967 c 515 s 3]

168.04 MILITARY PERSONNEL; EXEMPTIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Licensed in other states.** The provisions of this chapter, requiring the registration and taxation of motor vehicles and the display of license number plates shall not apply to a motor vehicle operated by an owner who is not a resident of this state or the owner's authorized agent while the owner is serving in the armed forces of the United States, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) the vehicle is properly registered in another state in the name of the owner and displays the license number plates or other insignia required by the laws of the other state;

(2) the owner is a resident of the state in which the vehicle is registered;

(3) the vehicle is used only for personal transportation or for transportation of the owner or authorized agent's personal property; and

(4) the vehicle is subject to all provisions of law applicable to vehicles owned by Minnesota residents except to the extent exemption from law is provided by this section.

Subd. 2. **Licensed by armed forces.** The provisions of this chapter, requiring the registration and taxation of motor vehicles and the display of license number plates shall not apply to a motor vehicle operated by the owner or authorized agent while the owner is engaged in active service in the armed forces of the United States, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) that such vehicle is properly registered with, and displays the license number plates of, the armed forces of the United States in a foreign country;

(2) that such vehicle is used only for personal transportation or for transportation of the owner or authorized agent's personal property;

(3) that such vehicle shall be subject to all provisions of law applicable to vehicles owned by Minnesota residents except to the extent that exemption from said law is provided by this section; and

(4) that the exemption provided by this subdivision shall be valid only for a period of 30 days after a vehicle has arrived in this state.

History: *1967 c 515 s 1,2; 1981 c 167 s 1; 1986 c 444; 2023 c 25 s 64*

168.041 IMPOUNDING REGISTRATION PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Driving after license invalidated.** (a) When a person is convicted of driving a self-propelled motor vehicle after the suspension, revocation, or cancellation of the person's driver's license or driving privileges, the court shall require the registration plates of the self-propelled motor vehicle involved in the violation owned by the person or registered in the person's name to be surrendered to the court. The court shall issue a receipt for the surrendered registration plates.

(b) If the violator is not the owner of the self-propelled motor vehicle, the court shall require the registration plates of the motor vehicle to be surrendered to the court if the vehicle was used by the violator with the permission of the owner and the owner had knowledge of the fact that the violator's driver's license had been revoked or suspended prior to the commission of the offense.

Subd. 1a. MS 1991 Supp [Repealed, 1992 c 571 art 14 s 14]

Subd. 2. **Moving violation following previous conviction.** If a person is convicted of violating a law or municipal ordinance, except a parking law or ordinance, regulating the operation of motor vehicles on the streets or highways, and the record of the person so convicted shows a previous conviction for driving after suspension or revocation of the person's driver's license or driving privileges, the court may direct the commissioner of public safety to suspend the driver's license of the person for a period not exceeding one year. The court may also require the registration plates of any self-propelled motor vehicle owned by the violator or registered in the violator's name to be surrendered to the court.

Subd. 3. **Other convictions.** Except as otherwise provided in section 169A.60, if a person is convicted of an offense that makes mandatory the revocation of the person's driver's license, or is convicted of driving a self-propelled motor vehicle without having a valid driver's license in force, the court may require the registration plates of any self-propelled motor vehicle owned by the person or registered in the person's name to be surrendered to the court.

Subd. 3a. MS 1988 [Repealed, 1990 c 602 art 1 s 8]

Subd. 4. **Impoundment order; plates surrendered.** If the court issues an impoundment order, the registration plates must be surrendered to the court either three days after the order is issued or on the date specified by the court, whichever date is later. The court may destroy the surrendered registration plates. Except as provided in subdivision 6 or 7, no new registration plates may be issued to the violator or owner until the driver's license of the violator has been reissued or reinstated. The court shall notify the commissioner of public safety within ten days after issuing an impoundment order.

Subd. 4a. MS 1989 Supp [Repealed, 1990 c 602 art 1 s 8]

Subd. 5. **Revocation rescinded.** If the driver's license revocation that is the basis for an impoundment order is rescinded, the registrar of motor vehicles shall issue new registration plates for the vehicle at no

cost, when the registrar receives an application that includes a copy of the order rescinding the driver's license revocation.

Subd. 6. **Special series plates.** (a) A violator or owner may apply to the commissioner for new registration plates, which must bear a special series of numbers or letters so as to be readily identified by traffic law enforcement officers. The commissioner may authorize the issuance of special plates if a member of the violator's household has a valid driver's license, the violator or owner has a limited license issued under section 171.30, or the owner is not the violator and the owner has a valid or limited license or a member of the owner's household has a valid driver's license. The commissioner may issue the special plates on payment of a $25 fee for each vehicle for which special plates are requested. The commissioner may not authorize the issuance of special plates unless the court that impounded the vehicle's plates gives written approval for the issuance of the special plates.

(b) Until the driver's license of the violator is reinstated or reissued, the violator shall inform the commissioner that an impoundment order is in effect when requesting any new registration plates.

Subd. 7. **Transferring vehicle when plates impounded.** A registered owner may not sell a motor vehicle during the time its registration plates have been ordered surrendered or during the time its registration plates bear a special series number, unless the registered owner applies to the court that impounded the plates, for consent to transfer title to the motor vehicle. If the court is satisfied that the proposed sale is in good faith and for a valid consideration, that the registered owner will be deprived of the custody and control of the motor vehicle, and that the sale is not for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section, it may certify its consent to the registrar of motor vehicles. The registrar shall then transfer the certificate of title to the new owner upon proper application and issue new registration plates. After the registration plates have been ordered surrendered to the court under this section, if the title to the motor vehicle is transferred by the foreclosure of a chattel mortgage, the cancellation of a conditional sales contract, a sale upon execution, or by decree or order of a court of competent jurisdiction, the registrar of motor vehicles shall then transfer the certificate of title and issue new registration plates to the new registered owner.

Subd. 8. **Applicability to registration tax.** Nothing contained in this section or section 169A.60 is intended to change or modify any provision of this chapter, with respect to the taxation of motor vehicles or the time within which motor vehicle taxes must be paid.

Subd. 9. **Penalty.** A person who fails to surrender any registration plates to the court upon demand under this section, who operates a motor vehicle on a street or highway at a time when a court has ordered the surrender of its registration plates, or who fails to comply with subdivision 6, paragraph (b), is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 10. **Definition of rental motor vehicle.** "Rental motor vehicle" means a passenger vehicle, truck, motorcycle, or motorized bicycle:

(1) that is leased in the name of the violator, or leased jointly in the name of the violator and the violator's spouse; and

(2) that is one of a fleet of two or more vehicles rented for periods of 30 days or less.

Subd. 11. MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 48]

History: *1955 c 468 s 1-9; 1961 c 386 s 1,2; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1979 c 50 s 16; 1984 c 549 s 6; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 647 s 3; 1988 c 681 s 1; 1989 c 321 s 6-8; 1990 c 602 art 1 s 1-4; 1991 c 301 s 2; 1992 c 571 art 14 s 1; 1992 c 581 s 3; 1995 c 99 s 1-3; 2000 c 478 art 2 s 7*

168.042 MS 1998 [Repealed, 2000 c 478 art 2 s 8]

168.0422 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 255 s 21]

168.05 [Held unconstitutional]

168.053 DRIVE-AWAY IN-TRANSIT LICENSE.

Subdivision 1. **Application; fee; penalty.** Any person, firm, or corporation with a business located in Minnesota engaged in the business of transporting motor vehicles owned by another, by delivering, by drive-away or towing methods, either singly or by means of the full mount method, the saddle mount method, the tow bar method, or any other combination thereof, and under their own power, vehicles over the highways of the state from the manufacturer or any other point of origin, to any point of destination, within or without the state, shall make application to the registrar for a drive-away in-transit license. This application for annual license shall be accompanied by a registration fee of $250 and contain information the registrar may require. Upon the filing of the application and the payment of the fee, the registrar shall issue to each drive-away operator a drive-away in-transit license plate, which must be carried and displayed on the power unit consistent with section 169.79 and the plate shall remain on the vehicle while being transported. The license plate issued under this subdivision is not valid for the purpose of permanent vehicle registration. Additional drive-away in-transit license plates desired by any drive-away operator may be secured from the registrar of motor vehicles upon the payment of a fee of $5 for each set of additional license plates. Any person, firm, or corporation engaging in the business as a drive-away operator, of transporting and delivering by means of full mount method, the saddle mount method, the tow bar method, or any combination thereof, and under their own power, motor vehicles, who fails or refuses to file or cause to be filed an application, as is required by law, and to pay the fees therefor as the law requires, shall be found guilty of violating the provisions of sections 168.053 to 168.057; and, upon conviction, fined not less than $50, and not more than $100, and all costs of court. Each day so operating without securing the license and plates as required shall constitute a separate offense.

Subd. 2. **Delivery of trailer or building.** Notwithstanding any provisions of subdivision 1 inconsistent herewith the provisions of sections 168.053 to 168.057 shall also apply to the delivery of new travel trailers, park trailers, manufactured homes, sectional buildings, and semitrailers by towing methods whether or not the power unit is a part of the combination being delivered.

History: *1941 c 213 s 1; 1959 c 153 s 1; 1961 c 38 s 1; 1961 c 554 s 1; 1969 c 121 s 1; 1981 c 365 s 9; 1984 c 549 s 7; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 323 s 1; 1989 c 342 s 9; 1994 c 536 s 5; 2013 c 127 s 15; 2015 c 75 art 2 s 16*

168.054 LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

Any person pulling or towing any vehicle as provided in section 168.053 designed, equipped, or intended to operate under its own power, the pulling or towing being accomplished by another vehicle when operating upon any public highway of the state, shall obtain, before such pulling or towing, a liability insurance policy or bond covering public liability and property damage, issued by some insurance or bonding company, or insurance carrier authorized to do business in the state, which policy or bond shall be approved by the registrar and be in the amount of $10,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, and, subject to said limit for one person, in the amount of $100,000 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and in the amount of $5,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident.

History: *1941 c 213 s 2; 1947 c 166 s 1; 1994 c 536 s 6*

168.055 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 255 s 21]

168.056 TOWING VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPTIONS.

Any person violating the provisions of section 168.053 or 168.054 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The provisions of sections 168.053 to 168.057 shall not apply where such vehicle is being towed as a temporary movement for the purpose of making repairs, or for the purpose of pulling or towing such vehicle from one point to another point for the purpose of making repairs, or on repossessed cars being towed by an agent or employee of any person or bona fide finance company in the state where such towing is incidental to the repossession of such vehicle.

History: *1941 c 213 s 4; 1969 c 6 s 28; 2014 c 255 s 2*

168.057 FEES CREDITED TO HIGHWAY USER FUND.

All fees derived from sections 168.053 to 168.057 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

History: *1941 c 213 s 5; 1957 c 60 s 2*

168.06 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1949 c 694 s 5]

168.073 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1949 c 694 s 5]

168.075 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1949 c 694 s 5]

168.08 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1949 c 694 s 5]

168.09 REGISTRATION; REREGISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. **Registration required.** No trailer or motor vehicle, except as is exempted by section 168.012, may be used or operated upon the public streets or highways of the state in any calendar year until it is registered as provided in this section, the motor vehicle tax and fees as provided in this chapter are paid, and the number plates issued for the trailer or motor vehicle are displayed on it. No trailer or motor vehicle, except as provided by section 168.012, which for any reason is not subject to taxation as provided in this chapter, may be used or operated upon the public streets or highways of this state until it is registered as provided in this section and displays number plates as required by this chapter, except that the purchaser of a new trailer or motor vehicle may operate it without plates if the permit authorized by section 168.091 or 168.092 is displayed.

Subd. 2. **Reregistration.** When a motor vehicle registered in Minnesota, has during the calendar year for which it is so registered, been reregistered for the following year, the display on such motor vehicle of the plates issued for such motor vehicle on its reregistration for the following year shall on and after November 15 of the calendar year in which it was so reregistered constitute compliance with subdivision 1 requiring display of plates except as provided in subdivisions 3 and 4.

Subd. 3. **Proratable vehicles; other vehicles.** (a) Plates or other insignia issued for a motor vehicle registered under section 168.187 for a calendar year shall be displayed on the motor vehicle not later than 12:01 a.m. on March 2 of the year unless extended by the registrar for the period of time required for the issuance of the new plates or insignia. The registration year for vehicles registered under section 168.187, as provided in this section, is from March 1 to the last day of February for 1995 and succeeding years.

(b) Except for a motor vehicle registered under section 168.017 or 168.187, plates or other insignia issued for a self-propelled motor vehicle registered for over 27,000 pounds shall be displayed on the vehicle not later than 12:01 a.m. on March 2 of the year, and, except for recreational equipment, not earlier than 12:01 a.m. on February 15 of the year, unless otherwise extended by the registrar for the period of time required for issuing the new plates or insignia.

(c) Except for a motor vehicle registered under section 168.017 or 168.187, plates or other insignia issued for a self-propelled vehicle registered for 27,000 pounds or less and all other motor vehicles shall be displayed not later than 12:01 a.m. on March 2 of the year, and, except for recreational equipment, not earlier than January 1 of the year unless otherwise extended by the registrar for the period of time required for issuing the new plates or insignia. The registration year for all vehicles as provided in this paragraph and paragraph (b) is from March 1 to the last day of February for 1979 and succeeding years.

Subd. 4. **Display.** A vehicle registered under the monthly series system of registration shall display the plates and insignia issued within ten days of the first day of the month which commences the registration period.

Subd. 5. **Defenses to failure to renew.** No person may be charged with violating this section by reason of failure to renew the registration of a previously registered motor vehicle, except those vehicles registered under section 168.187, if:

(1) the person produces a statement from the registrar to the effect that the person was not notified by the registrar of the annual renewal for the registration of the vehicle to which a citation was issued; and

(2) the person renews the registration and pays the motor vehicle tax and fees due within ten days of being cited for the violation.

Subd. 6. **Semitrailer.** For a semitrailer, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 30, a number plate must be assigned to the registered owner as identification for the vehicle. This number plate must not display a year designator. The registration card must indicate the number plate for the number plate to be valid.

Subd. 7. **Display of temporary permit.** (a) The commissioner may issue a temporary permit under this subdivision in conjunction with the conclusion of a registration period or a recently expired registration if:

(1) the current registration tax and all other fees and taxes have been paid in full; and

(2) special plates have been applied for.

(b) The permit is valid for a period of 60 days. The permit must be in a format prescribed by the commissioner, affixed to the rear of the vehicle where a license plate would normally be affixed, and plainly visible. The permit is valid only for the vehicle for which it was issued to allow a reasonable time for the new plates to be manufactured and delivered to the applicant. The permit may be issued only by the commissioner or by a deputy registrar under section 168.33.

History: *(2675) 1921 c 461 s 4; 1923 c 418 s 4; 1927 c 88; 1945 c 14 s 1; 1949 c 130; 1957 c 714 s 1; 1969 c 75 s 1; 1971 c 1 s 1; 1974 c 121 s 6; 1976 c 39 s 5; 1978 c 613 s 1,2; 1981 c 167 s 2,3; 1984 c 549 s 8,9; 1985 c 64 s 1; 1985 c 291 s 13; 1986 c 444; 1990 c 446 s 1; 1993 c 281 s 1,2; 1994 c 536 s 7; 2000 c 426 s 3; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 31; 2002 c 371 art 1 s 5,6; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 3; 2008 c 350 art 1 s 12; 2009 c 86 art 1 s 25; 2020 c 100 s 4; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 28*

168.091 60-DAY TEMPORARY VEHICLE PERMIT.

Subdivision 1. **Nonresident buyer.** (a) Upon payment of a fee of $1, the commissioner may issue a permit to a nonresident purchasing a vehicle in this state for the sole purpose of allowing the vehicle to be removed from this state.

(b) The permit is in lieu of any other registration or taxation for use of the highways and is valid for a period of 60 days from the date of sale, trade, or gift.

(c) The permit must be available in an electronic format as determined by the commissioner.

(d) If the sale, gift, or trade information is electronically transmitted to the commissioner by a dealer or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, the $1 fee is waived.

(e) The permit must be affixed to the rear of the vehicle where it is plainly visible. Each permit is valid only for the vehicle for which the permit was issued.

Subd. 2. **Dealer.** The registrar may issue permits to licensed dealers upon payment of the proper fee for each permit.

Subd. 3. **Proceeds to highway user fund.** All payments received for such permits must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

History: *1969 c 357 s 1; 1976 c 94 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1993 c 53 s 1; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 31; 2020 c 100 s 5; 1Sp2025 c 8 art 2 s 18*

168.092 60-DAY TEMPORARY VEHICLE PERMIT.

Subdivision 1. **Resident buyer.** The commissioner may issue a permit to a person purchasing a new or used motor vehicle in this state for the purpose of allowing the purchaser a reasonable time to register the vehicle and pay fees and taxes due on the transfer. The permit is valid for a period of 60 days. The permit must be in a format prescribed by the commissioner, affixed to the rear of the vehicle where a license plate would normally be affixed, and plainly visible. Each permit is valid only for the vehicle for which issued.

Subd. 2. **Dealer.** The commissioner may issue permits to licensed dealers. When issuing a permit, the dealer must complete the permit in the manner prescribed by the department.

History: *1971 c 853 s 14; 1976 c 94 s 2; 1983 c 68 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1994 c 536 s 8; 2020 c 100 s 6; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 29*

168.093 [Renumbered 168.098]

168.094 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2013 c 127 s 71]

168.098 MS 2008 [Repealed, 2010 c 382 s 87]

168.10 REGISTRATION; COLLECTOR VEHICLE.

Subdivision 1. **Application.** (a) Except as provided in subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1g, and 1h, every owner of any motor vehicle in this state, not exempted by section 168.012 or 168.26, shall as soon as registered ownership of a motor vehicle is acquired and annually thereafter during the period provided in section 168.31, file with the commissioner of public safety on a blank provided by the commissioner a listing for taxation and application for the registration of such vehicle, stating the first, middle and last names, the date of birth, and the address of the primary residence of each registered owner thereof who is a natural

person or mailing address if the address of the primary residence has been classified as private data under this chapter, the full name and address of any other registered owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, make of motor vehicle, year and number of the model, manufacturer's identification number or serial number, type of body, the weight of the vehicle in pounds, for trailers only, its rated load carrying capacity and for buses only, its seating capacity, and such other information as the commissioner may require. Any false statement willfully and knowingly made in regard thereto shall be deemed perjury and punished accordingly. The listing and application for registration by dealers or manufacturers' agents within the state, of motor vehicles received for sale or use within the state shall be accepted as compliance with the requirements of this chapter, imposed upon the manufacturer.

(b) Registration shall be refused a motor vehicle if the original identification or serial number has been destroyed, removed, altered, covered, or defaced. However, if the commissioner is satisfied on the sworn statements of the registered owner or registered owners or such other persons as the commissioner may deem advisable that the applicant is the legal owner, a special identification number in the form prescribed by the commissioner shall be assigned to the motor vehicle. When it has been determined that the number had been affixed to such vehicle in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, the vehicle may thereafter be registered in the same manner as other motor vehicles. In the case of a new or rebuilt motor vehicle manufactured or assembled without an identification or serial number, the commissioner may assign an identification number to the motor vehicle in the same manner as prescribed heretofore.

Subd. 1a. **Collector's vehicle, pioneer plate.** (a) Any motor vehicle that: (1) was manufactured prior to 1936 or is a restored pioneer vehicle, as defined in section 168A.01, subdivision 16d; and (2) is owned and operated solely as a collector's item, shall be listed for taxation and registration as provided by paragraph (b).

(b) An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a $25 tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12, the commissioner shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue a single number plate.

(c) The number plate so issued shall bear the inscription "Pioneer," "Minnesota" and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner has the power to revoke said plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

Subd. 1b. **Collector's vehicle, classic car plate.** (a) Any motor vehicle manufactured between and including the years 1925 and 1948, and designated as a full classic car because of its fine design, high engineering standards, and superior workmanship, and owned and operated solely as a collector's item shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number, verification of the vehicle's full classic car status from nationally published standards and guides as determined by the registrar, and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and that the motor vehicle qualifies to be classified as a classic car, and the owner pays a $25 tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12, the commissioner shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue a single number plate.

(b) The number plate so issued shall bear the inscription "Classic Car," "Minnesota," and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner has the power to revoke said plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

(c) No commercial vehicles such as hearses, ambulances, or trucks are considered to be classic cars.

Subd. 1c. **Collector's vehicle, collector plate.** (a) The owner of any self-propelled motor vehicle, including any truck, (1) that is (i) at least 20 model years old, or (ii) at least ten model years old and with a body or engine style of which not more than 500 were manufactured in or imported into the United States in any model year, (2) that was manufactured after 1935, and (3) that is owned and operated solely as a collector's vehicle, shall list the vehicle for taxation and registration as provided in paragraph (b).

(b) The owner shall execute an affidavit stating (1) the name and address of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner, (2) the make of the motor vehicle, (3) the year and number of the model, (4) the manufacturer's identification number, (5) in the case of a vehicle described in paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii), that the vehicle has a body or engine style of which not more than 500 were manufactured or imported into the United States in any model year, and (6) that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes.

(c) The owner shall provide a statement of the manufacturer or importer regarding the number of vehicles manufactured or imported during the model year.

(d) The owner shall also prove that the owner also has one or more vehicles with regular license plates.

(e) If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a $25 tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12, the commissioner shall list the vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue a single number plate.

(f) The number plate issued shall bear the inscription "Collector," "Minnesota," and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner has the power to revoke the plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

Subd. 1d. **Collector's vehicle, street rod plate.** Any modernized motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949 or designed and manufactured to resemble such vehicle shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows:

An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner, the make of the motor vehicle, year number of model, and the manufacturer's identification number. The affidavit shall further state that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a street rod and not for general transportation purposes. The owner must also prove that the owner has one or more vehicles with regular license plates. If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a $25 tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12, the commissioner shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue a single number plate.

The number plate issued shall bear the inscription "Street Rod," "Minnesota," and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number plate is valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner has the power to revoke such plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

Subd. 1e. **Outdoor storage.** Pioneer, classic, collector vehicles, collector military vehicles, or street rods, licensed or unlicensed, operable or inoperable, may be stored in compliance with local government zoning and ordinances on their owners' property, provided that the vehicles and any outdoor storage areas they may require are maintained in such a manner that they do not constitute a health or environmental hazard and are screened from ordinary public view by means of a fence, shrubbery, rapidly growing trees or other appropriate means. The appropriate local agency or authority may inform an owner of the owner's failure to comply with these requirements, and may order the vehicles removed from the outdoor storage area if the owner fails to comply with these requirements within 20 days after the warning.

Subd. 1f. **Equipment.** Any pioneer, classic, collector vehicle, collector military vehicle, or street rod shall have all equipment, in operating condition, which was specifically required by law as a condition for its first sale after manufacture.

No law requiring any particular equipment or specifying any standards to be met by motor vehicles shall apply to pioneer, classic, collector vehicles, collector military vehicles, or street rods unless it specifically so states.

Subd. 1g. **Original plates.** A vehicle registered pursuant to subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c or 1d may in lieu of being issued number plates by the commissioner display original Minnesota number plates issued in the same year as the model year of the car on which they are displayed. The number of the original plates must be provided to the commissioner. The original plates must be in good condition. Original Minnesota number plates shall not be used if the number on the original plate is identical to a number on any current plate or any other plate in a numbering system used by the commissioner without written authorization from the commissioner. Any person currently using plates issued pursuant to subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c or 1d shall return those plates to the commissioner before substituting original plates. The commissioner shall charge a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for registering the number on original plates.

Subd. 1h. **Collector military vehicle.** (a) A motor vehicle, including a truck, shall be listed and registered under this section if it meets the following conditions:

(1) it is at least 20 years old;

(2) its first owner following its manufacture was a branch of the armed forces of the United States and it presently conforms to the vehicle specifications required during the time of military ownership, or it has been restored and presently conforms to the specifications required by a branch of the armed forces for the model year that the restored vehicle could have been owned by that branch of the armed forces; and

(3) it is owned by a nonprofit organization and operated solely as a collector's vehicle. For purposes of this subdivision, "nonprofit organization" means a corporation, society, association, foundation, or institution organized and operated exclusively for historical or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of a private individual.

(b) The owner of the vehicle shall execute an affidavit stating the name and address of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner; the make, year, and model number of the motor vehicle; the manufacturer's identification number; and the collector military vehicle identification number, if any, located on the exterior of the vehicle. The affidavit must affirm that the vehicle is owned by a nonprofit organization and is operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a $25 tax and the plate fee authorized under section 168.12, the commissioner shall list the vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates. The number plates shall bear the inscriptions "Collector" and "Minnesota" and the registration

number, but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner may revoke the plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

(c) Notwithstanding section 168.09, 168.12, or other law to the contrary, the owner of a registered collector military vehicle is not required to display registration plates on the exterior of the vehicle if the vehicle has an exterior number identification that conforms to the identifying system for military vehicles in effect when the vehicle was last owned by the branch of the armed forces of the United States or in effect in the year to which the collector military vehicle has been restored. However, the state registration plates must be carried in or on the collector military vehicle at all times.

(d) The owner of a registered collector military vehicle that is not required to display registration plates under paragraph (c) may tow a registered trailer behind it. The trailer is not required to display registration plates if the trailer:

(1) does not exceed a gross weight of 15,000 pounds;

(2) otherwise conforms to registration, licensing, and safety laws and specifications;

(3) conforms to military specifications for appearance and identification;

(4) is intended to represent and does represent a military trailer; and

(5) carries registration plates on or in the trailer or the collector military vehicle towing the trailer.

(e) This subdivision does not apply to a decommissioned military vehicle that (1) was also manufactured and sold as a comparable civilian vehicle, and (2) has the same size dimensions and vehicle weight as the comparable civilian vehicle. A decommissioned military vehicle under this paragraph is eligible for a motor vehicle title under chapter 168A and is subject to the same registration, insurance, equipment, and operating requirements as a motor vehicle.

Subd. 1i. **Collector plate transfer.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment of a transfer fee of $5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to another vehicle owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the special plates were issued or the plate may be assigned to another owner. In addition to the transfer fee a new owner must pay the $25 tax and any fee required by section 168.12, subdivision 2a. The $5 fee must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1. License plates issued under this section may not be transferred to a vehicle not eligible for the collector's vehicle license plates.

Subd. 2. **New body; application.** Upon the installation of a new body or the addition to or change of type of any body in or upon any registered motor vehicle, the owner shall file with the registrar a new application setting forth such change, together with the payment of any additional tax to which the motor vehicle by such change has become subject, and shall apply for a revision of the registration made.

Subd. 3. **Offenses.** It shall be unlawful for any person:

(1) to display or cause to be displayed or to possess any canceled, revoked, suspended or fraudulently obtained or stolen registration plates;

(2) to lend the person's registration plates to another or knowingly to permit the use thereof by another;

(3) to display or represent as the person's own any registration plates not issued to that person; provided, however, this shall not apply to any legal change of ownership of the motor vehicle to which the plates are attached, nor shall this apply to any transfer of collector plates under subdivision 1i;

(4) to fail or refuse to surrender to the department upon its lawful demand any registration plates which have been revoked, canceled, or suspended by proper authority;

(5) to use a false or fictitious name or address or description of the motor vehicle, identification number, or serial number in any application for registration of a motor vehicle or to knowingly make a false statement or to knowingly conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application;

(6) to destroy, alter, remove, cover or deface the identification or serial number of any motor vehicle or to knowingly operate any motor vehicle the identification or serial number of which has been destroyed, altered, removed, covered or defaced without first making application for assignment of a special identification number as provided by law.

Subd. 4. **Violation.** It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter unless such violation is by this chapter or other laws of this state declared to be a felony or gross misdemeanor.

History: *(2676) 1921 c 461 s 5; 1923 c 418 s 5; 1937 c 436 s 1; 1941 c 515 s 2; 1951 c 211 s 1,2; 1953 c 88 s 1; 1955 c 59 s 1; 1957 c 714 s 2; 1959 c 74 s 1; 1959 c 315 s 1; 1963 c 579 s 1; 1965 c 107 s 1; 1975 c 55 s 1,2; 1976 c 73 s 1; 1977 c 370 s 1; 1979 c 329 s 1; 1981 c 199 s 1; 3Sp1981 c 1 art 2 s 8; 1984 c 549 s 10-14; 1986 c 336 s 2-5; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 647 s 4; 1990 c 446 s 2; 1991 c 333 s 1-4; 1992 c 581 s 5; 1993 c 85 s 1; 1995 c 132 s 1-7; 1996 c 345 s 1; 1996 c 435 s 6; 1997 c 240 s 1-4; 2002 c 371 art 1 s 7; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 32; 2008 c 287 art 2 s 1-7; 2009 c 36 art 3 s 8; 2012 c 195 s 1; 2014 c 255 s 3; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 2; art 3 s 21; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 128; 2025 c 20 s 155*

168.101 OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION BY MINOR; PROHIBITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Ownership by minor unlawful; exceptions.** Except as provided in this subdivision it is unlawful for a person under the age of 18 to own a passenger automobile or truck. A person who is under the age of 18 may own a passenger automobile or truck only if any of the following conditions exist:

(1) the person has completed a driver training course approved by the commissioner of public safety and has attained the age of 17;

(2) the person is a high school graduate and has attained the age of 17;

(3) the person is an employed, emancipated minor who holds a Minnesota driver's license; or

(4) the person became the owner of the passenger automobile or truck which the person seeks to register in Minnesota while a resident of a foreign state, district, territory, or country, and which passenger automobile or truck is duly registered in the person's name in such foreign state, district, territory, or country.

Subd. 2. **Unlawful transfer to minor.** Any person who knowingly sells or in any manner knowingly transfers title of a passenger automobile or truck to a person who is prohibited from owning a passenger automobile or truck under the provisions of subdivision 1 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2a. **Failure to send to registrar within ten days.** Any person who fails to mail in the application for registration or transfer with appropriate taxes and fees to the registrar of motor vehicles or otherwise fails to submit said forms and remittance to the registrar within ten days following date of sale shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. **Proof by registrant of eligibility to own vehicle.** The registrar of motor vehicles shall refuse to register a passenger automobile or truck unless the owner submits to the registrar, at the time the owner files the first application for registration or transfer of a passenger automobile or truck, a written and verified

statement that the owner is 18 years of age or over or, if under the age 18, is permitted by the provisions of subdivision 1 to own a passenger automobile or truck. The statement of an applicant under the age of 18 also shall set forth the number of the applicant's driver's license, or if the applicant has no driver's license the applicant shall so state. The applicant shall make an oath or affirmation before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths and affirmations that the statements made are correct and true. The registrar may prescribe a form for the statement required by this subdivision, which form the registrar may make a part of the application for registration or transfer.

Subd. 4. **Misdemeanor violation.** A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. The commissioner of public safety shall suspend, for not less than one year, the driver's license of a person who, while under the age of 18, misrepresents the person's age on the statement required by subdivision 3.

Subd. 5. MS 1988 [Repealed, 1989 c 140 s 14]

History: *1963 c 580 s 1; 1965 c 178 s 1; 1967 c 55 s 1; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 18; 1984 c 549 s 15; 1986 c 444; 1997 c 135 s 1; 2022 c 55 art 1 s 51*

168.102 SCHOOL BUS; PREREGISTRATION INSPECTION.

No school bus, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71, shall be registered for the first time in this state unless the application for registration is accompanied by a certificate from either the Minnesota State Patrol or the dealer showing that the school bus conforms with all rules promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and with all other applicable provisions of law.

History: *1975 c 283 s 1; 1981 c 37 s 2; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13; 1Sp2003 c 9 art 10 s 13*

168.105 CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** A "classic motorcycle" is a motorcycle that is at least 20 years old, original in appearance, and owned solely as a collector's item and used in a classic motorcycle club activity, exhibition, tour, parade, or similar use. A classic motorcycle may not be used for general transportation purposes.

Subd. 2. **Affidavit for registration and taxation.** (a) A classic motorcycle must be taxed and registered by the vehicle owner submitting an affidavit to the commissioner stating (1) the name and address of the owner, (2) the name and address of the person from whom purchased, (3) the make of the classic motorcycle, (4) the year and number of the model, (5) the manufacturer's vehicle identification number, (6) that the motorcycle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and will not be used for general transportation purposes, and (7) that the owner has one or more motor vehicles with regular plates.

(b) When the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true, correct, and complete and the owner has paid a $10 registration tax, the commissioner shall register the vehicle and issue special plates.

Subd. 3. **Classic plates.** The commissioner shall issue plates of the same size as standard motorcycle plates and inscribed "collector" and "Minnesota" with the registration number or other combination of characters authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but without a date. The plates are valid without renewal as long as the classic motorcycle exists and may be issued for the applicant's use only for the classic motorcycle. The commissioner may revoke the plates for noncompliance with this subdivision.

Subd. 4. MS 1984 [Repealed, 1985 c 291 s 27]

Subd. 5. **Original plates.** (a) Instead of being issued classic motorcycle plates, a classic motorcycle registered under this section may display original Minnesota plates issued in the same year as the model year of the motorcycle on which they are displayed. The number on the original plates must be provided to the commissioner.

(b) Original Minnesota plates may not be used if the number on the original plate is identical to the number on a current collector's plate issued by the commissioner.

(c) If the vehicle is not registered as a collector vehicle, the commissioner shall charge a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for registering the number on the original plates.

Subd. 6. MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 48]

History: *1983 c 173 s 1; 1991 c 333 s 5; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 4-6; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 3*

168.11 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance; contents; retention requirement; other use.** The registrar shall file such application and, upon approval thereof and upon payment of the motor vehicle tax, as herein provided, together with all arrears and penalties, if any, and upon the delivery to the registrar of the duly endorsed certificate of title of the former owner, as provided in chapter 168A, shall assign to it a distinctive number and issue to the registered owner a registration certificate, which shall contain the full name and date of birth, place of residence, with street and number, if in a city, and post office address of the registered owner, a specific description of the vehicle, and the number assigned, together with a place on the face of the certificate in which the registered owner shall, immediately upon receipt thereof, place the registered owner's signature. The registration certificate shall be retained by the registered owner until expiration. When in administering this chapter convenience or necessity requires, the registration certificate shall be used in lieu of the certificate of title on vehicles exempt from chapter 168A.

Subd. 2. **Immediate possession required.** In the case of motor vehicles taxed under the provisions of section 168.013, subdivision 1e, a nonnegotiable copy of the registration card shall be issued. The owner or driver shall carry said copy in immediate possession at all times when operating the vehicle and shall display the same upon demand of a peace officer, and authorized representative of the department or an officer authorized by law to enforce the laws relating to the operation of motor vehicles upon the public streets and highways. Nothing herein shall be construed to vary the terms or conditions of section 168.013, subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Renewal.** If the registrar fails to mail to the registered owner of a motor vehicle a notification of renewal for the motor vehicle at least 30 days before the expiration of the vehicle's registration, and all past due taxes and fees have been paid, the registrar must provide at no charge a written statement to that effect to the registered owner at the owner's request. The registrar must retain in the registrar's files a record sufficient to demonstrate whether any owner of a registered motor vehicle has been notified by mail of the renewal of the registration.

History: *(2677) 1921 c 461 s 6; 1923 c 418 s 6; 1959 c 81 s 1; 1974 c 406 s 33; 1985 c 64 s 2; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 647 s 5*

168.12 PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Plates; design, visibility, periods of issuance.** (a) The commissioner, upon approval and payment, must issue to the applicant the plates required by this chapter, bearing the state name and an

assigned vehicle registration number. The number assigned by the commissioner may be a combination of a letter or sign with figures. The color of the plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned must be in marked contrast. The plates must be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably indicate the registration of the vehicle according to the rules of the commissioner.

(b) When a vehicle is registered on the basis of total gross weight, the plates issued must clearly indicate by letters or other suitable insignia the maximum gross weight for which the tax has been paid.

(c) Plates issued to a noncommercial vehicle must bear the inscription "noncommercial" unless the vehicle is displaying a special plate authorized and issued under this chapter.

(d) A one-ton pickup truck that is used for commercial purposes and is subject to section 168.185, is eligible to display special plates as authorized and issued under this chapter.

(e) The plates must be so treated as to be at least 100 times brighter than the conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, the plates, when viewed from a vehicle equipped with standard headlights, must be visible for a distance of not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet.

(f) The commissioner must issue plates for the following periods:

(1) New plates issued pursuant to section 168.012, subdivision 1, must be issued to a vehicle for as long as the vehicle is owned by the exempt agency and the plate is not transferable from one vehicle to another but the plate may be transferred with the vehicle from one tax-exempt agency to another.

(2) Plates issued for passenger automobiles must be issued for a seven-year period. All plates issued under this paragraph must be replaced if they are seven years old or older at the time of registration renewal or will become so during the registration period.

(3) Plates issued under sections 168.053 and 168.27, subdivisions 16 and 17, must be for a seven-year period.

(4) Plates issued under subdivisions 2c and 2d and sections 168.123, 168.1235, and 168.1255 must be issued for the life of the veteran under section 169.79.

(5) Plates for any vehicle not specified in clauses (1) to (3) must be issued for the life of the vehicle.

(g) In a year in which plates are not issued, the commissioner must issue for each registration a sticker to designate the year of registration. This sticker must show the year or years for which the sticker is issued, and is valid only for that period. The plates and stickers issued for a vehicle may not be transferred to another vehicle during the period for which the sticker is issued, except when issued for a vehicle registered under section 168.187.

(h) Despite any other provision of this subdivision, plates issued to a vehicle used for behind-the-wheel instruction in a driver education course in a public school may be transferred to another vehicle used for the same purpose without payment of any additional fee. The public school must notify the commissioner of each transfer of plates under this paragraph. The commissioner may prescribe a format for notification.

(i) In lieu of plates required under this section, the commissioner must issue a registration number identical to the federally issued tail number assigned to a roadable aircraft.

Subd. 2. **Amateur radio licensee; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall issue amateur radio plates to an applicant who:

(1) is an owner of a passenger automobile or recreational vehicle;

(2) is a resident of this state;

(3) holds an official amateur radio station license or a citizens radio service class D license, in good standing, issued by the Federal Communications Commission;

(4) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

(5) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under subdivision 5, for each set of special plates and any other fees required by this chapter; and

(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) In lieu of the registration number required for identification under subdivision 1, the plates must indicate the official amateur call letters of the applicant, as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission, and the words "AMATEUR RADIO."

(c) This provision for the issue of special plates applies only if the applicant's motor vehicle is already registered in Minnesota so that the applicant has valid regular Minnesota plates issued for that motor vehicle under which to operate it during the time that it will take to have the necessary special plates made.

(d) If owning more than one motor vehicle of the type specified in this subdivision, the applicant may apply for special plates for each motor vehicle and, if each application complies with this subdivision, the commissioner shall furnish the applicant with the special plates, indicating the official amateur call letters and other distinguishing information as the commissioner considers necessary, for each of the motor vehicles.

(e) The commissioner may make reasonable rules governing the use of the special plates as will assure the full compliance by the owner of the special plates, with all existing laws governing the registration of motor vehicles and the transfer and use of the plates.

(f) Despite any contrary provision of subdivision 1, the special plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred by an owner to another motor vehicle listed in paragraph (a) and registered to the same owner, upon the payment of a fee of $5. The commissioner must be notified before the transfer and may prescribe a format for the notification.

Subd. 2a. **Personalized plates; rules.** (a) The commissioner may issue personalized plates or, if requested for special plates issued under section 168.123 for veterans, 168.124 for medal of honor recipients, or 168.125 for former prisoners of war, applicable personalized special veterans plates, to an applicant who:

(1) is an owner of a passenger automobile including a passenger automobile registered as a classic car, pioneer car, collector car, or street rod; any truck with a manufacturer's nominal rated capacity of one ton or less and resembling a pickup truck; a motorcycle, including a classic motorcycle; a motorized bicycle; a commuter van as defined in section 168.126; or a recreational vehicle;

(2) pays a onetime fee of $100 and any other fees required by this chapter;

(3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and

(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The commissioner shall charge a replacement fee for personalized license plates and personalized special veterans plates issued under section 168.123 as specified in subdivision 5. This fee must be paid by

the applicant whenever the personalized plates are required to be replaced by law, except that as provided in section 168.124, subdivision 3, and 168.125, subdivision 1b, no fee may be charged to replace plates issued under those sections.

(c) In lieu of the registration number assigned as provided in subdivision 1, personalized plates and personalized special veterans plates must have imprinted on them a series of not more than seven numbers and letters, or five numbers and letters for personalized special veterans plates, in any combination and, as applicable, satisfy the design requirements of section 168.123, 168.124, or 168.125. When an applicant has once obtained personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates, the applicant shall have a prior claim for similar personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates in the next succeeding year as long as current motor vehicle registration is maintained.

(d) The commissioner shall adopt rules in the manner provided by chapter 14, regulating the issuance and transfer of personalized plates and personalized special veterans plates. No words or combination of letters placed on these plates may be used for commercial advertising, be of an obscene, indecent, or immoral nature, or be of a nature that would offend public morals or decency. The call signals or letters of a radio or television station are not commercial advertising for the purposes of this subdivision.

(e) Despite the provisions of subdivision 1, personalized plates and personalized special veterans plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle listed in paragraph (a) and owned by the applicant, upon the payment of a fee of $5.

(f) The commissioner may by rule specify the format for notification.

(g) A personalized plate or personalized special veterans plate issued for a classic car, pioneer car, collector car, street rod, or classic motorcycle may not be transferred to a vehicle not eligible for such a plate.

(h) Despite any law to the contrary, if the personalized license plates are lost, stolen, or destroyed, the applicant may apply and must be issued duplicate license plates bearing the same combination of letters and numbers and the same design as (1) the former personalized plates or personalized special veterans plates under section 168.123 upon the payment of the fee required by section 168.29 or (2) the former personalized special veterans plates issued under section 168.124 or 168.125, without charge.

(i) A personalized vertical motorcycle plate may be issued upon payment of an additional payment of $100. The vertical plate must have not more than four identification characters, cannot be a duplication of any current or reserved license plate, and must meet the requirements in paragraph (d).

Subd. 2b. **Firefighters; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates, or a single license plate in the case of a motorcycle plate, to any applicant who:

(1) is a member of a fire department receiving state aid under chapter 69, has a letter from the fire chief, and is an owner of a passenger automobile, a one-ton pickup truck, or a motorcycle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under subdivision 5, and any other fees required by this chapter;

(3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle; and

(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) In lieu of the identification required under subdivision 1, the special plates must bear an emblem of a Maltese Cross together with any numbers or characters prescribed by the commissioner.

(c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of a fire department as specified in this subdivision. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued is no longer a member of a fire department or when the motor vehicle ownership is transferred, the owner shall remove the special plates from the motor vehicle. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation of the special plates or special motorcycle plate, the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates, a regular motorcycle plate, or special plates for the proper registration classification for the motor vehicle.

(d) A special motorcycle license plate issued under this subdivision must be the same size as a standard motorcycle license plate.

(e) Upon payment of a fee of $5, plates issued under this subdivision for a passenger automobile or truck may be transferred to another passenger automobile or truck owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the plates were issued. On payment of a fee of $5, a plate issued under this subdivision for a motorcycle may be transferred to another motorcycle owned or jointly owned by the person to whom the plate was issued.

(f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act, sections 14.001 to 14.69, to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized in this subdivision.

Subd. 2c. **National Guard; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates to any applicant who:

(1) is a regularly enlisted, commissioned, or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, other than an inactive member who is not a retired member, and is an owner of a passenger automobile;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under subdivision 5, and any other fees required by this chapter;

(3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter; and

(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The adjutant general shall design the emblem for these special plates subject to the approval of the commissioner.

(c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner of the motor vehicle is an active or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard as specified in this subdivision. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued is no longer an active or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, the special plates must be removed from the vehicle by the owner. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. Upon removal or invalidation of the special plates, either the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle.

(d) While the person is an active or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, plates issued pursuant to this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by that individual upon payment of a fee of $5.

(e) For purposes of this subdivision, "retired member" means an individual placed on the roll of retired officers or roll of retired enlisted members in the Office of the Adjutant General under section 192.18 and who is not deceased.

(f) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

Subd. 2d. **Ready Reserve; special plates, rules.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates to an applicant who:

(1) is not eligible for special National Guard plates under subdivision 2c, is a member of the United States armed forces ready reserve as described in United States Code, title 10, section 10142 or 10143, or a retired reserve as described in United States Code, title 10, section 10154, and is an owner of a passenger automobile;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under subdivision 5, and any other fees required by this chapter;

(3) pays the registration tax required by this chapter; and

(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design the emblem for these special plates subject to the approval of the commissioner.

(c) Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of the ready reserve. When the owner is no longer a member, the special plates must be removed from the motor vehicle by the owner. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. On removal or invalidation of the special plates, either the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle. While the owner is a member of the ready reserve, plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by that individual on paying a fee of $5.

(d) The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

Subd. 2e. **Volunteer ambulance attendants; special plates.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special license plates to an applicant who:

(1) is a volunteer ambulance attendant as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 15, and owns a motor vehicle taxed as a passenger automobile;

(2) pays the registration tax required by this chapter for the motor vehicle;

(3) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under subdivision 5, and any other fees required by this chapter; and

(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) An individual may use special plates issued under this subdivision only during the period that the individual is a volunteer ambulance attendant. When the individual to whom the special plates were issued ceases to be a volunteer ambulance attendant, the individual shall remove each set of special plates issued. If the commissioner receives written notification that an individual is no longer qualified for these special plates, the commissioner shall invalidate the plates and notify the individual of this action. The individual may retain the plate only upon demonstrating compliance with the qualifications of this subdivision. When ownership of the motor vehicle is transferred, the individual shall remove the special plates from that motor vehicle. On removal or invalidation of the special plates, the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle shall obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle. Special plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned by the volunteer ambulance attendant on payment of a fee of $5.

(c) The commissioner may adopt rules governing the design, issuance, and sale of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

Subd. 2f. **Original license plates.** (a) On application of the owner and in lieu of issuing plates under subdivision 1 to a motor vehicle registered and taxed as a passenger automobile, the commissioner may assign to the motor vehicle original Minnesota registration plates issued in the same year as the model year of the motor vehicle, if (1) the original plates are at least 20 years old, (2) the owner of the motor vehicle has the original plates in possession at the time of the application, and (3) the owner provides the plate number to the commissioner.

(b) Plates displayed under this subdivision, including stickers applied to the plates, must be clearly legible and must be displayed on the motor vehicle.

(c) The commissioner shall not assign the registration number on the original plates to the motor vehicle if the commissioner determines that the number on the original plate is identical to the number on any plate in the current or reserved numbering system used by the commissioner.

(d) Despite subdivision 1, an original plate whose number has been assigned under this subdivision may be displayed for as long as the plates, including tabs and stickers on the plates, are clearly legible and the number is not subsequently used by the commissioner as a plate number in a registration numbering system.

(e) Despite subdivision 1, original plates assigned under this subdivision need not bear a tab or sticker to indicate the month or year of registration if the motor vehicle carries the registration certificate issued under section 168.11 at all times when the motor vehicle is operated on the public highways.

(f) The commissioner may charge a fee for receiving an application and assigning original plate numbers.

Subd. 2g. **Retired firefighters; special plates.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special retired firefighters plates to an applicant who:

(1) is a retired member of a fire department as defined in section 299N.01, subdivision 2, has a letter from the fire chief affirming that the applicant is a retired firefighter who served ten or more years and separated in good standing, and is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, a one-ton pickup truck, a recreational vehicle, or a motorcycle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under subdivision 5, for each set of license plates applied for along with any other fees required by this chapter; and

(3) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The commissioner shall design the special plate emblem so that it is distinguishable from the emblem on firefighter special plates issued under subdivision 2b.

(c) On payment of a transfer fee of $5, plates issued under this subdivision may be transferred to another passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, recreational vehicle, or motorcycle registered to the individual to whom the special plates were issued.

(d) Fees collected under this subdivision must be credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

(e) This subdivision is exempt from section 168.1293.

Subd. 3. MS 1988 [Repealed, 1990 c 497 s 13]

Subd. 4. MS 1988 [Repealed, 1990 c 497 s 13]

Subd. 5. **Additional fee.** (a) In addition to any fee otherwise authorized or any tax otherwise imposed upon any vehicle, the payment of which is required as a condition to the issuance of any plate or plates, the commissioner shall impose the fee specified in paragraph (b) that is calculated to cover the cost of manufacturing and issuing the plate or plates, except for plates issued to disabled veterans as defined in section 168.031 and plates issued pursuant to section 168.124, 168.125, or 168.27, subdivisions 16 and 17, for passenger automobiles. The commissioner shall issue graphic design plates only for vehicles registered pursuant to section 168.017 and recreational vehicles registered pursuant to section 168.013, subdivision 1g.

(b) Unless otherwise specified or exempted by statute, the following plate and validation sticker fees apply for the original, duplicate, or replacement issuance of a plate in a plate year:

License Plate		Single		Double
Regular and Disability	$	13.50	$	15.50
Special	$	13.50	$	15.50
Personalized (Replacement)	$	13.50	$	15.50
Collector Category	$	13.50	$	15.50
Emergency Vehicle Display	$	3.00	$	6.00
Utility Trailer Self-Adhesive	$	2.50		
Vertical Motorcycle Plate	$	100.00		NA
Replacement Dealer Plates	$	5.25		
Replacement Tax Exempt Plates	$	5.25		
Stickers				
Duplicate year	$	1.50	$	1.50
International Fuel Tax Agreement	$	2.50		

(c) For vehicles that require two of the categories in paragraph (b), the registrar shall only charge the higher of the two fees and not a combined total.

History: *(2678) 1921 c 461 s 7; 1923 c 418 s 7; 1951 c 628 s 1; 1955 c 396 s 1-3; Ex1961 c 5 s 1; 1963 c 125 s 1,2; 1965 c 149 s 1; 1967 c 46 s 1; 1971 c 716 s 1; 1973 c 218 s 7; 1975 c 245 s 1; 1975 c 248 s 1; 1976 c 343 s 5; 1977 c 108 s 2; 1977 c 347 s 27; 1978 c 636 s 1; 1980 c 372 s 1; 1981 c 357 s 55,56; 1981 c 363 s 21,22; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1982 c 467 s 1; 1983 c 19 s 1,2; 1983 c 195 s 1; 1983 c 318 s 1; 1984 c 549 s 16-18; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1Sp1985 c 10 s 76,77; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 384 art 2 s 1; 1988 c 636 s 3; 1988 c 647 s 6-8; 1989 c 140 s 8,9; 1990 c 422 s 10; 1990 c 497 s 5; 1991 c 274 s 2,3; 1991 c 333 s 6,7; 1992 c 581 s 6,7; 1993 c 214 s 2; 1993 c 281 s 3; 1994 c 443 s 1; 1994 c 465 art 3 s 16; 1994 c 536 s 9; 1995 c 145 s 1; 1996 c 435 s 7,8; 1996 c 455 art 4 s 3; 1997 c 199 s 14; 1998 c 405 s 1; 1999 c 8 s 4; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 32; 1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 21,22; 2004 c 228 art 1 s 31; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 7; 2007 c 143 art 3 s 1; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 23; art 2 s 8-14; 2007 c 143 art 3 s 1; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 23; art 2 s 8-14; 2010 c 351 s 17,18; 2011 c 80 s 1; 2011 c 109 s 7-12; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 19; 2014 c 255 s 4-9; 2014 c 280 s 1,2; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 4-10; 1Sp2020 c 3 s 2; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 30,31; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 128; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 17*

168.121 SPECIAL PLATES REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance and design.** Notwithstanding section 168.1293, the commissioner shall issue special plates remembering victims of impaired drivers to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of license plates applied for; and

(3) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner shall design the special plate emblem so that it bears an inscription "Remembering Victims of Impaired Drivers" and displays an image of a broken heart.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On payment of a transfer fee of $5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to another passenger automobile registered to the individual to whom the special plates were issued.

Subd. 4. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of special plates issued under this section.

Subd. 5. MS 2022 [Repealed, 2023 c 68 art 4 s 129]

History: *2010 c 388 art 1 s 1; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 11*

168.123 VETERANS; SPECIAL PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **General requirements; fees.** (a) On payment of a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of two plates, or for a single plate in the case of a motorcycle plate, payment of the registration tax required by law, and compliance with other applicable laws relating to vehicle registration and licensing, as applicable, the commissioner shall issue:

(1) special veteran's plates to an applicant who served in the active military service in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or of a nation or society allied with the United States in conducting a foreign war, was discharged under honorable conditions, and is a registered owner of a passenger automobile,

recreational motor vehicle, or one-ton pickup truck, but which is not a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 16; or

(2) a veteran's special motorcycle plate as described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), or (m), or another special plate designed by the commissioner to an applicant who is a registered owner of a motorcycle and meets the criteria listed in this paragraph and in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), or (m). Plates issued under this clause must be the same size as regular motorcycle plates. Special motorcycle license plates issued under this clause are not subject to section 168.1293.

(b) The additional fee is payable for each set of veteran's plates, is payable only when the plates are issued, and is not payable in a year in which stickers are issued instead of plates.

(c) The veteran must have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers, indicating character of discharge, at the time of application. If an applicant served in the active military service in a branch of the armed forces of a nation or society allied with the United States in conducting a foreign war and is unable to obtain a record of that service and discharge status, the commissioner of veterans affairs may certify the applicant as qualified for the veterans' plates provided under this section.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design the emblem for the veterans' special plates, subject to the approval of the commissioner, that satisfy the following requirements:

(a) For a Vietnam veteran who served after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978, in the active military service in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or a nation or society allied with the United States the special plates must bear the inscription "VIETNAM VET."

(b) For a veteran stationed on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, or offshore, during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the special plates must bear the inscription "PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR."

(c) For a veteran who served during World War II, the plates must bear the inscription "WORLD WAR VET."

(d) For a veteran who served during the Korean Conflict, the special plates must bear the inscription "KOREAN VET."

(e) For a combat wounded veteran who is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, the plates must bear the inscription "COMBAT WOUNDED VET" and have a facsimile or an emblem of the official Purple Heart medal.

A member of the United States armed forces who is serving actively in the military and who is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal is also eligible for this license plate. The commissioner of public safety shall ensure that information regarding the required proof of eligibility for any applicant under this paragraph who has not yet been issued military discharge papers is distributed to the public officials responsible for administering this section.

(f) For a Persian Gulf War veteran, the plates must bear the inscription "GULF WAR VET." For the purposes of this section, "Persian Gulf War veteran" means a person who served on active duty after August 1, 1990, in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or a nation or society allied with the United States or the United Nations during Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, or other military operation in the Persian Gulf area combat zone as designated in United States Presidential Executive Order No. 12744, dated January 21, 1991.

(g) For a veteran who served in the Laos War after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978, the special plates must bear the inscription "LAOS WAR VET."

(h) For a veteran who is the recipient of:

(1) the Iraq Campaign Medal, the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile of that medal and must bear the inscription "IRAQ WAR VET" directly below the special plate number;

(2) the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile of that medal and must bear the inscription "AFGHAN WAR VET" directly below the special plate number;

(3) the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile of that medal and must bear the inscription "GWOT VETERAN" directly below the special plate number; or

(4) the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the special plates must bear an appropriate inscription that includes a facsimile of that medal.

(i) For a veteran who is the recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile of that medal and must bear the inscription "GWOT VETERAN" directly below the special plate number. In addition, any member of the National Guard or other military reserves who has been ordered to federally funded state active service under United States Code, title 32, as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5b, and who is the recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, is eligible for the license plate described in this paragraph, irrespective of whether that person qualifies as a veteran under section 197.447.

(j) For a veteran who is the recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal, the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile of that medal and must bear the inscription "KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE" directly below the special plate number.

(k) For a veteran who is a recipient of the Bronze Star medal, the plates must bear the inscription "BRONZE STAR VET" and have a facsimile or an emblem of the official Bronze Star medal.

(l) For a veteran who is a recipient of the Silver Star medal, the plates must bear the inscription "SILVER STAR VET" and have a facsimile or an emblem of the official Silver Star medal.

(m) For a woman veteran, the plates must bear the inscription "WOMAN VETERAN" and have a facsimile or an emblem as designated by the commissioners of veterans affairs and public safety.

Subd. 2a. MS 2006 [Repealed, 2008 c 350 art 1 s 97]

Subd. 3. MS 2004 [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 8]

Subd. 4. **Plates transfer.** (a) On payment of a fee of $5, plates issued under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), may be transferred to another passenger automobile or recreational motor vehicle, or one-ton truck described in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), registered to the individual to whom the plates were issued.

(b) On payment of a fee of $5, a plate issued under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), may be transferred to another motorcycle registered to the individual to whom the plate was issued.

Subd. 5. MS 2004 [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 8]

Subd. 6. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized by this section.

History: *1988 c 636 s 4; 1989 c 269 s 39; 1989 c 301 s 1; 1991 c 274 s 4; 1994 c 396 s 1,2; 1996 c 455 art 4 s 4,5; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 8; 2010 c 333 art 2 s 7; 2010 c 351 s 19-21; 2011 c 109 s 13; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 20; 2013 c 127 s 16; 2014 c 207 s 1,2; 2014 c 255 s 10; 2014 c 280 s 3; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 12*

168.1235 VETERANS SERVICE GROUP EMBLEMS.

Subdivision 1. **General requirements; fees.** (a) The commissioner must issue a special plate emblem for each plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a member of a congressionally chartered veterans service organization and is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, pickup truck, van, or self-propelled recreational vehicle, or is a congressionally chartered veterans service organization that is the registered owner of a passenger automobile, pickup truck, van, or self-propelled recreational vehicle;

(2) pays the registration tax required by law;

(3) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of two plates, and any other fees required by this chapter; and

(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The additional fee is payable at the time of initial application for the special plate emblem and when the plates must be replaced or renewed.

(c) The applicant must present a valid card indicating membership in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or Disabled American Veterans.

Subd. 2. **Design.** (a) The commissioner of veterans affairs, after consultation with each of the congressionally chartered veterans service organizations, shall design the special plate emblems, subject to the approval of the commissioner. The emblem must be at least as large as the letters and numerals on the plate and the commissioner shall allow for plates with spaces for the emblem in place of a numeral or letter.

(b) Each congressionally chartered veterans service organization must arrange for any applicable rules of the national organization to be changed or copyrights to be released before the commissioner may issue special emblems to members of any particular service organization under this section.

Subd. 3. MS 2004 [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 9]

Subd. 4. **Plate emblem transfer.** Despite section 168.12 or other law to the contrary, on payment of a fee of $5, the veterans service organization special plate emblems issued under subdivision 1, may be transferred by the owner to other plates on a passenger automobile, pickup truck, van, or self-propelled recreational vehicle registered to the person to whom the emblems were issued.

Subd. 5. MS 2004 [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 9]

History: *1997 c 159 art 2 s 13; 2000 c 426 s 4,5; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 9; 2011 c 109 s 14; 2014 c 255 s 11; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 13; 2023 c 68 art 5 s 13; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 18*

168.124 SPECIAL PLATES FOR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance and design.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing the inscription "MEDAL OF HONOR" to an applicant who:

(1) is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor;

(2) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, motorcycle, or recreational motor vehicle; and

(3) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The special plates must be of a design and size determined by the commissioner. Only one set of plates, or a single plate in the case of a motorcycle, bearing the inscription "MEDAL OF HONOR" may be issued for each qualified applicant.

Subd. 2. **Application.** Application for issuance of these plates may be made only at the time of renewal or first application for registration.

Subd. 3. **No fee.** The commissioner shall issue a set of Medal of Honor plates to qualified applicants free of charge and the plates must be replaced without charge if they become damaged. In addition, no fee may be charged for a subsequent year when stickers are issued for a motor vehicle listed in subdivision 1 on which the Medal of Honor plates are placed. The motor vehicle must be for personal use, not commercial purposes.

Subd. 4. **Transfer.** Despite the provisions of section 168.12, subdivision 1, Medal of Honor plates issued under this section may be transferred to another personal motor vehicle registered to the Medal of Honor recipient upon notification to the commissioner.

Subd. 5. MS 2004 [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 10]

Subd. 6. MS 2004 [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 10]

History: *1983 c 267 s 1; 1989 c 140 s 10; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 10; 2011 c 109 s 15; 2014 c 255 s 12*

168.125 SPECIAL PLATES FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance and design.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing the inscription "EX-POW" to any applicant who:

(1) is both a former prisoner of war and a registered owner of a passenger automobile, motorcycle, or recreational motor vehicle; and

(2) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The special plates must be of a design and size to be determined by the commissioner. Only one set of plates, or a single plate in the case of a motorcycle, bearing the "EX-POW" inscription may be issued for each qualified applicant.

Subd. 1a. **Application.** Application for issuance of these plates must be made at the time of renewal or first application for registration. The application must include a certification by the commissioner of veterans affairs that the applicant was a member of the military forces of the United States who was captured, separated, and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of armed conflict.

Subd. 1b. **No fee.** The commissioner shall issue a set of EX-POW plates, or a single plate for a motorcycle, to qualified applicants, free of charge, and shall replace them without charge if they become damaged. In addition, no fee may be charged for a subsequent year when stickers are issued for that motor vehicle on which the EX-POW plates are placed.

Subd. 1c. **Plates transfer.** Despite the provisions of section 168.12, subdivision 1, the special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle registered to the former prisoner of war upon notification to the commissioner.

Subd. 1d. **Surviving spouse.** Upon the death of a former prisoner of war, the commissioner shall continue to issue free of charge, upon renewal, the special plates to a motor vehicle owned by the surviving spouse of the former prisoner of war. Special plates issued to a surviving spouse may be transferred to another motor vehicle registered to the surviving spouse as provided in subdivision 1c. No fee may be charged for replacement plates issued to a surviving spouse or for stickers issued for the motor vehicle on which the special "EX-POW" plates are placed. A surviving spouse is not exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax.

Subd. 1e. MS 2004 [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 11]

Subd. 2. **Plates; EX-POW and disability emblems.** The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing both the "EX-POW" and disability emblems to any applicant who is entitled to the special plates provided under this section and who is also entitled to special plates for the physically disabled under section 168.021 upon compliance with the provisions of both sections. The plates must be of a design and size determined by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Rules; commissioner of public safety.** The commissioner of public safety may adopt by rule, in accordance with chapter 14, the procedures for issuance or transfer of the special plates authorized under this section.

Subd. 4. **Rules; commissioner of veterans affairs.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall establish the procedure for obtaining the certification of former prisoner of war status.

Subd. 5. **Savings provision.** Nothing in this section alters the exemption for disabled war veterans provided for in section 168.031.

History: *1982 c 424 s 130; 1982 c 593 s 1; 1988 c 636 s 5; 1989 c 140 s 11; 1989 c 301 s 2; 1990 c 497 s 6; 1993 c 214 s 3; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 11; 2011 c 109 s 16; 2014 c 255 s 13*

168.1251 MS 2008 [Repealed, 2010 c 333 art 2 s 26]

168.1253 GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

(b) "Active service" has the meaning given in section 190.05, subdivision 5.

(c) "Eligible person" means a surviving spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, or sibling of a person who has died while serving honorably in active service. For the purposes of this section, an eligibility relationship may be established by birth or adoption.

(d) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle for personal use, not used for commercial purposes, and may include a passenger automobile, motorcycle, recreational vehicle, pickup truck, or van.

Subd. 2. **Issuance; eligibility.** The commissioner shall issue special plates bearing the inscription "GOLD STAR" to an applicant who:

(1) is an owner or joint owner of a motor vehicle;

(2) is an eligible person; and

(3) complies with all laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers.

Subd. 3. **No fee.** The commissioner shall issue a set of Gold Star plates, or a single plate for a motorcycle, to an eligible person free of charge, and shall replace the plate or plates without charge if they become damaged. If the eligible person requests personalized Gold Star plates, the commissioner must not charge the fees listed in section 168.12, subdivision 2a.

Subd. 4. **Design.** The special plates issued under this section must be of a design and size determined by the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of veterans affairs. The commissioner may design the plates in accordance with section 168.1291, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Transfer.** On payment of a fee of $5 and notification to the commissioner, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned or jointly owned by the eligible person.

Subd. 6. **Costs of production.** The commissioner of management and budget may transfer money in the "Support Our Troops" account under section 190.19, subdivision 2a, to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1, to pay for the cost of production of the license plates authorized under this section. The commissioner of veterans affairs and the commissioner of public safety must agree on a payment schedule before any money may be transferred under this subdivision.

History: *2009 c 94 art 3 s 9; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 2011 c 109 s 17; 2011 c 117 s 1; 2014 c 255 s 14; 2023 c 25 s 65; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 128; art 5 s 14*

168.1255 "PROUD TO BE A VETERAN" PLATE.

Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** The commissioner shall issue special veteran contribution plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447;

(2) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 24, recreational vehicle as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 27, one-ton pickup truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 21b, or motorcycle as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 19;

(3) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

(4) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

(5) pays the fees required under this chapter;

(6) pays an additional onetime World War II memorial contribution of $30, which the department shall retain until all start-up costs associated with the development and issuing of the plates have been recovered, after which the commissioner shall deposit contributions in the World War II donation match account; and

(7) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 1a. **Motorcycle plate.** A motorcycle plate issued under this section must be the same size as a regular motorcycle plate.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design an emblem for the special plates, subject to the approval of the commissioner of public safety, that satisfies the requirements in this subdivision:

(1) the special veteran contribution plates must bear the inscription "PROUD TO BE A VETERAN" on the bottom of the plate; and

(2) the flag of the United States of America must appear on the left side of the plate just preceding the first letter or numeral of the special plate number.

Subd. 3. **Plate transfers.** Despite section 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment of a transfer fee of $5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to another passenger automobile registered to the individual to whom the veteran contribution plates were issued, or a single motorcycle plate may be transferred to another motorcycle registered to the individual to whom the plate was issued.

Subd. 4. **Fees credited.** Fees collected under this section do not include the contributions collected for the World War II memorial donation match account.

Subd. 5. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of special plates issued under this section.

Subd. 6. **World War II memorial donation match account.** Money remaining in the World War II memorial donation match account after the state share of the construction costs of the World War II memorial has been paid in full is appropriated to the commissioner of veterans affairs for services and programs for veterans and their families.

History: *2002 c 371 art 1 s 8; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 12; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 24; 2008 c 297 art 2 s 2-5; 2008 c 363 art 8 s 4; 2010 c 351 s 22; 2011 c 109 s 18; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 14*

168.1256 RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner shall issue retired law enforcement special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) is a retired peace officer as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c) or (d);

(3) provides a letter from the chief law enforcement officer affirming that the applicant is a retired peace officer who served ten or more years and separated in good standing;

(4) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(5) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013; and

(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner shall design an emblem and inscription for the special plates, in consultation with interested law enforcement agencies and organizations.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

History: *1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 36; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 15; 2023 c 25 s 66*

168.1258 "LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL" PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue "Lions Clubs International" special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

(4) contributes a minimum of $25 upon initial application and $5 annually to the Lions Clubs International account; and

(5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes the recognized emblem of Lions Clubs International and the inscription "We Serve."

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Lions Clubs International account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to Lions Clubs International to further the organization's mission of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

History: *2023 c 68 art 4 s 36*

168.1259 MINNESOTA PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM PHILANTHROPY PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "Minnesota professional sports team" means one of the following teams while its home stadium is located in Minnesota: Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Lynx, Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Twins, or Minnesota United.

Subd. 2. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner must issue Minnesota professional sports team philanthropy plates to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays an additional fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

(3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

(5) contributes a minimum of $30 annually to the professional sports team philanthropy account; and

(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) Minnesota professional sports team philanthropy plates may be personalized according to section 168.12, subdivision 2a.

Subd. 3. **Design.** At the request of a Minnesota professional sports team or the team's foundation, the commissioner must, in consultation with the team or foundation, adopt a suitable plate design. Each design must incorporate the requesting foundation's marks and colors or directly relate to a charitable purpose as provided in subdivision 5. The commissioner may design a single plate that incorporates the marks and colors of all organizations that have requested a plate.

Subd. 4. **Plate transfers.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** (a) Contributions collected under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (5), must be deposited in the Minnesota professional sports team philanthropy account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to the foundations, or as provided in this subdivision, in the proportion that each plate design bears to the total number of Minnesota professional sports team philanthropy plates issued for that year. Proceeds from a plate that includes the marks and colors of all participating organizations must be divided evenly between all foundations and charitable purposes.

(b) The proceeds must only be used by:

(1) a Minnesota professional sports team foundation for philanthropic or charitable purposes; or

(2) the Minnesota United professional sports team through a designation that the funds are for the Minnesota Loon Restoration Project.

(c) The commissioner must annually transfer funds designated under paragraph (b), clause (2), from the Minnesota professional sports team philanthropy account to the Minnesota critical habitat private sector matching account under section 84.943 for purposes of the Minnesota Loon Restoration Project.

History: *2023 c 68 art 4 s 37; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 19; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 30*

168.126 COMMUTER VANS; REGISTRATION, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Unique registration category.** A unique vehicle registration category is established for vehicles known as commuter vans. "Commuter van" means a vehicle having a capacity of seven to 16 persons that meets the criteria set forth in section 221.012, subdivision 9.

Subd. 2. **Special plates.** The registrar shall issue special license plates for a commuter van as defined in section 221.012, subdivision 9, upon the applicant's compliance with the laws of Minnesota relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers.

Subd. 3. **Eligibility criteria established by commissioner.** (a) The commissioner of public safety, in cooperation with the commissioner of transportation, shall establish criteria and procedures governing applications for and issuance of plates permitted by this section. The criteria and procedures may include:

(1) certification of vehicle use as a commuter van;

(2) provision for transfer of special license plates; and

(3) deposit of fees for the registration, sale, and transfer of commuter vans.

(b) The special plate must be designed to specifically identify the vehicle as a commuter van.

History: *1983 c 311 s 2; 1984 c 655 art 1 s 32; 1989 c 140 s 12; 1994 c 536 s 10*

168.127 FLEET VEHICLES; REGISTRATION, FEE.

Subdivision 1. **Unique registration category.** (a) A unique registration category is established for vehicles and trailers of a fleet. Vehicles registered in the fleet must be issued a distinctive license plate. The design and size of the fleet license plate must be determined by the commissioner.

(b) A deputy registrar may issue replacement license plates for qualified vehicles in a registered fleet pursuant to section 168.29.

Subd. 2. **Annual registration period.** The annual registration period for vehicles in the fleet is determined by the commissioner. The applicant must provide all information necessary to qualify as a fleet registrant, including a list of all vehicles in the fleet. On initial registration, all taxes and fees for vehicles in the fleet must be reassessed based on the expiration date.

Subd. 3. **Registration cards issued.** (a) On approval of the application for fleet registration, the commissioner must issue a registration card for each qualified vehicle in the fleet. The registration card must be carried in the vehicle at all times and be made available to a peace officer on demand. The registered gross weight must be indicated on the license plate.

(b) A new vehicle may be registered to an existing fleet upon application to a deputy registrar and payment of the fee under section 168.33, subdivision 7.

(c) A deputy registrar must issue a replacement registration card for any registered fleet or any qualified vehicle in a registered fleet upon application.

Subd. 4. **Filing registration applications.** Initial fleet applications for registration and renewals must be filed with the commissioner or authorized deputy registrar.

Subd. 5. **Renewal of fleet registration.** On the renewal of a fleet registration, the registrant must pay full licensing fees for every vehicle registered in the preceding year unless the vehicle has been properly deleted from the fleet. In order to delete a vehicle from a fleet, the fleet registrant must surrender to the commissioner the registration card and license plates. The commissioner may authorize alternative methods of deleting vehicles from a fleet, including destruction of the license plates and registration cards. If the card or license plates are lost or stolen, the fleet registrant must submit a sworn statement stating the circumstances for the inability to surrender the card, stickers, and license plates. A fleet registrant who fails to renew the licenses issued under this section or fails to report the removal of vehicles from the fleet within 30 days of the vehicles' removal must pay a penalty of 20 percent of the total tax due on the fleet. The penalty must be paid within 30 days after it is assessed.

Subd. 6. **Fee.** The applicant for fleet registration must pay the filing fee described in section 168.33, subdivision 7, to the commissioner for each vehicle in the fleet.

History: *1986 c 453 s 2; 1996 c 435 s 9; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 13; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 31*

168.128 LIMOUSINE PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Limousine registration.** A unique vehicle registration category is established for limousines.

Subd. 2. **Plates.** (a) A person who operates a limousine for other than personal use shall register the motor vehicle as provided in this section. A person who operates a limousine for personal use may apply for limousine plates.

(b) The commissioner shall issue limousine plates to the registered owner of a limousine who:

(1) certifies that an insurance policy or policies under section 65B.135, in the minimum aggregate amount required under that section, is in effect for the entire period of the registration;

(2) provides the commissioner with proof that the passenger automobile registration tax and a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, have been paid for each limousine receiving limousine plates; and

(3) complies with this chapter and rules governing the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(c) The limousine plates must be designed to specifically identify the vehicle as a limousine and must be clearly marked with the letters "LM." Limousine plates may not be transferred upon sale of the limousine, but may be transferred to another limousine owned by the same person upon notifying the commissioner and paying a $5 transfer fee.

Subd. 3. **Insurance.** (a) The application must include a certificate of insurance verifying that a valid commercial insurance policy or policies is in effect and giving the name of the insurance company and the number of the insurance policy. The policy or policies must provide in the aggregate stated limits of liability, exclusive of interest and costs, with respect to each motor vehicle for which coverage is granted, of:

(1) not less than $1,500,000 because of bodily injury to one person in any one accident;

(2) not less than the minimum aggregate amount required under section 65B.135 per accident; and

(3) not less than $100,000 because of injury to or destruction of property.

(b) The insurance company must notify the commissioner if the policy is canceled or if the policy no longer provides the coverage required by this subdivision.

(c) The commissioner shall immediately notify the commissioner of transportation if the policy of a person required to have a permit under section 221.84 is canceled or no longer provides the coverage required by this subdivision.

Subd. 4. MS 2004 [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 14]

History: *1988 c 636 s 6; 1989 c 318 s 5; 1991 c 284 s 3,4; 1992 c 581 s 8; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 14; 2006 c 212 art 1 s 6; 2014 c 175 s 3,4; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 16*

168.1281 MS 1998 [Repealed, 1999 c 238 art 2 s 92]

168.1282 "START SEEING MOTORCYCLES" SPECIAL PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue "Start Seeing Motorcycles" special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates;

(3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(4) contributes a minimum of $10 annually to the motorcycle safety account, created under section 171.06, subdivision 2a; and

(5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The representatives of American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education of Minnesota must design the special plate to contain the inscription "Start Seeing Motorcycles" between the bolt holes on the bottom of the plate with a design area on the left side of the plate, subject to the approval of the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. MS 2022 [Repealed, 2023 c 68 art 4 s 129]

Subd. 6. **No refund.** Contributions under this section must not be refunded.

History: *1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 37; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 17; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 20*

168.1283 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue Rotary International special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or self-propelled recreational motor vehicle;

(2) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

(3) pays a fee in the amount specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(4) contributes $25 upon initial application and a minimum of $5 annually to the Rotary District 5950 Foundation account; and

(5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner must adopt a suitable design for the plate that must include the Rotary International symbol and the phrase "Service Above Self."

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates may be transferred to another qualified motor vehicle that is registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Rotary District 5950 Foundation account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds must be distributed to the Rotary District 5950 Foundation to further the rotary's mission of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. Funds distributed under this subdivision must be used on projects within this state.

History: *2024 c 127 art 3 s 32*

168.1284 MINNESOTA 100 CLUB PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue Minnesota 100 Club special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

(3) pays a fee in the amount specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(4) contributes a minimum of $40 annually to the Minnesota 100 Club account; and

(5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner must adopt a suitable design for the plate in consultation with representatives from the Minnesota 100 Club.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Minnesota 100 Club account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to the Minnesota 100 Club to further the organization's mission and purpose of providing charitable gifts and contributions.

History: *1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 32*

168.1285 MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue Minnesota agriculture special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

(4) contributes a minimum of $20 annually to the Minnesota agriculture account; and

(5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** In consultation with the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes a depiction of lands and activity related to agriculture.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Minnesota agriculture account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to (1)

the Minnesota FFA Foundation to support the mission of the foundation, and (2) the University of Minnesota Extension Service to support Minnesota 4-H programming and activities. The commissioner must annually consult with the Minnesota FFA Foundation and the University of Minnesota Extension Service for recommendations regarding how to allocate funds.

History: *1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 33*

168.1286 HONORARY CONSUL PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue honorary consul special plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) is recognized as an honorary consular official appointed by the respective government to serve in Minnesota, and who provides a letter from the Minnesota Consular Corps;

(3) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(4) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013; and

(5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** In consultation with the Minnesota Consular Corps, the commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes an emblem and the inscription "Honorary Consul." The unique registration number for each set of special plates issued must contain the International Olympic Committee three-letter country code for the represented country followed by the lowest available sequential number.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Plates surrender.** A person must return to the commissioner special plates issued under this section if (1) the plates are no longer in use, or (2) the person is no longer recognized as an honorary consular official by the appointing government.

Subd. 5. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

History: *1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 34*

168.1287 MINNESOTA BLACKOUT PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue blackout special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays an additional fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

(3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

(5) contributes a minimum of $30 annually to the driver and vehicle services operating account; and

(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes a black background with white text.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Contributions; account.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (5), must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

History: *2023 c 68 art 4 s 38*

168.1288 MINNESOTA MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue Minnesota missing and murdered Indigenous relatives special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays an additional fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

(3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013;

(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

(5) contributes a minimum of $25 annually to the Minnesota missing and murdered Indigenous relatives account; and

(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** In consultation with the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, the commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes a red handprint to one side, a partial ribbon skirt toward the bottom corner, and reads "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives" or "MMIR."

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle if the subsequent vehicle is:

(1) qualified under subdivision 1, clause (1), to bear the special plates; and

(2) registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Contributions; account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (5), must be deposited in the Minnesota missing and murdered Indigenous relatives account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives for investigation of unsolved cases and to establish a reward fund for information relating to missing and murdered Indigenous relatives.

History: *2023 c 68 art 4 s 39*

168.1289 RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Auto rental company" means a corporation, partnership, individual, or other person that is engaged primarily in the renting of at least 50 rental motor vehicles at per diem rates.

(c) "Rental motor vehicle" means a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or recreational vehicle made available for rental by an auto rental company.

Subd. 2. **Issuance of plates.** (a) An auto rental company may, but is not required to, apply for rental motor vehicle plates under this section.

(b) Upon proper application, the commissioner must issue rental motor vehicle plates or a single motorcycle plate to an auto rental company that:

(1) is a registered owner of a rental motor vehicle;

(2) pays license plate fees under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates for each rental motor vehicle, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(3) pays the registration tax for each rental motor vehicle as required under section 168.013;

(4) pays the fees required under this chapter; and

(5) complies with section 168.017 and rules governing registration of rental motor vehicles.

(c) Rental motor vehicle plates issued under this section are issued for a seven-year period and must be replaced as required under section 168.12, subdivision 1, paragraph (f), clause (2), except that rental motor vehicle plates issued for a motorcycle or motorized bicycle are for the life of the vehicle.

(d) Each set of rental motor vehicle plates issued under this section is only valid if the plates are registered to a single rental motor vehicle.

Subd. 3. **Design.** The commissioner must adopt a suitable plate design that includes the phrase "RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE."

Subd. 4. **Plates transfer.** (a) On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5 for each set of plates, rental motor vehicle plates may be transferred to another qualified rental motor vehicle that is registered to the same auto rental company to which the rental motor vehicle plates were originally issued.

(b) A deputy registrar who collects the $5 transfer fee under paragraph (a) must retain the fee.

(c) Rental motor vehicle plates issued under this section must be removed from the rental motor vehicle if the vehicle is held for resale under section 168A.11.

Subd. 5. **Exemptions.** (a) Rental motor vehicle plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

(b) Notwithstanding sections 168.09, subdivision 4, and 169.79, subdivision 8, rental motor vehicle plates issued under this section are not required to display validation stickers issued pursuant to section 168.12, subdivision 1.

Subd. 6. **Application.** This section applies on the earlier of July 1, 2026, or the date the commissioner makes rental motor vehicle plates available.

History: *1Sp2025 c 8 art 2 s 19*

168.129 SPECIAL COLLEGIATE PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** The commissioner shall issue special collegiate plates to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile;

(2) pays a fee as specified in section 168.12, subdivision 5, to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;

(3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

(5) contributes at least $25 annually to the scholarship account established in subdivision 6; and

(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** (a) After consultation with each participating college, university, or postsecondary system, the commissioner shall design an emblem for each special collegiate plate.

(b) In consultation with the commissioner, a participating college or university annually shall indicate the anticipated number of plates needed.

Subd. 3. **No refund.** Contributions under this section must not be refunded.

Subd. 4. **Plates transfer.** Despite section 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment of a transfer fee of $5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to another passenger automobile registered to the individual to whom the special collegiate plates were issued.

Subd. 5. **Fees credited.** Fees collected under this section do not include the contributions collected for the scholarship account.

Subd. 6. **Scholarship account.** A scholarship account is created in the state treasury. Except for one percent that may be retained by the commissioner for administrative costs, all contributions received under this section must be deposited by the commissioner in the scholarship account. Money in the scholarship account is appropriated to the governing board of the institution to which it is attributable, as provided in subdivision 7.

Subd. 7. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of plates issued for each postsecondary institution or system to determine the amount of scholarship funds available to that institution or system.

History: *1991 c 356 art 7 s 2; 1992 c 513 art 1 s 19,20; 1997 c 7 art 1 s 78; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 15; 2011 c 109 s 19; 2014 c 255 s 15*

168.1291 CERTAIN SPECIAL PLATES; UNIFORM DESIGN, UNIQUE EMBLEMS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section "special plates" means plates issued under sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.121; 168.1235; and 168.129.

Subd. 2. **Uniform design of special plates.** (a) The commissioner shall design a single special plate that will contain a unique number and a space for a unique emblem for plates issued under sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.121; 168.1235; and 168.129. The commissioner shall design a unique emblem related to the purpose of each special plate.

(b) Any provision of sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b to 2e; 168.121; 168.123; and 168.129, that requires the placement of a specified letter or letters on a special plate applies to those plates only to the extent that the commissioner includes the letter or letters in the design.

(c) If a law authorizing a special plate contains a specific requirement for graphic design of that plate, that requirement applies to the appropriate unique emblem.

Subd. 3. **Issuance of special plates with unique emblems.** Despite section 168.12, subdivisions 2b to 2e; 168.123; or 168.129, beginning with special plates issued in calendar year 1996, the commissioner shall issue each class of special plates permanently marked with specific designs under those laws only until the commissioner's supply of those plates is exhausted. Thereafter the commissioner shall issue under those laws only the plate authorized under subdivision 2, with the appropriate unique emblem attached.

Subd. 4. **Fees.** Despite section 168.12, subdivisions 2b to 2e; 168.123; or 168.129, the commissioner shall charge a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates issued under this section.

Subd. 5. **Applicability.** This section does not apply to a special motorcycle plate designed by the commissioner under section 168.123, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2).

History: *1996 c 455 art 4 s 6; 1997 c 159 art 2 s 14; 1997 c 226 s 42; 2000 c 426 s 6; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 33; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 16; 2010 c 388 art 1 s 2,3; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 18; 2025 c 20 s 156*

168.1292 MS 1998 [Repealed, 2000 c 426 s 32]

168.1293 CERTAIN SPECIAL PLATES; AUTHORIZATION, DISCONTINUANCE.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them:

(1) "new special plate" or "proposed special plate" means a special plate that is not authorized under this chapter and for which legislation authorizing the plate, including but not limited to a bill or amendment, is introduced or presented to the legislature; and

(2) "proximate special plate" means a special plate (i) authorized under section 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.1235; or 168.129; or (ii) authorized in law on or after August 1, 2010.

Subd. 1a. **Establishment of plate.** The commissioner may only establish a special plate as authorized under this chapter. This requirement does not apply to alternative or additional designs for a special plate.

Subd. 2. **Submissions to commissioner.** (a) A person, legal entity, or other requester, however organized, that plans to seek legislation establishing a new special plate, or is a proponent of a new special plate, shall submit the following information and fee to the commissioner:

(1) The requester shall submit a request for the special plate being sought, describing the special plate in general terms, the purpose of the plate, and the proposed fee or minimum contribution required for the plate.

(2) The requester shall submit the results of a scientific sample survey of Minnesota motor vehicle owners that indicates that at least 10,000 motor vehicle owners intend to purchase the proposed plate with the proposed fee or minimum contribution. The requester's plan to undertake the survey must be reported to the commissioner before the survey is undertaken. The survey must be performed independently of the requester by another person or legal entity, however organized, that conducts similar sample surveys in the normal course of business.

(3) The requester shall submit an application fee of $20,000, to cover the cost of reviewing the application for a new plate and developing the new special plate if authorized by law. State funds may not be used to pay the application fee. This requirement does not apply if legislation or a bill introduced to the legislature proposing the new special plate contains a mechanism by which all costs incurred by the commissioner for development and implementation of the plate are covered, provided that the application fee subsequently does apply if such a mechanism is not enacted in the law authorizing the new special plate.

(4) The requester shall submit a marketing strategy that contains (i) short-term and long-term marketing plans for the requested plate, and (ii) a financial analysis showing the anticipated revenues and the planned expenditures of any fee or contribution derived from the requested plate.

(b) The requester shall submit the information required under paragraph (a) to the commissioner at least 120 days before the convening of the next regular legislative session at which the requester will submit the proposal.

Subd. 2a. **Information for legislature.** (a) Within 15 days of the introduction of a bill proposing a new special plate, the commissioner shall submit a briefing to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees to which the bill was referred. At a minimum, the briefing must:

(1) summarize the requirements for a special plate under this section; and

(2) identify which of the requirements have been met for the proposed special plate.

(b) If a proposed special plate is a topic of discussion at a legislative committee hearing, the commissioner shall make every reasonable effort to provide testimony. The testimony must include the information required in the briefing under paragraph (a).

(c) Notwithstanding section 3.195, the commissioner may submit the briefing under paragraph (a) by submitting an electronic version rather than a printed version.

Subd. 3. **Design; redesign.** (a) If the proposed special plate sought by the requester is approved by law, the requester shall submit the proposed design for the plate to the commissioner as soon as practicable, but not later than 120 days after the effective date of the law authorizing issuance of the plate. The commissioner is responsible for selecting the final design for the special plate.

(b) The requester that originally requested a new special plate subsequently approved by law may not submit a new design for the plate within the five years following the date of first issuance of the plate unless the inventory of those plates has been exhausted. The requester may deplete the remaining inventory of the plates by reimbursing the commissioner for the cost of the plates.

Subd. 4. **Refund of fee.** If the special plate requested is not authorized in the legislative session at which authorization was sought, the commissioner shall, if applicable, refund $17,500 of the application fee to the requester.

Subd. 5. **Discontinuance of plate.** (a) The commissioner shall discontinue the issuance or renewal of any proximate special plate if (1) fewer than 1,000 sets of those plates are currently registered at the end of the first six years during which the plates are available, or (2) fewer than 1,000 sets of those plates are currently registered at the end of any subsequent two-year period following the first six years of availability.

(b) The commissioner shall discontinue the issuance or renewal of any proximate special plate, and distribution of any contributions resulting from that plate, if the commissioner determines that (1) the fund or requester receiving the contributions no longer exists, (2) the requester has stopped providing services that are authorized to be funded from the contribution proceeds, (3) the requester has requested discontinuance, or (4) contributions have been used in violation of subdivision 6.

(c) Nothing in this subdivision applies to plates issued under section 168.123, 168.124, 168.125, or 168.1255.

(d) Upon commencing discontinuance of a proximate special plate under this subdivision, the commissioner (1) shall not issue the plate, including as a duplicate; and (2) shall allow retention of any existing plate for the regular period. For purposes of this paragraph, "regular period" may be, as appropriate, the period specified under section 168.12, subdivision 1; the time until issuance of a duplicate plate for that vehicle; or as otherwise provided by law.

Subd. 6. **Use of contributions.** Contributions made as a condition of obtaining a proximate special plate, and interest earned on the contributions, may not be spent for commercial or for-profit purposes.

Subd. 7. **Deposit of fee; appropriation.** The commissioner shall deposit the application fee under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705. An amount sufficient to pay the department's cost in implementing and administering this section, including payment of refunds under subdivision 4, is appropriated to the commissioner from that account.

Subd. 8. **Legislative report.** (a) By February 1 annually, the commissioner must submit a report on special plates to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. At a minimum, the report must:

(1) identify the number of special plate issuances and total plate counts for each type of special plate, with a breakout by each alternative or additional design; and

(2) for each special plate in which a onetime or annual contribution is required:

(i) provide a fiscal summary of the contributions, including to specify the appropriate contribution account, identify total contributions received in the two most recently completed fiscal years, and identify the direct recipients of contribution funds; and

(ii) provide a description of how contribution funds were spent in the prior fiscal or calendar year, as provided by each direct recipient.

(b) An entity that receives special plate special contribution funds under this chapter directly from the commissioner must submit information on contribution funds expenditures in the form and manner specified by the commissioner.

History: *1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 23; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 17; 2010 c 351 s 23; 2011 c 76 art 1 s 21; 2023 c 68 art 5 s 15; art 7 s 2*

168.1294 LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner shall issue special law enforcement memorial license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational motor vehicle;

(2) pays an additional fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, for each set of plates;

(3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013, along with any other fees required by this chapter;

(4) contributes $25 upon initial application and a minimum of $5 annually to the Minnesota law enforcement memorial account; and

(5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** The commissioner, in consultation with representatives from the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association, shall adopt a suitable design for the plate that must include a blue line with a black line of equal proportion above and below the blue line, representing the thin blue line.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On application to the commissioner and payment of a transfer fee of $5, special plates may be transferred to another qualified motor vehicle that is registered to the same individual to whom the special plates were originally issued.

Subd. 4. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. MS 2022 [Repealed, 2023 c 68 art 4 s 129]

Subd. 6. **Contributions; memorial account; appropriation.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (4), must be deposited in the Minnesota law enforcement memorial account, which is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety. This appropriation is first for the annual cost of administering the account funds, and the remaining funds are for distribution to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association. By August 15 of each year, the commissioner must distribute all funds remaining to the association. The association must use the funds to

further the mission of the association in assisting the families and home agencies of Minnesota law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. By January 15 of each year, the association must submit a report to the commissioner of public safety and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. The report must include an itemized list of each expenditure the association made with the funds received under this section for the previous calendar year.

History: *2017 c 55 s 1; 2017 c 99 s 2; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 19; art 3 s 22*

168.1295 STATE PARKS AND TRAILS PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall issue state parks and trails plates to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, recreational vehicle, one-ton pickup truck, or motorcycle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

(3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

(5) contributes a minimum of $60 annually to the state parks and trails donation account established in section 85.056; and

(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The state parks and trails plate application must indicate that the contribution specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plate and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

(c) State parks and trails plates may be personalized according to section 168.12, subdivision 2a.

Subd. 2. **Design.** After consultation with interested groups, the commissioners of natural resources and public safety shall jointly select a suitable symbol for use by the commissioner of public safety to design the state parks and trails plates.

Subd. 3. **No refund.** Contributions under this section must not be refunded.

Subd. 4. **Plate transfers.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment of a transfer fee of $5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to another passenger automobile registered to the person to whom the plates were issued.

Subd. 5. **Contribution and fees credited.** Contributions under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5), must be paid to the commissioner and credited to the state parks and trails donation account established in section 85.056. The other fees collected under this section must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

Subd. 6. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of plates issued under this section.

Subd. 7. **Exemption.** Special plates issued under this section are not subject to section 168.1293, subdivision 2.

History: *2014 c 312 art 13 s 31; 2017 c 93 art 2 s 142; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 20; 2023 c 68 art 7 s 3*

168.1296 CRITICAL HABITAT PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall issue critical habitat plates to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

(3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

(5) contributes a minimum of $30 annually to the Minnesota critical habitat private sector matching account established in section 84.943; and

(6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

(b) The critical habitat plate application must indicate that the annual contribution specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plate and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

(c) Special critical habitat license plates, the designs for which are selected under subdivision 2, may be personalized according to section 168.12, subdivision 2a.

Subd. 2. **Design.** After consultation with interested groups, the commissioner of natural resources and the commissioner shall jointly select a suitable symbol for use by the commissioner to design the plates.

Subd. 3. **No refund.** Contributions under this section must not be refunded.

Subd. 4. **Plate transfers.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment of a transfer fee of $5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to another passenger automobile registered to the person to whom the plates were issued.

Subd. 5. **Contribution and fees credited.** Contributions under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5), must be paid to the commissioner and credited to the Minnesota critical habitat private sector matching account established in section 84.943. The fees collected under this section must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

Subd. 6. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of plates issued under this section.

History: *1995 c 220 s 112; 1996 c 455 art 4 s 8; 1997 c 226 s 43; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 138; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 18; 2006 c 212 art 1 s 23; 2011 c 109 s 20; 2014 c 255 s 16; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 21; 2023 c 25 s 67; 2023 c 68 art 7 s 4*

168.1297 MS 2022 [Repealed, 2024 c 127 art 3 s 133]

168.1298 SPECIAL "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall issue special "Support Our Troops" license plates to an applicant who:

(1) is an owner of a passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, recreational vehicle, or motorcycle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5;

(3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

(4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

(5) contributes a minimum of $30 annually to the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account established in section 190.19; and

(6) complies with laws and rules governing registration and licensing of vehicles and drivers.

(b) The license application under this section must indicate that the annual contribution specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plates and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

Subd. 2. **Design.** After consultation with interested groups, the adjutant general and the commissioner of veterans affairs shall design the special plate, subject to the approval of the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **No refund.** Contributions under this section must not be refunded.

Subd. 4. **Plate transfers.** Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment of a transfer fee of $5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to another passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, recreational vehicle, or motorcycle owned by the individual to whom the special plates were issued.

Subd. 5. **Contribution and fees credited.** Contributions under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5), must be paid to the commissioner and credited to the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account established in section 190.19. The fees collected under this section must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

Subd. 6. **Record.** The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of plates issued under this section.

History: *2005 c 156 art 2 s 30; 2011 c 109 s 21; 2014 c 255 s 17; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 23; 2023 c 68 art 7 s 5*

168.1299 MINNESOTA GOLF PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance.** Notwithstanding section 168.1293, the commissioner shall issue special Minnesota golf plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

(1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

(2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, and any other fees required by this chapter;

(3) contributes a minimum of $30 annually to the Minnesota Section PGA Foundation account; and

(4) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and licensing of drivers.

Subd. 2. **Design.** After consultation with the Minnesota Section PGA and the Minnesota Golf Association, the commissioner shall design the special plate.

Subd. 3. **Plates transfer.** On payment of a fee of $5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to another passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, motorcycle, or other recreational vehicle registered to the individual to whom the special plates were issued.

Subd. 4. MS 2022 [Repealed, 2023 c 68 art 4 s 129]

Subd. 5. **Contributions.** Contributions collected under subdivision 1, clause (3), are credited first to the commissioner of public safety for the cost of administering the Minnesota Section PGA Foundation account, which is established in the special revenue fund. After the commissioner's administration costs are paid each year, remaining contributions are credited to the Minnesota Section PGA Foundation account. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for distribution to the Minnesota Section PGA Foundation, to be used to enhance and promote the game of golf throughout Minnesota.

History: *2014 c 312 art 11 s 3; 2015 c 75 art 2 s 17,49; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 24*

168.13 PROOF OF OWNERSHIP.

(a) The registrar shall not approve an application and shall not issue number plates for any motor vehicle, unless and until the title certificate issued under chapter 168A, or registration certificate if not titled, is delivered to the registrar. The registrar must be satisfied from the records that all taxes and fees due have been paid and that endorsements upon the certificate are in writing and have been signed by the seller and purchaser.

(b) The registrar shall not register and shall not issue number plates for a motor vehicle brought into Minnesota from another state until:

(1) a registration certificate or other evidence of title as may reasonably be required from the registrant within that state is surrendered to the registrar in the same manner as certificates of this state; or in lieu thereof

(2) the registrar receives evidence of the chain of ownership as will assure the payment of the proper tax so long as the motor vehicle is in the state.

History: *(2679) 1921 c 461 s 8; 1923 c 418 s 8; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 647 s 9; 2000 c 426 s 7*

168.14 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1949 c 694 s 5]

168.15 RIGHTS AS TO REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Transfer of ownership.** (a) Upon the transfer of ownership, destruction, theft, dismantling, or permanent removal by the owner from this state of any vehicle registered in accordance with this chapter, the right of the owner of the vehicle to use the registration certificate and plates assigned to the vehicle expires.

(b) When the ownership of a vehicle is transferred to another person required to register the vehicle in this state, the transferor shall assign the registration tax paid to the credit of the transferee unless the registration stickers are surrendered to the commissioner before the first day of the new registration period.

(c) When seeking to become the owner by gift, trade, or purchase of any vehicle for which a registration certificate has been issued under this chapter, a person shall join with the registered owner in transmitting with the application for transfer of ownership, the registration certificate, with the assignment and notice of sale duly executed.

(d) In case of loss of the title or certificate of registration of a vehicle not subject to section 325E.15, the person shall make application to the commissioner with proof of loss of the title as specified in section 168A.09 and assign a notice of sale of the vehicle on the application for title as specified in section 168A.04.

(e) Upon the transfer of any vehicle by a manufacturer or dealer, for use within the state, whether by sale, lease, or otherwise, the transferor shall, within ten days after the transfer, file with the commissioner (1) a notice containing the date of transfer, a description of the vehicle, and the transferee's name and residence address in the state or if not a natural person then the transferee's business and mailing address, and (2) the transferee's application for registration.

Subd. 2. MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

History: *(2681) 1921 c 461 s 10; 1923 c 418 s 10; 1927 c 89; 1984 c 489 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1996 c 455 art 4 s 9,15; 1997 c 135 s 2; 2000 c 426 s 8; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 20*

168.16 REGISTRATION TAX REFUND; APPROPRIATION.

(a) After the registration tax upon any vehicle has been paid for any registration period, refund must be made for errors made in computing the registration tax or fees and for the error on the part of an owner who may in error have registered a vehicle that was not before, nor at the time of registration, nor at any time thereafter during the preceding registration period, subject to registration tax in this state as provided by section 168.012.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, a claim for a refund of an overpayment of registration tax must be filed within 3-1/2 years from the date of payment.

(c) The former registered owner of a transferred vehicle, by an assignment in writing endorsed upon the registration certificate and delivered to the commissioner within the time provided in this subdivision, shall assign, except for vehicles registered under section 168.187, to the new owner the right to have the tax paid by the former registered owner accredited to the new owner who duly registers the vehicle unless the registration stickers are surrendered to the commissioner before the first day of the new registration period.

(d) Any owner is entitled to a refund of the unused portion of the registration tax paid on the owner's vehicle upon filing a claim, verified by the commissioner, if the vehicle is:

(1) declared by an insurance company to be permanently destroyed due to accident, fire, or an Act of God as defined in section 115B.02; or

(2) sold to the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state.

(e) The refund must be equal to the sum of the remaining registration tax attributable for the registration period after the month in which the plates and certificate of registration or title were returned to the commissioner.

(f) There is hereby appropriated to the persons entitled to a refund, from the fund or account in the state treasury to which the money was credited, an amount sufficient to make the refund and payment.

History: *(2682) 1921 c 461 s 11; 1923 c 418 s 11; 1931 c 174 s 1; 1935 c 142 s 1; 1945 c 600 s 1; 1953 c 42 s 1; 1957 c 895 s 1; 1959 c 157 s 6; 1963 c 147 s 1; 1965 c 148 s 1; 1973 c 6 s 3; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1981 c 363 s 23; 1986 c 444; 1995 c 28 s 1; 1996 c 455 art 4 s 10,15; 1997 c 250 s 2; 1998 c 383 s 33; 2000 c 426 s 9; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 21*

168.163 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1949 c 694 s 5]

168.165 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 218 s 9]

168.17 SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION.

(a) All registrations and issue of number plates shall be subject to amendment, suspension, modification or revocation by the registrar summarily for any violation of or neglect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or when the transferee fails to comply with section 168A.10, subdivision 2, within 30 days of the date of sale.

(b) The registrar may suspend the registration of a motor vehicle if the tax on the vehicle was paid by means of a dishonored check to a deputy motor vehicle registrar. The registrar may continue a suspension under this paragraph until the registrar is informed by the deputy motor vehicle registrar that the dishonored check has been paid in full.

(c) In any case where the proper registration of a motor vehicle is dependent upon procuring information entailing such delay as to unreasonably deprive the owner of the use of the motor vehicle, the registrar may issue a tax receipt and plates conditionally.

(d) In any case when revoking a registration for cause, the registrar shall have authority to demand the return of the number plates and registration certificates, and, if necessary, to seize the number plates issued for such registration.

History: *(2683) 1921 c 461 s 12; 1923 c 418 s 12; 1986 c 444; 1999 c 238 art 2 s 7; 2000 c 479 art 1 s 15*

168.18 MS 1949 [Repealed, 1953 c 698 s 7]

168.181 NONRESIDENTS, RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Authority; conditions and limitations.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary or inconsistent herewith, the registrar of motor vehicles with the approval of the attorney general is hereby empowered to make agreements with the duly authorized representatives of the other states, District of Columbia, territories and possessions of the United States, or arrangements with foreign countries or provinces exempting the residents of such other states, districts, territories and possessions, and foreign countries or provinces using the public streets and highways of this state from the payment of any or all motor vehicle taxes or fees imposed by this chapter, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) upon condition that the exemption provided herein shall be operative as to a motor vehicle owned by a nonresident only to the extent that under the laws of the state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province of residence like exemptions are granted to motor vehicles registered under the laws and owned by residents of Minnesota;

(2) upon condition that any such motor vehicle so operated in this state by any such nonresident shall at all times carry and display all license number plates or like insignia required by the laws of the state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province of residence;

(3) upon condition that the exemptions provided herein shall not apply to a passenger automobile or travel trailer owned by a resident of any state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province temporarily residing in this state while gainfully employed on the same job for a period of six months or more;

(4) upon condition that the exemptions provided herein shall not apply to motor vehicles owned by nonresidents including any foreign corporation and used for carrying on intrastate commerce within this state. Such nonresident or foreign corporation shall be required to register each such vehicle and pay the same tax and penalties if any therefor as is required with reference to like vehicles owned by residents of Minnesota;

(5) upon condition that the exemption provided herein shall not apply to a truck, tractor, truck-tractor, or semitrailer, except two-wheeled trailers of less than 3,000 pounds carrying capacity, if (i) the class of its registration does not permit to it a statewide operation in the state of its registration, or if (ii) the registration fee or tax for which it is registered is computed on a mileage basis, or if (iii) its gross weight exceeds the gross weight for which it is registered in the state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province of its registration;

(6) upon condition that nonresident owners of commercial vehicles, including trucks, truck-tractors, trailers, semitrailers, and buses domiciled in a foreign state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province, and bringing such vehicles into the state of Minnesota for the purpose of doing interstate business shall be required to comply with all the laws and regulations as to payment of taxes applicable to like vehicles owned by Minnesota residents unless the state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province grants full reciprocity privileges comparable to that extended by this section and sections 168.183 to 168.221. In the event a state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province is not fully reciprocal as to taxes or fees on commercial vehicles or buses operated in interstate commerce, then in that event such owners of foreign commercial vehicles or buses shall be required to pay a tax in an amount similar to the tax of whatever character assessed by such other state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province against vehicles registered in Minnesota and operated in interstate commerce in that state, district, territory or possession, or foreign country or province. It is further provided that such owners of foreign commercial vehicles and buses subject to registration under the provisions of this clause shall make application for a permit in which shall be set forth the conditions for operation of such vehicles in this state.

Subd. 2. **Exemption from tax or fee.** Agreements made pursuant to this section may also include exemption from taxes or fees on a vehicle owned by a person, firm, or corporation licensed as a motor vehicle dealer or motor vehicle manufacturer in another state or country when such vehicle is operated displaying the dealer plates or manufacturer plates issued to such dealer or manufacturer by the jurisdiction of residence; provided, however, that such operation is not for the purpose of soliciting the sale of vehicles within this state other than at an auction conducted by a motor vehicle auctioneer licensed under section 168.27. Greater privileges shall not be granted to such dealer or manufacturer than permitted by the laws of the jurisdiction of residence. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to apply to or vary the terms and conditions of sections 168.053 to 168.057.

Subd. 3. **Vehicle in foreign state and owned by Minnesotan.** The provisions of this section shall be operative as to motor vehicles actually domiciled in a foreign state, district, territory or possession or foreign

country or province and legally licensed in that state, district, territory or possession or foreign country or province and owned by a Minnesota resident.

History: *1953 c 698 s 1,2; 1963 c 63 s 1; 1980 c 478 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 342 s 11; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 47*

168.183 MOTOR VEHICLES OF CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Payment of taxes.** All trucks, truck-tractors, trucks using combination, and buses which comply with all of the provisions of section 168.181, subdivision 1, clause (6), but are excluded from the exemptions solely because of the temporary nature of their movement in this state, shall be required to comply with all laws and rules as to the payment of taxes applicable to like vehicles owned by Minnesota residents, except that nonresidents may make application to pay the tax for each vehicle proportionate to the number of months or fraction thereof the vehicles are in this state. For the purposes of this subdivision, buses do not include charter buses that are considered proratable vehicles under section 168.187, subdivision 4. Fees are determined by section 168.013, subdivision 1e.

Subd. 2. **Contents of application.** The application shall contain such information and shall be executed in such manner as the registrar may require and shall include a complete itinerary of the applicant and shall be accompanied by such evidence of ownership as the registrar shall deem necessary.

Subd. 3. **Permit.** Upon payment of the required tax the registrar shall issue, in lieu of registration plates, a permit for each vehicle so taxed. The permit shall contain the name and address of the owner, the make, type, serial number and year model of the vehicle, the expiration date and any other information deemed necessary by the registrar. The permit must be available in a format prescribed by the registrar while the vehicle is being operated in this state.

History: *1957 c 88 s 1-3; 1985 c 248 s 70; 2013 c 127 s 17; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 35*

168.185 USDOT NUMBERS.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d), an owner of a truck or truck-tractor having a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 32, shall report to the commissioner at the time of registration its USDOT carrier number.

(b) Assigned USDOT numbers must be displayed as required by section 221.031, subdivision 6. The vehicle owner shall notify the commissioner if there is a change to the owner's USDOT number.

(c) If an owner fails to report or apply for a USDOT number, the commissioner shall suspend the owner's registration.

(d) This section does not apply to (1) a farm truck that is not used in interstate commerce, (2) a vehicle that is not used in intrastate commerce or interstate commerce, or (3) a vehicle that is owned and used solely in the transaction of official business by the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision.

History: *2002 c 364 s 9; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 34; 2008 c 350 art 1 s 14; 2009 c 64 s 2,58; 2023 c 68 art 5 s 16*

168.187 INTERSTATE REGISTRATION AND RECIPROCITY.

Subdivision 1. **Declaration of policy.** It is the policy of this state to promote and encourage the fullest possible use of its highway system by authorizing the making of agreements, arrangements, and declarations with other jurisdictions, for reciprocal recognition of vehicle registrations and/or for proportional registration,

with respect to vehicles registered in this state and such other jurisdictions, thus contributing to the economic and social development and growth of this state. It is the policy of this state to agree with other states that no vehicle shall pay more than the equivalent of one full registration fee per annum.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) The words, terms and phrases defined in section 168.002, when used in this section, shall have the same meanings herein as is ascribed to them in section 168.002, unless the context otherwise requires, or unless a different definition is given in this section.

(b) The words and phrases hereafter defined in this section shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them when used in this section, except when the context otherwise requires.

Subd. 3. **State.** "State" means a state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a foreign country and a state or province of a foreign country.

Subd. 4. **Proratable vehicle.** "Proratable vehicle" means any vehicle which is operated in more than one state and used for the transportation of persons for hire, or designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

Subd. 5. **Fleet.** "Fleet" means one or more proratable vehicles designated by the vehicle owner for proportional registration under this section or pursuant to an agreement or arrangement described in subdivision 24.

Subd. 6. MS 1974 [Repealed, 1976 c 149 s 63]

Subd. 7. **Authority for registration agreements, arrangements or declarations.** (a) The commissioner of public safety may enter into any agreement or arrangement with the duly authorized representatives of other states or make any independent declaration, granting to vehicles or to owners of vehicles which are properly registered or licensed in another state, benefits, privileges, and exemptions from the payment, wholly, or partially, of any registration taxes, fees, or other charges imposed upon such vehicles or owners with respect to the operation or ownership of such vehicles under the laws of this state, upon such conditions as are specified therein, provided the terms or conditions of such agreement, arrangement, or declaration are not inconsistent with any law of this state.

(b) Any such agreement or arrangement shall be made in writing and shall provide that vehicles properly registered or licensed in this state, when operated upon highways of the other state, shall receive exemptions, benefits, and privileges of a similar kind or to a similar degree as are extended to vehicles properly registered or licensed in such state when operated in this state. Any such declaration shall contemplate and provide for mutual benefits, reciprocal privileges or equitable treatment of the owners of vehicles registered in this and the other state. Each such agreement, arrangement, or declaration shall, in the judgment of the commissioner of public safety, be in the best interest of this state and the citizens thereof and shall be fair and equitable with respect to the benefits which the agreement brings to the economy of this state.

Subd. 8. **Base state reciprocity.** (a) Any agreement, arrangement, or declaration made under the authority of this section may contain provisions authorizing the registration or licensing in another state of vehicles based in the other state, which vehicles otherwise would be required to be registered or licensed in this state, except that those provisions shall not apply to passenger cars.

(b) For the purpose of this section, the owner of a vehicle shall declare the state in which it is based, but the commissioner of public safety shall make the final determination of the state in which the vehicle is based for the purpose of determining liability for registration and other fees and penalties due this state. The commissioner of public safety is governed, to the extent possible, by the criteria specified in this section, and agreement with the administrator of any other interested state.

(c) Any agreement, arrangement, or declaration made under this section may grant exemptions, benefits, and privileges for vehicles in accordance with its terms.

Subd. 9. **Required provisions.** (a) Every agreement, arrangement, and declaration, and amendment thereto and cancellation thereof, shall be in writing and shall be filed in the office of the commissioner of public safety. A copy of each agreement, arrangement or declaration, and of each amendment thereto and cancellation thereof, shall be filed in the office of the commissioner of public safety within ten days after execution or the effective date of the instrument, whichever is later. The commissioner of public safety shall provide copies for public distribution upon request and the payment of a reasonable charge.

(b) Every agreement, arrangement and declaration made under authority of this section shall contain a provision authorizing the commissioner of public safety to cancel and revoke the agreement with respect to this state upon 30 days' notice to the other party or parties thereto.

(c) All agreements, arrangements, and declarations made under authority of this section shall contain a provision specifying that no registration, permit privilege or exemption issued or accruing thereunder, shall excuse the operator or owner of any vehicle from compliance with the laws of this state, except those requiring registration.

Subd. 10. **Fees for proportional registration.** (a) "Total fleet miles" means the total number of miles operated in all states during the preceding year by the motor vehicles in a fleet during such year.

(b) "In-state miles" means the total number of miles operated in this state during the preceding year by the motor vehicles in a fleet during such year.

(c) The registration fees for proratable vehicles of a fleet based in another state shall be determined as follows:

(1) Divide in-state miles by total fleet miles.

(2) Determine the total amount which would be required under the laws of this state for full registration of each and every vehicle in the fleet, at the regular annual or applicable fees, for the unexpired portion of the registration year.

(3) Multiply the sum obtained under clause (2) by the quotient obtained under clause (1).

(d) The registration fees for proratable vehicles of a fleet based in this state shall be determined as follows:

(1) Divide in-state miles plus all other fleet miles not subjected to charges in other states nor declared for other prorate agreement states by total fleet miles.

(2) Determine the total amount which would be required under the laws of this state for full registration of each and every vehicle in the fleet, at the regular annual or applicable fees for the unexpired portion of the registration year.

(3) Multiply the sum obtained under clause (2) by the quotient under clause (1).

(e) The provisions of this section shall constitute complete authority for the registration of the proratable vehicles of a fleet upon a proportional registration basis without reference to or application of any other statutes of this state except as in this section expressly provided.

Subd. 11. **Application for proportional registration.** (a) Any owner of one or more fleets may file an application for proportional registration of the vehicles of one or more of such fleets with the commissioner of public safety, in lieu of registration of such vehicles under other sections of this chapter. The application shall be in such form and shall contain such information as the commissioner shall require.

(b) Applications for proportional registration shall be filed annually at such time or times as the commissioner establishes by rule. Every application for proportional registration shall at the time and in the manner required by the commissioner be supported by the payment of the registration fees in the amount determined in the manner provided in subdivision 10.

Subd. 12. **Registration of proratable vehicles.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall register proratable vehicles of a fleet upon application and payment of registration fees as provided in subdivision 11. Payment of an additional fee for each vehicle so registered may be required by the commissioner in an amount not to exceed $5 per motor powered vehicle, for issuance of a plate, sticker, or other suitable identification for each vehicle. A registration card shall be issued for each vehicle registered, which shall appropriately identify the vehicle for which it is issued. Such registration card shall be carried in or upon the vehicle for which it has been issued, at all times, except that the registration cards for all vehicles in a combination of vehicles may be carried in or upon the vehicle supplying the motive power.

(b) Fleet vehicles registered as provided in paragraph (a) shall be deemed fully registered in this state for any type of movement or operation, except that when a state grant of authority is required for any movement or operation, no such vehicle shall be operated in this state unless the owner or operator thereof has been granted authority or rights therefore by the state and unless said vehicle is being operated in conformity with such authority or rights. No registration under this section shall excuse the owner or operator of any vehicle from compliance with the laws of this state, except those requiring registration and licensing.

Subd. 13. **No proportional registration in only one state.** The right of proportional registration of fleet vehicles authorized by this section, or by any agreement, arrangement, or declaration made under the authority of this section, shall be subject to the condition that each vehicle proportionally registered shall be proportionally or otherwise properly registered in at least one other state during the period for which it is proportionally registered in this state.

Subd. 14. **Registration of additional fleet vehicles.** Vehicles acquired by the owner after the commencement of the registration year and added to a proportionally registered fleet shall be proportionally registered by applying the mileage percentage used in the original application for such fleet for such registration period to the regular registration fees due with respect to such vehicles for the remainder of the registration year.

Subd. 15. **Withdrawal of fleet vehicle; credits, accounting.** If any vehicle is withdrawn from a proportionally registered fleet during the period for which it is registered, the owner of such fleet shall so notify the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner of public safety may require the owner to surrender cab cards and such other identification devices with respect to such vehicle. If a vehicle is permanently withdrawn from a proportionally registered fleet because it has been destroyed, sold or otherwise completely removed from the service of the owner, the unused portion of the fees paid with respect to such vehicle shall be applied against liability of such owner for subsequent additions to such fleet during such registration year or for additional fees upon audit. If at the end of such registration year there remains an unused portion of fees paid with respect to such permanently withdrawn vehicles, such unused fees shall be applied against registration fees for the registration year immediately following the year during which such vehicles were permanently withdrawn. The unused portion of fees of a vehicle permanently withdrawn from a fleet shall be a sum equal to the amount paid with respect to such vehicle when it was first proportionally

registered in such registration year, reduced by 1/12 of the total annual proportional registration fee applicable to such vehicle for each calendar month of the registration year including the month the notice of withdrawal is received by the commissioner of public safety, except that no unused portion of fees of less than $5 shall be considered or applied. If an unused portion of fees cannot be applied against registration fees for the registration year immediately following, an application for refund of the unused portion may be made to the commissioner, who shall make such rules as may be required for payment of such refund.

Subd. 16. **New fleets.** The initial application for proportional registration of a fleet shall state the mileage data with respect to such fleet for the preceding year in this and other states. If no operations were conducted with such fleet during the preceding year, the application shall contain a full statement of the proposed method of operation and estimates of annual mileage in this and other states. The commissioner of public safety shall determine the in-state and total fleet miles to be used in computing the proportional registration fee for the fleet. The commissioner of public safety may adjust the estimate in the application if the commissioner is not satisfied with its correctness.

Subd. 17. **Trip permit.** Subject to agreements or arrangements made or entered into pursuant to subdivision 7, the commissioner may issue trip permits for use of Minnesota highways by individual vehicles, on an occasional basis, for periods not to exceed 120 hours. The fee for the trip permit is calculated as one-twelfth of the amount determined under section 168.013, subdivision 1e, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. For the purposes of this subdivision, "on an occasional basis" means no more than one permit per vehicle within a 30-day period, which begins the day a permit is effective.

Subd. 18. **Refusal of proportional registration.** The commissioner of public safety may refuse proportional registration of vehicles based in another state on finding that such other state does not grant similar registration privileges to fleet vehicles based in this state and that such refusal is in the best interest of this state.

Subd. 19. **Preservation of records; audit.** Any owner whose application for proportional registration has been accepted shall preserve the records on which it is based for a period of four years following the date of its filing. Each acceptance shall be conditioned upon agreement of the owner to make such records available to the commissioner of public safety, at the commissioner's request, for audit as to accuracy of computations and payments and assessments of deficiencies or allowances for credit. If any owner fails to make records available to the commissioner of public safety upon request or fails to maintain records from which the owner's true liability may be determined, the commissioner may, 30 days after a written demand for availability of records or notification of insufficient records, impose an arbitrary assessment of liability based on the commissioner's estimate of the true liability of such owner as determined from information furnished by the owner, information gathered by the commissioner at the commissioner's own instance, information available to the commissioner concerning operations by similar owners and such other pertinent information as may be available to the commissioner.

Subd. 20. **Joint or reciprocal audits.** The commissioner of public safety may make arrangements with the commissioner of transportation and with agencies of other states administering motor vehicle registration laws for joint or reciprocal audits of any owner.

Subd. 21. **Assessment or claim upon audit.** Upon audit, the commissioner of public safety shall assess for any deficiencies found to be due. No assessment for deficiency or claim for credit may be made for any period for which records are no longer required. Any sums found to be due and owing upon audit shall bear annual interest of six percent from the date when they should have been paid until the date of actual payment. If in the judgment of the commissioner of public safety the deficiencies are the result of bad faith or an attempt to evade payment under this section, a penalty of 25 percent shall be added to the deficiency.

Subd. 22. **Relation to other state laws.** The provisions of this section shall constitute complete authority for the registration of fleet vehicles upon a proportional registration basis without reference to or application of any other statutes of this state except as in this section expressly provided.

Subd. 23. **Proportional registration not exclusive.** Nothing contained in this section relating to proportional registration of fleet vehicles shall be construed as requiring any vehicle to be proportionally registered; if it is otherwise registered in this state for the operation in which it is engaged including, but not by way of limitation, regular registration, temporary registration, or trip permit or registration.

Subd. 24. **Proportional registration; administrative agreement or arrangement.** The commissioner of public safety may enter into agreements or arrangements with other states on behalf of this state for proportional registration of proratable vehicles in the manner provided in this section for the purpose of facilitating the administration thereof. In addition, the commissioner may make arrangements or agreements with other states for the exchange of information for audit and enforcement activities in connection with such proportional registration. The registration of fleet vehicles under this section shall be subject to the rights, terms and conditions granted or contained in any applicable agreement or arrangement made by the commissioner under the authority of this section.

Subd. 25. **Appeal procedure.** Any fleet owner operating under license and fee procedures of this section, upon disagreement with the commissioner of public safety in the commissioner's administration of this section, may petition in writing to the commissioner stating clearly the rationale for disagreement with any procedure or decision. The commissioner shall rule on the reconsideration petition after a hearing held as a contested case pursuant to chapter 14.

Subd. 26. **Delinquent filing or payment.** If a fleet owner or owner-operator licensed under this section and chapter 168D is delinquent in either filing or paying the international fuel tax agreement reports for more than 30 days, or paying the international registration plan billing for more than 30 days, the fleet owner or owner-operator, after ten days' written notice, is subject to suspension of the apportioned license plates and the international fuel tax agreement license.

Subd. 27. **Prohibited operation.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall refuse to issue a vehicle registration, license plate, or permit to a vehicle licensed under this section if the vehicle is assigned to a commercial motor carrier who has been prohibited from operating in interstate commerce by a federal agency with authority to do so under federal law.

(b) The commissioner of public safety may revoke the registration of a vehicle licensed under this section if the vehicle is assigned to a commercial motor carrier who has been prohibited from operating in interstate commerce by a federal agency with authority to do so under federal law.

(c) If the prohibition by the federal agency is rescinded, the commissioner of public safety may reinstate a vehicle registration under this section if registration taxes and fees have been paid.

History: *1971 c 457 s 1; 1973 c 582 s 3; 1974 c 522 s 1; 1976 c 149 s 35-43; 1980 c 614 s 123; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 383 s 2; 1989 c 195 s 1; 1992 c 581 s 9,10; 1993 c 13 art 1 s 29; 1993 c 281 s 4; 1997 c 230 s 1; 1998 c 299 s 30; 2000 c 426 s 10; 2002 c 371 art 2 s 20; 2004 c 295 art 1 s 8; 2006 c 212 art 1 s 7; 2010 c 253 s 1; 2013 c 127 s 18; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 36; 2023 c 25 s 68-74; 2025 c 20 s 157*

168.19 MS 1949 [Repealed, 1953 c 698 s 7]

168.191 [Renumbered 168.181, subd 3]

168.20 MS 1949 [Repealed, 1953 c 698 s 7]

168.201 DENIAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES.

Such agreements or arrangements as limited by section 168.181 may also provide for the denial or withdrawal of the benefits and privileges granted under such agreement or arrangement as to any person, corporation, or association of any kind if in the opinion of the registrar such person, corporation, or association should not be granted such benefits or privileges.

History: *1953 c 698 s 3*

168.21 MS 1949 [Repealed, 1953 c 698 s 7]

168.211 SUBJECTION TO STATE LAWS GENERALLY.

All vehicles operated in Minnesota pursuant to sections 168.181 to 168.221 shall be subject to all provisions of law applicable to vehicles owned or operated by Minnesota residents except to the extent that exemption is provided from said laws by such sections.

History: *1953 c 698 s 4; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 47*

168.22 MS 1949 [Repealed, 1953 c 698 s 7]

168.221 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES; TAXES OR FEES.

The registrar may promulgate such rules as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of section 168.181, subdivision 1, clause (6), as to the payment of partial taxes collectible under sections 168.181 to 168.211 and this section and may waive any reciprocal agreement required thereunder with any state, district, territory, or possession or arrangements with foreign countries or provinces if under the laws of such state, district, territory, or possession or foreign country or province residents of Minnesota are privileged to operate motor vehicles upon the streets and highways of such state, district, territory, or possession or foreign country or province without the payment of taxes or fees of any character whatsoever.

History: *1953 c 698 s 5; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 47*

168.23 MS 1949 [Repealed, 1953 c 698 s 7]

168.231 MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 48]

168.24 ROADABLE AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION.

(a) For purposes of this section, "roadable aircraft" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 67a.

(b) An owner of a roadable aircraft must comply with all rules and requirements of this chapter and chapter 168A governing the titling, registration, taxation, and insurance of motor vehicles.

(c) A person who seeks to register a roadable aircraft for operation as a motor vehicle on public roadways in Minnesota must apply to the commissioner. The application must contain:

(1) the name and address of the owner of the roadable aircraft;

(2) the federally issued tail number assigned to the aircraft;

(3) the make and model of the roadable aircraft; and

(4) any other information the commissioner may require.

(d) Upon receipt of a valid and complete application for registration of a roadable aircraft, the commissioner must issue a certificate of registration.

(e) A valid registration certificate issued under this section must be located inside the roadable aircraft when the aircraft is in operation on a public highway.

(f) A roadable aircraft registered as a motor vehicle under this section must also be registered as an aircraft as provided in section 360.60.

History: *2024 c 104 art 1 s 21*

168.25 VEHICLES USED FOR TESTING.

Subdivision 1. **Plates.** The registrar shall, on request, issue to a first-stage manufacturer of motor vehicles one or more manufacturer test plates that display a general distinguishing number. The fee for each of the first four plates is $40 per calendar year, of which $25 must be paid to the registrar and the remaining $15 is payable as sales tax on motor vehicles under section 297B.035. For each additional plate, the manufacturer shall pay the registrar a fee of $10 and a tax on motor vehicles under section 297B.035 of $15 per calendar year. The registrar shall deposit the tax in the state treasury to be credited under section 297B.09.

Subd. 2. **Permitted uses.** A motor vehicle owned by a first-stage manufacturer and bearing the number plate issued under subdivision 1 may be operated on public streets and highways by the manufacturer or an employee or agent of the manufacturer, for the purpose of conducting environmental testing, and for transportation to and from a bona fide environmental testing facility.

History: *1995 c 74 s 2; 2014 c 194 s 1*

168.26 CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS NEED NOT REGISTER.

Manufacturers within the state of motor vehicles which shall not use the public highways, and manufacturers or dealers distributing motor vehicles which shall not have used the public highways in the state and are not for sale in the state from points in this state to other states, shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter requiring the listing and registration thereof.

History: *(2685) 1921 c 461 s 14; 1923 c 418 s 14*

168.27 MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS; VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in paragraphs (b) to (o) have the meanings given them.

(b) "Auctioning motor vehicles" means arranging for and handling the sale of motor vehicles, not the property of the auctioneer, to the highest bidder.

(c) "Brokering motor vehicles" means arranging sales or leases between buyers and sellers, or lessees and lessors, of motor vehicles and receiving a fee for those services.

(d) "Commercial building" means a permanent, enclosed building that is on a permanent foundation and connected to local sewer and water facilities or otherwise complying with local sanitary codes, is adapted to commercial use, and conforms to local government zoning requirements. "Commercial building" may include strip office malls or garages if a separate entrance and a separate address are maintained and the dealership is clearly identified as a separate business.

(e) "Commercial office space" means office space occupying all or part of a commercial building.

(f) "Dealer" includes licensed new motor vehicle dealers, used motor vehicle dealers, motor vehicle brokers, wholesalers, auctioneers, lessors of new or used motor vehicles, scrap metal processors, used vehicle parts dealers, and salvage pools.

(g) "Horse trailer" is a trailer designed and used to carry horses and other livestock, which has not more than three axles and a maximum gross weight capacity of not more than 24,000 pounds.

(h) "Junked vehicle" means a vehicle that is declared unrepairable under section 168A.151.

(i) "Leasing motor vehicles" means furnishing a motor vehicle for a fee under a bailor-bailee relationship where no incidences of ownership are intended to be transferred other than the right to use the vehicle for a stated period of time.

(j) "Motor vehicle" has the meaning given it in section 168.002, subdivision 18, and also includes a park trailer as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 23.

(k) "Motor vehicle broker" means a person who arranges the sale of a motor vehicle between a buyer and a seller, or the lease of a motor vehicle between a lessee and a lessor, for which service the broker receives a fee.

(l) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle other than described in paragraph (n).

(m) "Registration year" means the 12-month period for which a dealer license is issued.

(n) "Used motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle for which title has been transferred from the person who first acquired it from the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer. A new motor vehicle will not be considered a used motor vehicle until it has been placed in actual operation and not held for resale by an owner who has been granted a certificate of title on the motor vehicle and has registered the motor vehicle in accordance with this chapter and chapters 168A and 297B, or the laws of the residence of the owner.

(o) "Wholesaling motor vehicles" means selling new or used motor vehicles to dealers for resale to the public.

Subd. 1a. **Dealer license categories.** (a) No person shall engage in the business of selling new motor vehicles or shall offer to sell, solicit, deliver, or advertise the sale of new motor vehicles without first acquiring a new motor vehicle dealer license.

(b) No person shall engage in the business of selling used motor vehicles or shall offer to sell, solicit, deliver, or advertise the sale of used motor vehicles without first acquiring a used motor vehicle dealer license.

(c) No person shall engage in the business of buying or otherwise acquiring vehicles; or offering to buy or otherwise acquire, or soliciting or advertising the buying or acquiring of, vehicles for processing and selling the metal for remelting without first acquiring a scrap metal processor license.

(d) No person shall be primarily engaged in the business of buying or otherwise acquiring vehicles for the purpose of dismantling the vehicles and selling used parts and the remaining scrap metals without first acquiring a used vehicle parts dealer license.

(e) No person shall engage in the business of storing and displaying, offering to store or display, or soliciting or advertising the storing or displaying, for sale, of damaged or junked vehicles as an agent or escrow agent of an insurance company without first acquiring a vehicle salvage pool license.

(f) No person shall engage in the business of leasing motor vehicles or shall offer to lease, solicit or advertise to lease motor vehicles without first acquiring a motor vehicle lessor license.

(g) No person shall engage in the business of wholesaling motor vehicles to dealers for resale or shall offer to sell, solicit or advertise the sale of motor vehicles to dealers for resale without first acquiring a motor vehicle wholesaler license.

(h) No person shall engage in the business of auctioning motor vehicles for more than one owner at an auction or shall offer to sell, solicit or advertise the sale of motor vehicles at auction without first acquiring a motor vehicle auctioneer license.

(i) No person shall engage in the business of brokering motor vehicles without first acquiring a motor vehicle broker's license.

Subd. 2. **New motor vehicle dealer.** (a) A new motor vehicle dealer licensee may sell, broker, wholesale, or auction and solicit and advertise the sale, brokerage, wholesale, or auction of new motor vehicles covered by the franchise and any used motor vehicles, and may lease and solicit and advertise the lease of new motor vehicles and any used motor vehicles. New motor vehicle dealer sales or leases may be either for consumer use at retail or for resale to a dealer. A new motor vehicle dealer may engage in the business of buying or otherwise acquiring vehicles for dismantling the vehicles and selling used parts and remaining scrap materials under chapter 168A, except that a new motor vehicle dealer may not purchase a junked vehicle from a salvage pool, insurance company, or its agent unless the dealer is also licensed as a used vehicle parts dealer or licensed as a scrap metal processor. Nothing in this subdivision requires an applicant for a dealer license who proposes to deal in: (1) new and unused motor vehicle bodies; or (2) type A, B, or C motor homes as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 17, to have a bona fide contract or franchise in effect with either the first-stage manufacturer of the motor home or the manufacturer or distributor of any motor vehicle chassis upon which the new and unused motor vehicle body is mounted. The modification or conversion of a new van-type vehicle into a multipurpose passenger vehicle which is not a motor home does not constitute dealing in new or unused motor vehicle bodies, and a person engaged in the business of selling these van-type vehicles must have a bona fide contract or franchise with the appropriate manufacturer under subdivision 10. A van converter or modifier who owns these modified or converted van-type vehicles may sell them at wholesale to new motor vehicle dealers having a bona fide contract or franchise with the first-stage manufacturer of the vehicles.

(b) The requirements pertaining to franchises do not apply to persons who remodel or convert motor vehicles for medical purposes. For purposes of this subdivision, "medical purpose" means certification by a licensed physician that remodeling or conversion of a motor vehicle is necessary to enable a disabled person to use the vehicle.

(c) A new motor vehicle dealer shall not deliver a manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin for a passenger automobile, pickup truck, or van requiring a certificate of title according to chapter 168A to any person in conjunction with the sale of a vehicle except to the department, another new motor vehicle dealer licensed to sell the same line or make, or a person whose primary business is picking up and delivering motor vehicle title documents.

(d) If a new motor vehicle dealer agrees to sell or lease a new motor vehicle using the services of a motor vehicle broker, the new motor vehicle dealer may not refuse to deliver possession of the vehicle to the buyer

or lessee. This paragraph does not require delivery unless all arrangements have been properly completed for payment, insurance required by law, titling, transfer, and registration of the new vehicle and any trade-in vehicle. Delivery may take place at or away from the dealership.

Subd. 2a. **Dealer training; electric vehicles.** (a) A new motor vehicle dealer licensed under this chapter that operates under an agreement or franchise from a manufacturer and sells electric vehicles must maintain at least one employee who is certified as having completed a training course offered by a Minnesota motor vehicle dealership association that addresses at least the following elements:

(1) fundamentals of electric vehicles;

(2) electric vehicle charging options and costs;

(3) publicly available electric vehicle incentives;

(4) projected maintenance and fueling costs for electric vehicles;

(5) reduced tailpipe emissions, including greenhouse gas emissions, produced by electric vehicles;

(6) the impacts of Minnesota's cold climate on electric vehicle operation; and

(7) best practices to sell electric vehicles.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "electric vehicle" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 26a, paragraphs (a) and (b), clause (3).

Subd. 3. **Used motor vehicle dealer.** A used motor vehicle dealer licensee may sell, lease, broker, wholesale, or auction and solicit and advertise the sale, lease, brokerage, wholesale, or auction of any used motor vehicles for consumer use at retail or for resale to a dealer. A used motor vehicle dealer may engage in the business of buying or otherwise acquiring vehicles for dismantling the vehicles and selling used parts and remaining scrap materials under chapter 168A, except that a used motor vehicle dealer may not acquire a junked vehicle from a salvage pool, insurance company, or its agent, unless the dealer is also licensed as a used vehicle parts dealer or licensed as a scrap metal processor.

Subd. 3a. **Scrap metal processor.** A scrap metal processor licensee may buy or otherwise acquire vehicles and solicit and advertise the buying or acquiring of vehicles for processing and selling the metal for remelting. A scrap metal processor licensee may not acquire a junked vehicle for the purpose of dismantling and selling used vehicle parts and remaining scrap materials unless the scrap metal processor is also licensed as a used vehicle parts dealer.

Subd. 3b. MS 2000 [Repealed by amendment, 2002 c 371 art 1 s 9]

Subd. 3c. **Vehicle salvage pool.** A vehicle salvage pool licensee may store and display and may solicit and advertise the storing and displaying, for sale, of damaged or junked vehicles as an agent or escrow agent of an insurance company. A vehicle salvage pool licensee shall not sell junked vehicles to any party other than a licensed used parts dealer or a licensed scrap metal processor.

Subd. 3d. **Used vehicle parts dealer.** A used vehicle parts dealer licensee may sell, solicit, or advertise the sale of used parts and the remaining scrap metals, but is prohibited from selling any new or used motor vehicles for use at retail or for resale to a dealer.

Subd. 4. **Motor vehicle lessor.** A motor vehicle lessor licensee may lease or rent either by the hour, day, or longer period for a fee and may solicit and advertise the lease or rental of motor vehicles. A motor

vehicle lessor having leased motor vehicles, may sell the vehicles upon their return to the lessor after termination or expiration of the lease without obtaining a used motor vehicle dealer license.

Subd. 4a. **Limited used vehicle license.** (a) A limited used vehicle license shall be provided to a nonprofit charitable organization that qualifies for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code whose primary business in the transfer of vehicles is to raise funds for the corporation, who acquires vehicles for sale through donation, and who uses a licensed motor vehicle auctioneer to sell vehicles to individuals, or who sells and reassigns vehicles to a licensed motor vehicle dealer. This license does not apply to educational institutions whose primary purpose is to train students in the repair, maintenance, and sale of motor vehicles. A limited used vehicle license allows the organization to accept assignment of vehicles without the requirement to transfer title as provided in section 168A.10 until sold or donated to an individual or licensed motor vehicle dealer. Limited used vehicle license holders are not entitled to dealer plates, and shall report all vehicles held for resale to the Department of Public Safety in a manner and time prescribed by the department.

(b) A nonprofit charitable organization with a limited used vehicle license shall, within 90 days after a vehicle donation, send a donor a receipt for the donated vehicle which states its model; age; level of use, including, but not limited to, the mileage; its condition, and whether a visual inspection disclosed any readily apparent defects that would materially reduce the value of the property. The receipt must include the date of the donation and must state whether the vehicle was operable or inoperable at the time of the donation.

Subd. 5. MS 1961 [Repealed, 1965 c 681 s 4]

Subd. 5. MS 1982 [Repealed, 1984 c 549 s 34; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 153]

Subd. 5a. **Consignment sales.** No person may solicit, accept, offer for sale, or sell motor vehicles for consignment sale unless licensed as a new or used motor vehicle dealer, a motor vehicle wholesaler, or a motor vehicle auctioneer. This requirement does not apply to a licensed auctioneer selling motor vehicles at an auction if, in the ordinary course of the auctioneer's business, the sale of motor vehicles is incidental to the sale of other real or personal property. Incidental means up to a total of ten but no more than ten percent of the items in the posted auction bill are motor vehicles.

Subd. 6. **Motor vehicle wholesaler.** A motor vehicle wholesaler licensee may sell, solicit or advertise the sale of motor vehicles at wholesale for resale; provided that a wholesaler may sell, solicit, or advertise the sale of new motor vehicles only to dealers duly licensed to sell the same make of motor vehicles.

Subd. 7. **Motor vehicle auctioneer.** A motor vehicle auctioneer licensee may sell, solicit and advertise the sale of used motor vehicles belonging to others at auction.

Subd. 7a. **Motor vehicle broker.** (a) A motor vehicle broker shall provide each buyer or lessee with a written disclosure stating whether the motor vehicle broker receives a fee from the dealers with whom the broker does business. The new or used motor vehicle dealer is the seller of record in all such transactions. The motor vehicle dealer may pay the motor vehicle broker a fee for brokering services rendered. A motor vehicle broker may:

(1) advertise and solicit the brokering of new motor vehicles. A motor vehicle broker shall not advertise or make any representations which state, imply, or suggest that the motor vehicle broker itself sells vehicles, is authorized to sell vehicles, or obtains vehicles directly from the motor vehicle manufacturer. All advertising or other solicitations by a motor vehicle broker shall disclose that sales of new motor vehicles are arranged through franchised motor vehicle dealers;

(2) negotiate or quote the sale price or lease terms of motor vehicles;

(3) prepare and deliver documents necessary to the transaction;

(4) accept a down payment not to exceed $500, but otherwise may not accept payment in full or in part for a motor vehicle unless the payment is in the form of a negotiable instrument payable to the vehicle dealer;

(5) accompany a motor vehicle purchaser or lessee at the time of delivery by the selling dealer of a new motor vehicle; and

(6) be present when warranties and safety features are described by the selling dealer in conjunction with the delivery of a new motor vehicle.

(b) A motor vehicle broker shall not:

(1) engage in the business of selling new or used motor vehicles as described in subdivisions 2 and 3;

(2) execute contracts or official documents for the sale or lease of a new motor vehicle;

(3) describe a new vehicle's warranties or safety features in conjunction with the delivery of a new motor vehicle;

(4) display motor vehicles available for sale or lease; or

(5) perform any dealer preparation of new motor vehicles.

All dealer preparation shall be performed only by a licensed new motor vehicle dealer.

(c) This subdivision does not apply to licensed motor vehicle lessors and shall not be construed to restrict licensed motor vehicle lessors from brokering motor vehicle leases or otherwise engaging in the leasing of motor vehicles in accordance with subdivisions 1 and 4.

Subd. 8. **Exemptions.** (a) Salespeople and other employees of licensed dealers under this section are not required to obtain individual licenses. For purposes of this subdivision, independent contractors are not employees.

(b) Isolated or occasional sales or leases of new or used motor vehicles are exempt from this section. A person who makes only isolated or occasional sales or leases is not required to be licensed under this section, is not considered to be in the business of selling or leasing motor vehicles, and does not qualify to receive dealer plates under subdivision 16. "Isolated or occasional sales or leases" means: (1) the sale or lease of a motor vehicle with an actual cash value of $1,000 or less made by a charitable organization; (2) the sale, purchase, or lease of not more than five motor vehicles in a 12-month period, other than pioneer or classic motor vehicles as defined in section 168.10, subdivisions 1a and 1b; or (3) sales by a licensed auctioneer selling motor vehicles at an auction if, in the ordinary course of the auctioneer's business, the sale of motor vehicles is incidental to the sale of other real or personal property. For purposes of this subdivision, charitable organization means a nonprofit charitable organization that qualifies for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) A person whose sales of new and used motor vehicles consist solely of sales to political subdivisions and their agencies of vehicles used solely as firefighting equipment is not required to obtain a license under this section. The person may apply for and receive in-transit plates under subdivision 17 in the same manner as licensed motor vehicle dealers for the purpose of allowing firefighting equipment to be transported from the dealer's source of supply or other place of storage to the dealer's place of business, to another place of storage, or directly to the purchaser.

Subd. 9. **Application.** All license applications under this section and all license renewals must be made to the registrar of motor vehicles and duly verified by oath. The applicant shall submit such information as the registrar may require to administer this section in a manner and format prescribed by the registrar.

Subd. 10. **Place of business.** (a) All licensees under this section shall have an established place of business which shall include as a minimum:

(1) For a new motor vehicle dealer, the following:

(i) a commercial building owned or under lease by the licensee. The lease must be for a minimum term of one year. The building must contain office space where the books, records, and files necessary to conduct the business are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours. Dealership business hours must be conspicuously posted on the place of doing business and readily viewable by the public;

(ii) a bona fide contract or franchise (A) in effect with a manufacturer or distributor of the new motor vehicles the dealer proposes to sell, broker, wholesale, or auction, or (B) in effect with the first-stage manufacturer or distributor of new motor vehicles purchased from a van converter or modifier which the dealer proposes to sell, broker, wholesale, or auction, or (C) in effect with the final-stage manufacturer of the new type A, B, or C motor homes which the dealer proposes to sell, broker, wholesale, or auction;

(iii) a facility for the repair and servicing of motor vehicles and the storage of parts and accessories, not to exceed ten miles distance from the principal place of business. The service may be provided through contract with bona fide operators actually engaged in the services;

(iv) an area either indoors or outdoors to display motor vehicles that is owned or under lease by the licensee; and

(v) a sign readily viewable by the public that clearly identifies the dealership by name.

(2) For a used motor vehicle dealer, the following:

(i) a commercial building owned or under lease by the licensee. The lease must be for a minimum term of one year. The building must contain office space where the books, records, and files necessary to conduct the business are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours or automatic telephone answering service during normal business hours. Dealership business hours must be conspicuously posted on the place of doing business and readily viewable by the public;

(ii) an area either indoors or outdoors to display motor vehicles which is owned or under lease by the licensee; and

(iii) a sign readily viewable by the public that clearly identifies the dealership by name.

(3) For a motor vehicle lessor, the following: a commercial office space where the books, records, and files necessary to conduct the business are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours or an automatic telephone answering service during normal business hours. Business hours must be conspicuously posted on the place of doing business and readily viewable by the public. The office space must be owned or under lease for a minimum term of one year by the licensee.

(4) For a motor vehicle wholesaler, the following: a commercial office space where the books, records, and files necessary to conduct the business are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours or an automatic telephone answering service during normal business hours. The office space must be owned or under lease for a minimum term of one year by the licensee.

(5) For a motor vehicle auctioneer, the following: a permanent enclosed commercial building, within or without the state, on a permanent foundation, owned or under lease by the licensee. The lease must be for a minimum term of one year. The building must contain office space where the books, records, and files necessary to conduct the business are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours or an automatic telephone answering service during normal business hours.

(6) For a motor vehicle broker, the following: a commercial office space where books, records, and files necessary to conduct business are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours, or an automatic telephone answering service available during normal business hours. A sign, clearly identifying the motor vehicle broker by name and listing the broker's business hours, must be posted in a location and manner readily viewable by a member of the public visiting the office space. The office space must be owned or under lease for a minimum term of one year by the licensee.

(7) For a limited used vehicle license holder, the following: a commercial office space where books, records, and files necessary to conduct nonprofit charitable activities are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours, or an automatic telephonic answering service available during normal business hours. The office space must be owned or under lease for a minimum term of one year by the licensee.

(b) If a new or used motor vehicle dealer maintains more than one place of doing business in a county, the separate places must be listed on the application. If additional places of business are maintained outside of one county, separate licenses must be obtained for each county.

(c) If a motor vehicle lessor, wholesaler, auctioneer, or motor vehicle broker maintains more than one permanent place of doing business, either in one or more counties, the separate places must be listed in the application, but only one license is required. If a lessor proposes to sell previously leased or rented vehicles or if a broker proposes to establish an office at a location outside the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, other than cities of the first class, the lessor or broker must obtain a license for each nonmetropolitan area county in which the lessor's sales are to take place or where the broker proposes to locate an office.

(d) If a motor vehicle dealer, lessor, wholesaler, or motor vehicle broker does not have direct access to a public road or street, any privately owned roadway providing access to a public road or street must be clearly identified and adequately maintained.

(e) A new or used motor vehicle dealer may establish a temporary place of business outside the county where it maintains its licensed location to sell horse trailers exclusively without obtaining an additional license.

(f) A new or used motor vehicle dealer may establish a temporary place of business outside the county where it maintains its licensed location to sell recreational vehicles exclusively without obtaining an additional license if:

(1) the dealer establishes a temporary place of business for the sale of recreational vehicles not more than four times during any calendar year;

(2) each temporary place of business other than an official county fair or the Minnesota State Fair within the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, is established jointly with at least four other recreational vehicle dealers;

(3) each temporary place of business other than an official county fair outside the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, is established jointly with at least one other recreational vehicle dealer;

(4) each establishment of a temporary place of business for the sale of recreational vehicles is for no more than 12 consecutive days; and

(5) the dealer notifies the registrar of motor vehicles of each temporary place of business for the sale of recreational vehicles.

Subd. 10a. **Participation in auto shows.** (a) A new motor vehicle dealer may participate in an auto show outside the county where the dealer maintains the dealer's licensed location to sell new vehicles without obtaining an additional license if:

(1) the dealer participates in an auto show that takes place in a county other than the county where the dealer maintains a licensed location not more than four times during any calendar year;

(2) the auto show is not held at a licensed location of any participating dealer;

(3) the auto show is of a duration of no more than 12 consecutive days; and

(4) the auto show expressly prohibits:

(i) the sale or lease of vehicles at the show;

(ii) labeling or marking vehicles as "For Sale" or "Sold";

(iii) labeling or marking a vehicle with a price other than the manufacturer's retail price label;

(iv) using printed posters, cards, and other printed materials that contain special dealership pricing; and

(v) appraisal of trade-in vehicles and quoting a trade-in price for a particular vehicle.

(b) The auto show may permit:

(1) exhibitor staff to distribute business cards, coupons, vehicle promotional materials, and factory-approved rebates;

(2) exhibitor staff to make appointments for potential customers to visit the dealership, collect names of customer leads for later contact, and discuss the suggested retail price of a vehicle and the availability of particular lines of vehicles; and

(3) test rides or test drives of new vehicles, but only under a program conducted by the auto show.

Subd. 11. **Dealers' licenses; location change notice; fee.** (a) Application for a dealer's license or notification of a change of location of the place of business on a dealer's license must include a street address, not a post office box, and is subject to the commissioner's approval.

(b) Upon the filing of an application for a dealer's license and the proper fee, unless the application on its face appears to be invalid, the commissioner must grant a 90-day temporary license. During the 90-day period following issuance of the temporary license, the commissioner must inspect the place of business site and insure compliance with this section and rules adopted under this section.

(c) The commissioner may extend the temporary license 30 days to allow the temporarily licensed dealer to come into full compliance with this section and rules adopted under this section.

(d) In no more than 180 days following issuance of the temporary license, the dealer license must either be granted or denied.

(e) A license must be denied under the following conditions:

(1) if the applicant was enjoined due to a violation of section 325F.69 or convicted of violating section 325E.14, 325E.15, 325E.16, or 325F.69, or convicted under section 609.53 of receiving or selling stolen vehicles, or convicted of violating United States Code, title 49, sections 32701 to 32711 or pleaded guilty, entered a plea of nolo contendere or no contest, or has been found guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction of any charge of failure to pay state or federal income or sales taxes or felony charge of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft by swindle, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, bribery, or similar offenses committed in another state; or

(2) if the applicant has had a dealer license revoked within the previous ten years.

(f) A license may be denied if a dealer is not in compliance with location requirements under subdivision 10 or has intentionally misrepresented any information on the dealer license application that would be grounds for suspension or revocation under subdivision 12.

(g) If the application is approved, the commissioner must license the applicant as a dealer for one year from the date the temporary license is granted and issue a certificate of license that must include a distinguishing number of identification of the dealer. The license must be displayed in a prominent place in the dealer's licensed place of business.

(h) Each initial application for a license must be accompanied by a fee of $100 in addition to the annual fee. The annual fee is $150. The initial fees and annual fees must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the general fund except that $50 of each initial and annual fee must be paid into the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

(i) An applicant for a dealer's license under this section must submit to a criminal history records check of state data completed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and a national criminal history records check, including a search of the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results of the background check must be returned to the commissioner.

(j) An applicant for a dealer's license must consent to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check as required under paragraph (i), pay all required fees, and cooperate with all requests for information. An applicant must complete a new criminal history background check if more than one year has elapsed since the applicant last applied for a license.

(k) Section 13.87 applies to data collected, created, maintained, and disseminated under paragraphs (i) and (j).

Subd. 12. **Grounds for suspension and revocation.** (a) A license may be suspended or revoked by the registrar of motor vehicles upon proof satisfactory to the registrar of any of the following:

(1) violations of any of the provisions of this chapter or chapter 168A, 297B, 325E, or 325F;

(2) violation of or refusal to comply with the requests and order of the registrar;

(3) failure to make or provide to the registrar all listings, notices, and reports required by the registrar;

(4) failure to pay to the registrar all taxes, fees, and arrears due from and by such dealer;

(5) failure to duly apply for renewal of license provided for in this section;

(6) revocation of previous license, of which the records of the registrar relating to the revocation are prima facie evidence of the previous revocation;

(7) failure of continued occupancy of an established place of business;

(8) sale of a new and unused current model motor vehicle other than the make of motor vehicle described in the franchise or contract filed with the original application or renewal thereof, without permission from the registrar;

(9) sale of a new and unused current model motor vehicle to anyone except for consumer use, or to a dealer duly licensed to sell the same make of motor vehicle;

(10) material misstatement or misrepresentation in application for license or renewal;

(11) having advertised, printed, displayed, published, distributed, broadcast, or televised or caused or permitted to be advertised, printed, displayed, published, distributed, broadcast, or televised in any manner whatsoever, or having made orally any statement or representation with regard to the sale, lease, or financing of motor vehicles that is false, deceptive, or misleading;

(12) having been convicted of violating section 325F.69, or having been enjoined due to a violation of section 325F.69;

(13) having been convicted of violating the Minnesota Odometer Law, section 325E.14, 325E.15, or 325E.16, or the federal odometer law, United States Code, title 49, sections 32701 to 32711;

(14) having been convicted of violating the sale of motor vehicles on Sunday law, section 168.275;

(15) having been convicted under section 609.53 of receiving or selling stolen vehicles; or

(16) having pleaded guilty, entered a plea of nolo contendere or no contest, or having been found guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction of any charge of failure to pay state or federal income or sales taxes or felony charge of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft by swindle, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or bribery.

(b) With respect to paragraph (a), clauses (12), (13), (15), and (16), the registrar may suspend or revoke a license immediately upon receiving certification of conviction or permanent injunction. A hearing is required under subdivision 13 within 30 days following a summary suspension or revocation under this paragraph, if a hearing is requested by the licensee.

Subd. 12a. **Grounds for cancellation; notice required.** (a) A license may be canceled by the registrar after notice to the dealer, upon satisfactory proof that the dealer (1) has failed to provide or maintain the required surety bond, (2) has failed to provide or maintain the insurance required under chapter 65B, or (3) is no longer operating at the dealer's licensed location.

(b) Surety companies and insurers providing required coverages shall promptly notify the registrar upon canceling any surety bond or required insurance. The registrar shall notify the dealer of the reason or reasons for cancellation before the cancellation occurs.

Subd. 13. **Suspension and revocation; hearing.** (a) The registrar of motor vehicles, upon the registrar's own motion or upon the complaint of another, shall prepare and cause to be served upon the licensee complained of, a written notice or complaint setting forth, in substance, the violations charged, a statement

of the deficiencies which exist and any corrective action deemed appropriate. The notice must include a statement that in the event corrective action is deemed appropriate and corrective action is not taken, the dealer's license may be suspended or revoked. The notice must require the licensee to appear at the time and place fixed in the notice before the registrar, and show cause why the license should not be suspended or revoked.

(b) The registrar shall, at the time and place fixed in the notice, proceed to hear and determine the matter on its merits. All hearings must be conducted according to chapter 14, except that the provisions of section 14.50, do not apply. The registrar may subpoena witnesses and administer oaths. If the registrar finds the existence of any of the causes for suspension or revocation as set forth in subdivision 12 and determines that corrective action has not been taken or that corrective action will not prevent repetition of the violations charged or that the public interest will not be served by corrective action and the licensee's license should be suspended or revoked, the registrar shall issue a written order setting out the decision. A copy of the order must be served upon the licensee in the manner provided by law for the service of summons in a civil action. On finding that the dealer has violated any of the provisions of this section but that the nature of the violation or the circumstances are such that a suspension of the license would be adequate, the registrar may, instead of revoking the license suspend it for a period not exceeding 90 days. On finding that the violation does not justify a suspension only, the registrar shall revoke the license. Upon a suspension or revocation of the license of a new or used motor vehicle dealer, the licensee shall immediately return to the registrar all number plates, including any "in-transit" plates and temporary permits, in its possession and its dealer's license certificate.

Subd. 14. **Appeal.** Any party or person aggrieved by an order of suspension, revocation or imposition of a penalty may seek judicial review according to chapter 14.

Subd. 15. **Enforcement.** The registrar shall enforce this section and may appoint at least seven of the registrar's employees as inspectors and investigators. The inspectors and investigators have full authority to enforce this section throughout the state. The registrar, the registrar's inspectors or investigators, when traveling or otherwise pursuing their duties outside the office of the registrar, shall be paid for their actual expenses incurred out of the same funds as other employees of the registrar of motor vehicles. The inspectors shall assist licensees in compliance with laws governing licensees.

Subd. 16. **Dealer plates: distinguishing number, fee, tax, use.** (a) The registrar must issue to every motor vehicle dealer, upon a request from the motor vehicle dealer licensed as provided in subdivision 2 or 3, one or more plates displaying a general distinguishing number. This subdivision does not apply to a scrap metal processor, a used vehicle parts dealer, or a vehicle salvage pool.

(b) At any point in time, a dealer must not possess more than 50 plates issued under this subdivision.

(c) The fee for each of the first four plates is $75 per registration year, of which $60 must be paid to the registrar and the remaining $15 is payable as sales tax on motor vehicles under section 297B.035. For each additional plate, the dealer must pay the registrar a fee of $25 and a sales tax on motor vehicles of $15 per registration year. The registrar must deposit the tax in the state treasury to be credited as provided in section 297B.09. Replacement plates are subject to the fees in section 168.12.

(d) Motor vehicles, new or used, owned by the motor vehicle dealership and bearing the number plate, except vehicles leased to the user who is not an employee of the dealer during the term of the lease, held for hire, or used by the dealer as a tow truck, service truck, or parts vehicle, may be driven upon the streets and highways of this state:

(1) by the motor vehicle dealer or dealer's spouse, or any full-time employee of the motor vehicle dealer for either private or business purposes;

(2) by a part-time employee when the use is directly related to a particular business transaction of the dealer;

(3) for use as a courtesy vehicle provided to a customer of the dealership while the customer's vehicle is being repaired;

(4) for demonstration purposes by any prospective buyer for a period of 14 days; or

(5) in a promotional event that lasts no longer than four days in which at least three motor vehicles are involved.

(e) A new or used motor vehicle sold by the motor vehicle dealer and bearing the motor vehicle dealer's number plate may be driven upon the public streets and highways for a period of 72 hours by the buyer for either of the following purposes: (1) removing the vehicle from this state for registration in another state; or (2) permitting the buyer to use the motor vehicle before the buyer receives number plates pursuant to registration. Use of a motor vehicle by the buyer under clause (2) before the buyer receives number plates pursuant to registration constitutes a use of the public streets or highways for the purpose of the time requirements for registration of motor vehicles. The requirements under this paragraph do not apply to a courtesy vehicle used as provided under paragraph (d), clause (3).

(f) A vehicle displaying a dealer plate issued under this subdivision must carry written documentation within the vehicle that includes:

(1) a valid driver's license;

(2) proof of insurance;

(3) the reason for use; and

(4) if the vehicle is for use as a courtesy vehicle under paragraph (d), clause (3), a courtesy vehicle user agreement that includes a list of authorized drivers for the vehicle and their driver's license numbers and the start and end dates of use.

(g) For purposes of this subdivision, "courtesy vehicle" means a passenger-class motor vehicle that a motor vehicle dealer temporarily provides at no or minimal cost to customers for customer service or mobility purposes while the customer's vehicle is serviced, repaired, or maintained.

Subd. 17. **In-transit plates; fee.** Every licensed dealer in motor vehicles may make application upon a blank provided by the registrar for that purpose for dealer in-transit license plates for use upon all new or used motor vehicles being transported from the dealer's source of supply, or other place of storage, to the dealer's place of business, or to another place of storage, or from one dealer to another. The registrar shall then issue to the dealer the number of plates as the dealer may request, upon the payment by the dealer to the registrar of the sum of $5 per plate per registration year. The registrar may issue in-transit plates, upon the payment of the sum of $5 to the registrar, to dealers duly licensed in other states or provinces upon information furnished in the manner as the registrar may prescribe, and which satisfies the registrar that persons or companies applying for the plates are duly licensed dealers under the laws of the states or provinces.

Subd. 18. **Testimonial powers.** The registrar may issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses before the registrar, production of books, papers, and other documents, articles, or instruments, and compel the disclosure by witnesses of all facts known to them relative to the matter under investigation, and may

administer oaths and to take testimony. All parties disobeying the orders of subpoenas of the registrar are guilty of contempt, as in proceedings in district courts of the state and may be punished in like manner.

Subd. 19. **Violations.** Any person, copartnership, or corporation, domestic or foreign, and any officer, or director, or employee of a corporation, domestic or foreign, who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 19a. **Injunction.** (a) The commissioner in the name of the state or a county attorney in the name of a county may institute a civil action in district court for an injunction prohibiting a violation of, and for civil penalties not to exceed $1,000 for each violation of, subdivision 2, 3, 3a, 4, 5a, 6, 7, or 7a, or section 168A.1501, 168A.153, or 325E.21. Filing fees for bringing an action under this section are waived.

(b) Upon a finding that a preponderance of evidence demonstrates that the defendant has violated subdivision 2, 3, 3a, 4, 5a, 6, 7, or 7a, or section 168A.1501, 168A.153, or 325E.21, the court may enjoin future violations and may award civil penalties as authorized by this subdivision. It is not a defense to an action that the plaintiff may have adequate remedies at law or that the plaintiff has not shown irreparable harm. Service of process must be as in any other civil suit, except that where a defendant in the action is a natural person or firm residing outside the state, or is a foreign corporation, service of process may also be made by personal service outside the state; in the manner provided by section 5.25; or as the court may direct. Process is valid if it satisfies the requirements of due process of law, whether or not the defendant is doing business in Minnesota regularly or habitually.

(c) In determining the civil penalty amount and whether to order injunctive relief under paragraph (b), the court shall consider:

(1) the number of current violations;

(2) the gravity of the current violations, including but not limited to the harm caused by the violations;

(3) the culpability of the defendant as established by evidence of intent, willfulness, or negligence;

(4) the economic benefit, if any, gained by the person allowing or committing the current violations;

(5) the history of past violations, including the similarity of previous violations and the current violation, the time elapsed since previous violations, the number of previous violations, and the response of the person to previous violations; and

(6) any other factors as justice may require.

(d) If a court grants injunctive relief under paragraph (b), the court shall consider the factors in paragraph (c) in determining the requirements to include in an injunction. A court issuing an injunction under this section shall have the discretion to fashion an injunction that is reasonably intended to prevent a violator from committing future violations. Such authority shall include, but is not limited to, issuing an order for a period of 12 months which:

(1) requires a defendant to wait up to 15 days before scrapping, dismantling, selling, or otherwise disposing of any vehicle that the defendant has acquired without first having received proof of ownership in compliance with section 168A.1501, subdivision 7, 8, or 9; or

(2) prohibits a defendant from acquiring, scrapping, dismantling, selling, or otherwise disposing of any vehicle without first having received proof of ownership in compliance with section 168A.1501, subdivision 7, 8, or 9.

(e) A court issuing an injunction under this section shall not require the posting of any bond or other security.

(f) In an action brought under this section by a county attorney, all civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited into the general fund of the county. In an action brought under this section by the attorney general or the commissioner, all civil penalties collected shall be deposited into the general fund of the state.

(g) Nothing in this subdivision limits the rights or remedies which are otherwise available to a person under common law or other statutes of this state.

Subd. 20. **Application to sale of other vehicles.** (a) This section does not apply:

(1) to any person, copartnership, or corporation engaged in the business of selling vehicles designed to operate exclusively over snow, motor scooters, motorized wheelchairs, utility trailers, farm wagons, farm trailers, or farm tractors or other farm implements, whether self-propelled or not and even though a vehicle listed in this clause may be equipped with a trailer hitch; or

(2) to any person licensed as a real estate broker or salesperson pursuant to chapter 82, who engages in the business of selling, who offers to sell, or who solicits or advertises the sale of manufactured homes affixed to land.

(b) However, this section does apply to a person, copartnership, or corporation described in paragraph (a) who is also engaged in the business of selling other motor vehicles or manufactured homes within the provisions of this section.

(c) As used in this subdivision, "utility trailer" means a motorless vehicle, other than a boat trailer or snowmobile trailer, equipped with one or two wheels, having a gross vehicle weight of 4,000 pounds or less, and used for carrying property on its own structure while being drawn by a motor vehicle.

Subd. 21. MS 1980 [Repealed, 1981 c 59 s 20]

Subd. 22. **Dealer license for trailers, motorized bicycles; plates, fees; exemptions.** (a) Any person, copartnership, or corporation having a permanent enclosed commercial building or structure either owned in fee or leased and engaged in the business, either exclusively or in addition to any other occupation, of selling motorized bicycles, boat trailers, horse trailers, or snowmobile trailers, may apply to the registrar for a dealer's license. Upon payment of a $10 fee the registrar must license the applicant as a dealer for the remainder of the calendar year in which the application was received. The license may be renewed on or before the second day of January of each succeeding year by payment of a fee of $10.

(b) The registrar must issue to each dealer, upon request of the dealer, up to 50 dealer plates as provided in subdivision 16 upon payment of $5 for each plate. The plates may be used in the same manner and for the same purposes as is provided in subdivision 16. Except for motorized bicycle dealers, the registrar must also issue to the dealer, upon request of the dealer, "in-transit" plates as provided in subdivision 17 upon payment of a fee of $5 for each plate.

(c) This subdivision does not abrogate any of the provisions of this section relating to the duties, responsibilities, and requirements of persons, copartnerships, or corporations engaged in the business, either exclusively or in addition to other occupations, of selling motor vehicles or manufactured homes, except that a seller of boat trailers, utility trailers, or snowmobile trailers who is licensed under this subdivision is not required to have a contract or franchise with a manufacturer or distributor of new boat trailers, utility trailers, or new snowmobile trailers the seller proposes to sell, broker, wholesale, or auction. This section

does not require a manufacturer of snowmobile trailers whose manufacturing facility is located outside of the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121 to have a dealer's license to transport the snowmobile trailers to dealers or retail outlets in the state.

Subd. 23. **County or city attorney to prosecute.** The city or county attorney may file charges against any person who violates any of the provisions of this section or section 168A.1501 or 325E.21, including but not limited to, the grounds for suspension or revocation set out in subdivision 12.

Subd. 24. **Bonds.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, all persons licensed according to this section shall keep in full force and effect a bond with a corporate surety to be approved by the registrar of motor vehicles in the following amounts; in the case of boat trailer, snowmobile trailer, horse trailer or motorized bicycle dealers, or dealers in trailers with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity under 15,000 pounds designed to transport small construction or farm equipment, in the amount of $5,000; and as to all other persons in the amount of $50,000. The bond must be conditioned on the faithful performance by the licensee of the obligations imposed on persons engaged in motor vehicle transactions by the laws of this state, including the conduct required of a licensee by this section and other sections governing the sale or transfer of motor vehicles, and the payment of all taxes, license fees, and penalties. The bond must be for the benefit of the state of Minnesota and any transferor, seller, or purchaser of a motor vehicle for any monetary loss caused by failure of the licensee to meet the obligations enumerated above. Proceedings on the forfeiture of the bonds must be commenced in the district court of the county wherein the business of the licensed person was carried on, or if in more than one county, the county in which the offense occurred. This subdivision does not apply to a used vehicle parts dealer or a scrap metal processor.

(b) This subdivision does not apply to:

(1) a dealer in new trailers designed to transport small construction or farm equipment in any year following a year in which the dealer had less than $500,000 in gross receipts from the sale of such trailers; or

(2) a dealer in new trailers designed to transport small construction or farm equipment who has been a dealer in such trailers for less than one year and who the department reasonably determines will have gross receipts of less than $500,000 during the first year of business.

Subd. 25. **Preemption of local ordinances.** Subdivision 24 establishes a uniform statewide system of bonding motor vehicle dealers. This subdivision supersedes and preempts all bonding requirements imposed by any local government unit.

Subd. 26. **Advertising disclosure.** All advertising by a motor vehicle dealer must disclose that the vehicle is being offered for sale by a dealer through use of the dealership name, the term "dealer," or the abbreviation "DLR." Unless the dealer's true name or properly filed commercial assumed name as provided in chapter 333, is included, a classified advertisement in a print medium must also include the dealer's license number.

Subd. 27. **Rules.** The registrar may adopt rules under chapter 14 to govern the issuance and regulation of dealer licenses and dealer plates.

Subd. 28. **Distribution of plates and stickers.** The commissioner may distribute registration plates and stickers to be held and issued by new and used motor vehicle dealers. A dealer may issue registration plates and stickers only in conjunction with the sale of a vehicle by the dealer. A dealer permitted to hold and issue registration plates and stickers must be equipped with electronic transmission technology and trained in its use. Before receiving registration plates and stickers under this subdivision, a dealer must adopt and implement

security and record-keeping requirements satisfactory to the commissioner. The commissioner may revoke the authority granted under this subdivision for any violation of law or rule governing the issuance of registration plates and stickers, any violation of the dealer's security and record-keeping plan, or any other action that in the commissioner's opinion adversely affects the registration system. The dealer is financially responsible for the cost and tax value of any unaccounted inventory.

Subd. 29. **Flexible fuel vehicle notice.** At the time a dealer delivers a new flexible fuel vehicle, the dealer must provide written notice to the consumer that the vehicle is capable of using alternative fuels, including E85 fuel.

Subd. 30. **Glazing material.** A new motor vehicle dealer, used motor vehicle dealer, or motor vehicle lessor may not sell or lease a motor vehicle at retail for registration in Minnesota that does not meet the glazing material requirements under section 169.71, subdivision 4.

Subd. 31. **Documentary fee.** (a) A motor vehicle dealer may not charge a documentary fee or document administration fee in excess of the amounts provided under paragraph (b) for services actually rendered to, for, or on behalf of the retail buyer or lessee to prepare, handle, and process documents for the closing of a motor vehicle retail sale or lease of a vehicle being registered in the state of Minnesota. The fee must be separately stated on the sales agreement maintained under Minnesota Rules, part 7400.5200, and may be excluded from the dealer's advertised price.

(b) For motor vehicle sales or leases made on or after July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the maximum fee is the lesser of $200 or an amount equal to ten percent of the value of the sale or lease. For motor vehicle sales or leases made on or after July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the maximum fee is the lesser of $275 or an amount equal to ten percent of the value of the sale or lease. For motor vehicle sales or leases made on or after July 1, 2025, the maximum fee is the lesser of $350 or an amount equal to ten percent of the value of the sale or lease.

(c) "Documentary fee" and "document administration fee" do not include an optional electronic transfer fee as defined under section 53C.01, subdivision 14.

Subd. 32. **Multiple licenses.** If a single legal entity holds more than one new or used vehicle dealer license, new and used vehicles owned by the entity may be held and offered for sale at any of the licensed dealership locations without assigning vehicle ownership or title from one licensee to another. This subdivision does not authorize the sale or offering for sale of new vehicles by a licensee that is not authorized by the manufacturer to sell that make of new vehicles.

Subd. 33. **Designated dealer title and registration liaison.** The registrar must designate by name and provide contact information for one or more registrar employees as needed to (1) promptly and effectively respond to questions from licensed dealers, and (2) troubleshoot dealer issues related to vehicle titling and registration.

History: *(2686) 1921 c 461 s 15; 1923 c 418 s 15; 1931 c 217 s 2; 1935 c 143 s 1; 1935 c 271 s 1; 1939 c 209 s 1; 1941 c 176 s 1; 1943 c 265 s 1; 1947 c 58 s 1; 1949 c 476 s 1; 1953 c 43 s 2; 1955 c 331 s 1; 1955 c 626 s 1; 1955 c 820 s 16; 1961 c 75 s 1; 1961 c 650 s 1; 1963 c 52 s 1, 2; 1965 c 681 s 1; 1969 c 399 s 1; 1969 c 1148 s 27; 1971 c 444 s 1-2; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1974 c 54 s 1; 1974 c 273 s 10; 1976 c 342 s 3; 1977 c 27 s 1,2; 1977 c 168 s 1-9; 1977 c 214 s 4; 1977 c 347 s 28; 1978 c 570 s 1; 1980 c 427 s 2-6; 1980 c 478 s 2,3; 1981 c 196 s 1; 1981 c 357 s 57,58; 1981 c 363 s 24; 1981 c 365 s 9; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1984 c 549 s 19,20; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 59,60; 1985 c 63 s 6,7; 1985 c 186 s 1-4; 1985 c 291 s 14; 1986 c 444; 1986 c 454 s 14-16; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 24; 1987 c 383 s 3; 1988 c 496 s 1-10; 1988 c 634 s 1-8; 1989 c 323 s 2-4; 1989 c 342 s 12; 1990 c 497 s 7; 1991 c 333 s 8,9; 1992 c 367 s 1; 1993 c 259 s 1; 1994*

c 465 art 3 s 14; 1994 c 500 s 1; 1994 c 536 s 11-16; 1994 c 587 art 2 s 21; 1995 c 128 art 1 s 4; 1997 c 92 s 1-8; 1997 c 159 art 2 s 15; 1998 c 267 s 1; 1998 c 285 s 1,2; 1998 c 405 s 2; 2000 c 479 art 1 s 16; 2001 c 151 s 1; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 34,35; 2002 c 288 s 1; 2002 c 371 art 1 s 9; 2003 c 94 s 1; 2003 c 127 art 1 s 1; 1Sp2003 c 21 art 8 s 1; 2004 c 295 art 1 s 9; 2005 c 45 s 1; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 81; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 22; 1Sp2005 c 7 s 35; 2006 c 212 art 1 s 23; 2008 c 235 s 1; 2009 c 86 art 1 s 26; 2012 c 163 s 1-3; 2012 c 174 s 1; 2013 c 126 s 1-3; 2013 c 127 s 19-21; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 38; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 23,24; 1Sp2020 c 3 s 3; 2022 c 55 art 1 s 52,53; 2023 c 60 art 12 s 9; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 40; art 5 s 17,18; art 7 s 6; 2025 c 20 s 158; 1Sp2025 c 4 art 7 s 13; 1Sp2025 c 8 art 2 s 20-23

168.2701 LIABILITY OF LESSORS FOR UNPAID TRAFFIC FINES.

When a motor vehicle lessor, licensed under section 168.27, subdivision 2, 3, or 4, is issued a traffic violation citation for a violation committed by a lessee while operating the leased or rented vehicle, the lessor shall convey to the issuing authority within 15 days of the lessor receiving knowledge of the traffic violation, information to the extent available, including the driver's full name, home address, local address, if any, license number, employer's name and address, post office box, and form of payment. Upon compliance with this section, the lessor is not liable for the amount of fine, penalty assessment, late payment penalty, or cost of warrants issued in connection with the violation. However, action on the part of the issuing authority relieving the lessor of liability does not absolve the person incurring the violation of responsibility for the infraction.

History: *1986 c 332 s 1*

168.2702 MOTOR VEHICLE LEASES; INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS.

Notwithstanding other law to the contrary, a provision in a motor vehicle lease agreement that indemnifies the lessor against any claims or liabilities arising out of the use, operation, or maintenance of the vehicle by the lessee includes the right to indemnity for traffic violations, penalties, and punitive damages caused by the lessee and is enforceable in accordance with its terms. This section does not relieve the lessor of any liability, penalty, or damages arising out of its own acts or omissions.

History: *1991 c 280 s 1*

168.271 INFORMATIONAL LABELS ON PICKUP TRUCKS; PENALTY.

Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** Every manufacturer of new trucks having a gross vehicle weight of 9,000 pounds or less which are sold or offered for sale for use upon the public streets or highways within this state shall, prior to the delivery of the new truck to a Minnesota dealer, or at or prior to the introduction date of new models delivered to a Minnesota dealer prior to introduction date, securely affix to the windshield or side window of the truck a label upon which the manufacturer shall endorse clearly, distinctly and legibly true and correct entries disclosing information identical to and in the same manner as required on new automobiles. The label shall remain affixed to the truck until delivery of the truck to the ultimate purchaser. Any manufacturer who shall willfully fail to affix a proper label required by this section or any person who shall willfully remove, alter or mutilate a label prior to delivery of the truck to the ultimate purchaser is guilty of a misdemeanor. This section shall not apply to trucks for which the annual sales in Minnesota of the previous model year were less than 200.

Subd. 2. MS 2022 [Repealed, 2023 c 25 s 190]

History: *1977 c 385 s 1,2*

168.274 DEFINITIONS.

(a) The following definitions shall apply for the words or terms used in sections 168.274 to 168.276 unless other meaning is clearly apparent from the language or context.

(b) "Motor vehicle" means and includes all vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, excepting such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks.

(c) "New motor vehicle" means only newly manufactured motor vehicles and includes but is not limited to motorcycles, trailers, trucks, passenger cars and tractors.

(d) "Person" includes natural persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, associations or other artificial bodies, trustees, receiver and officers, employees, agents, and others acting for or on behalf of any person.

(e) "Used motor vehicle" means every motor vehicle, title to, or possession of, which has been transferred from the person who first acquired it from the manufacturer or dealer and has been so used as to become or is commonly known as secondhand within the ordinary meaning thereof, and includes every motor vehicle other than a new motor vehicle, including but not limited to motorcycles, trailers, tractors, trucks and passenger cars.

History: *1957 c 386 s 3*

168.275 SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE ON SUNDAY FORBIDDEN.

Any person who shall carry on or engage in the business of buying, selling, exchanging, dealing in or trading in new or used motor vehicles; or who shall open any place of business or lot wherein the person attempts to or does engage in the business of buying, selling, exchanging, dealing or trading in new or used motor vehicles; or who does buy, sell, exchange, deal or trade in new or used motor vehicles as a business on the first day of the week, commonly known and designated as Sunday, is guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense, and a gross misdemeanor for each succeeding offense. This section does not apply to the sale of (1) trailers designed and used primarily to transport watercraft, as defined in section 86B.005, subdivision 18, (2) trailers designed and used primarily to transport all-terrain vehicles, as defined in section 84.92, subdivision 8, (3) trailers designed and used primarily to transport snowmobiles as defined in section 84.81, subdivision 3, or (4) utility trailers as defined in section 168.27, subdivision 20.

History: *1957 c 386 s 1; 1984 c 628 art 3 s 11; 1986 c 444; 1998 c 267 s 2; 2004 c 228 art 1 s 72; 2005 c 10 art 3 s 10*

168.276 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF DEALER LICENSE.

Every court having jurisdiction over offenses committed in violation of the provisions of section 168.275 hereof shall forward to the registrar of motor vehicles of this state within ten days following a conviction, a record thereof. If a person so convicted holds a license as a dealer for the sale of new or used motor vehicles under the provisions of section 168.27, upon the receipt by the registrar of motor vehicles of a second record of conviction of such dealer, the registrar of motor vehicles shall suspend such dealer's license for a period of 30 days, and upon receipt of a third record of conviction of any such dealer, the registrar of motor vehicles shall permanently revoke such dealer's license.

History: *1957 c 386 s 2*

168.277 MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES; DISCLOSURE.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section:

(a) The term "seller" means a person selling more than five motor vehicles in a calendar year and in the business of selling or leasing motor vehicles.

(b) The term "contract" means a written agreement between a seller and a purchaser for the sale of a motor vehicle, but not including a conditional sales contract entered into pursuant to a separate purchase agreement that contains the disclosures contained in this section.

Subd. 2. **Disclosure.** A seller of motor vehicles shall include in any contract with a purchaser or prospective purchaser of a motor vehicle a statement in ten-point, boldfaced, all-capital type located by a blank for the purchaser's signature stating: "IMPORTANT: THIS MAY BE A BINDING CONTRACT AND YOU MAY LOSE ANY DEPOSITS IF YOU DO NOT PERFORM ACCORDING TO ITS TERMS." If a forfeiture is not possible that part of the disclosure may be crossed out at the time of the purchaser's signature.

Subd. 3. **Effect of omission.** Any contract not meeting the requirements of subdivision 2 is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to the purchaser taking possession of the motor vehicle.

History: *1981 c 176 s 1*

168.28 VEHICLES SUBJECT TO TAX; EXCEPTIONS.

Every motor vehicle (except those exempted in section 168.012, and except those which are being towed upon the streets and highways and which shall not be deemed to be using the streets and highways within the meaning of this section) shall be deemed to be one using the public streets and highways and hence as such subject to taxation under this chapter if such motor vehicle has since April 23, 1921, used such public streets or highways, or shall actually use them, or if it shall come into the possession of an owner other than as a manufacturer, dealer, warehouse operator, mortgagee or pledgee. New and unused motor vehicles in the possession of a dealer solely for the purpose of sale, and used motor vehicles which have not theretofore used the public streets or highways of this state which are in the possession of a dealer solely for the purpose of sale and which are duly listed as herein provided, shall not be deemed to be vehicles using the public streets or highways. The driving or operating of a motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways of this state by a motor vehicle dealer or any employee of such motor vehicle dealer for demonstration purposes or for any purpose incident to the usual and customary conduct and operation of the business in which licensed under section 168.27 to engage, or solely for the purpose of moving it from points outside or within the state to the place of business or storage of a licensed dealer within the state or solely for the purpose of moving it from the place of business of a manufacturer, or licensed dealer within the state to the place of business or residence of a purchaser outside the state, shall not be deemed to be using the public streets or highways in the state within the meaning of this chapter or of the Constitution of the state of Minnesota, article XIV, and shall not be held to make the motor vehicle subject to taxation under this chapter as one using the public streets or highways, if during such driving or moving the dealer's plates herein provided for shall be duly displayed upon such vehicle. Any dealer or distributor may register a motor vehicle prior to its assessment or taxation as personal property, and pay the license fee and tax thereon for the full calendar year as one using the public streets and highways, and thereafter such vehicle shall be deemed to be one using the public streets and highways and shall not be subject to assessment or taxation as personal property during the calendar year for which it is so registered, whether or not such vehicle shall actually have used the streets or highways. Special mobile equipment is subject to a penalty equal to the tax due under this

chapter for the full registration year if it is used to transport persons or property at any time using the public streets.

History: *(2687) 1921 c 461 s 16; 1923 c 418 s 16; 1941 c 176 s 2; 1953 c 315 s 1; 1961 c 611 s 1; 1976 c 2 s 172; 1986 c 444; 1986 c 454 s 17; 2008 c 350 art 1 s 15*

168.29 REPLACEMENT PLATES.

(a) In the event of the defacement, loss, or destruction of any number plates or validation stickers, the commissioner, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances of the defacement, loss, destruction, or theft of the number plates or validation stickers, together with any defaced plates or stickers and the payment of a fee calculated to cover the cost of replacement, must issue a new set of plates or stickers.

(b) A licensed motor vehicle dealer may only apply for replacement plates upon application for a certificate of title in the name of a new owner or the dealer. The commissioner must issue a new set of plates or validation stickers upon application for title and registration after removal of plates pursuant to section 168A.11, subdivision 2.

(c) Plates issued under this section are subject to section 168.12.

(d) The commissioner must note on the commissioner's records the issue of new number plates and must attempt to cancel and call in the original plates so as to insure against their use on another motor vehicle.

(e) Duplicate registration certificates plainly marked as duplicates may be issued in like cases upon the payment of a $1 fee. Fees collected under this section must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1.

History: *(2688) 1921 c 461 s 17; 1923 c 418 s 17; 1943 c 56 s 1; 1973 c 218 s 8; 1977 c 327 s 1; 1984 c 549 s 21; 1985 c 291 s 15; 1986 c 444; 1990 c 497 s 8; 1992 c 581 s 11; 2009 c 36 art 3 s 9; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 128; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 33*

168.30 MS 1986 [Repealed, 1988 c 647 s 13]

168.301 VEHICLE TRANSFER DEADLINE; FEES; SUSPENSION.

Subdivision 1. **Surrender plates and credit tax paid.** (a) On transferring a motor vehicle, the transferor shall surrender the registration plates and assign the registration tax paid to the credit of the transferee.

(b) As specified in section 115A.908, the commissioner must impose a $10 fee on each transfer of title within the state, other than transfers for resale purposes, of every motor vehicle weighing more than 1,000 pounds.

Subd. 2. **Ten days to file.** The transferee's rights to the transferred vehicle's registration plates and credit for taxes paid on the vehicle expire after ten days have elapsed from the date of transfer unless: (1) the transfer has been filed as provided under section 168A.10; or (2) the transferee is a dealer licensed under section 168.27, and is complying with section 168A.11.

Subd. 3. **Late fee.** In addition to any fee or tax otherwise authorized or imposed upon the transfer of title for a motor vehicle, the commissioner of public safety must impose a $2 additional fee for failure to deliver a title transfer within the period specified under section 168A.10, subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. **Reinstatement fee.** When the commissioner has suspended license plates on a vehicle because the transferee has failed to file the title certificate within 30 days, the transferee shall pay a $10 fee before the registration is reinstated.

Subd. 5. **Verification of compliance.** A person does not violate this section or section 168.09, subdivision 1, by reason of suspension, if the person provides verification from the registrar that the title transfer with fees and taxes were filed with the registrar prior to being cited for violating this section or the vehicle was purchased from a licensed Minnesota dealer. The verification of compliance must be presented to the appropriate law enforcement agency within seven days after being charged or to the court on or before the date set for appearance.

Subd. 6. **Registration suspension.** The commissioner of public safety may suspend the registration of any owner who violates this section.

History: *1997 c 135 s 3; 1999 c 238 art 2 s 8,9; 2002 c 388 s 2; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 37; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 34*

168.31 REGISTRATION TAX PAYMENT.

Subdivision 1. **When due and payable.** The tax required under this chapter to be paid upon a motor vehicle for each calendar year becomes due when the vehicle first uses the public streets or highways in the state, and upon January 1 each year thereafter, except those vehicles which are taxed under section 168.017 and vehicles registered under 168.09, subdivision 3. Taxes due upon January 1 become payable upon November 15 preceding the calendar year for which they are assessed. The tax required to register vehicles for the registration year March 1 to the last day of February is due on March 1 and payable January 1 preceding. The tax required to register vehicles under the provisions of section 168.017 is due the first day of the month commencing the 12-month registration period and payable during the 45 days preceding the due date. Nothing in this section shall preclude prepayment.

Subd. 2. MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 6 s 7]

Subd. 3. MS 1982 [Repealed, 1984 c 549 s 34]

Subd. 4. **Installments; registration generally.** (a) If the tax for a vehicle assessed under section 168.013, subdivision 1c, 1d, 1e, or 1g, amounts to more than $400, the owner may pay the tax by installments.

(b) The owner shall tender with the application for registration one-third of the annual tax due or $400, whichever is greater, plus any penalties or arrears, plus a fee of $10. Instead of this fee, the applicant may furnish a bond, bank letter of credit, or certificate of deposit approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, for the total of the tax still due. The amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit may include any penalties assessed. The bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit must be for the benefit of the state for monetary loss caused by failure of the vehicle owner to pay delinquent license fees and penalties.

(c) The remainder of the tax due must be paid in two equal installments. The due date of the first installment is July 1, and the second installment is due November 1.

(d) When the applicant elects to pay the administrative fee, the registrar shall issue to the applicant validation stickers indicating the expiration date of a registration. When the applicant elects to furnish a bond, bank letter, or letter of deposit, the registrar shall issue regular validation stickers for the registration year.

(e) If an owner of a vehicle fails to pay an installment on or before its due date, the vehicle must not be used on the public streets or highways in this state until the installment or installments of the tax remaining due on the vehicle have been paid in full for the licensed year together with a penalty at the rate of $1 per day for the remainder of the month in which the balance of the tax becomes due and $4 a month for each succeeding month or fraction of a month during which the balance of the tax remains unpaid. Upon the payment of the balance of the tax and the penalties, the registrar shall issue a registration certificate to the owner of the vehicle in the manner provided by law. The registrar shall deny installment payment privileges provided in this subdivision in the subsequent year to any owner on any or all vehicles of the owner who during the current year fails to pay any installment due within one month after the due date.

Subd. 4a. **Installments; interstate registration and reciprocity.** If the tax for a vehicle assessed under section 168.187 amounts to more than $400, the owner may pay the tax by installments. The owner shall submit with the application for registration, no later than January 1, one-third of the Minnesota annual tax due or $400, whichever is greater. The applicant shall furnish a bond, bank letter of credit, or certificate of deposit approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, for the total of the tax still due. The amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit may include any penalties assessed. The bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit must be for the benefit of the state for monetary loss caused by failure of the vehicle owner to pay delinquent license fees and penalties. The remainder of the tax due must be paid in two equal installments; the due date of the first installment is May 1 and the second installment is due on September 1. If an owner of a vehicle fails to pay an installment on or before the due date, the vehicle must not be used on the public streets or highways in this state until the installment or installments of the tax remaining due on the vehicle has been paid in full for the licensed year, together with a penalty at the rate of $1 per day for the remainder of the month in which the balance of the tax becomes due and $4 a month for each succeeding month or fraction of it during which the balance of the tax remains unpaid. The registrar shall deny installment payment privileges provided in this subdivision in the subsequent year to any owner on any or all vehicles of an owner who during the current year fails to pay any installment and penalties due within one month after the due date.

Subd. 5. **Refund.** For the registration tax paid on any vehicle before the registration period for which that tax was assessed, the owner of the vehicle who paid the tax is entitled to full refund if the registration stickers are surrendered before the first day of the new registration period.

Subd. 6. **Tax delinquency; remedies.** All taxes imposed under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed the personal obligation of the registered owner and the amount of such tax, including added penalties for the nonpayment thereof, shall be a first lien upon the vehicle taxed, paramount and superior to all other liens thereon whether previously or subsequently accruing thereon; and, in addition to any other remedy herein prescribed, the state shall have a right of action against the owner for the recovery of the amount of any delinquent tax thereon, including the penalties accruing because of the nonpayment thereof, or for the enforcement of the tax lien thereon hereby declared, or both, in any court of competent jurisdiction. The county attorney of the county in which such motor vehicle is owned shall perform such service in the matter of the commencement and prosecution of such suit or in the prosecution of any other remedy for the enforcement of such tax as the attorney general may require.

History: *(2690) 1921 c 461 s 19; 1923 c 418 s 19; 1933 c 344 s 3; 1941 c 515 s 4; 1943 c 153 s 1; 1951 c 401 s 1; 1953 c 123 s 1; 1957 c 714 s 3; 1961 c 170 s 1; 1973 c 6 s 4,5; 1976 c 39 s 6; 1976 c 225 s 2; 1978 c 613 s 3; 1980 c 498 s 1; 1981 c 167 s 4; 1984 c 549 s 22,23; 1985 c 291 s 16; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 195 s 2,3; 1993 c 281 s 5; 2000 c 426 s 11; 2002 c 371 art 1 s 10; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 23; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 38*

168.32 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1961 c 120 s 2]

168.321 NEW VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S STATEMENT.

(a) The registrar may refuse to register any new vehicle unless the manufacturer thereof has filed the sworn statement herein provided for the model of the motor vehicle offered for registration. The registrar shall have authority to determine the weight of any vehicle on which the record of the manufacturer's shipping weight is not available in the office.

(b) Every manufacturer of a motor vehicle sold or offered for sale within this state shall each year file with the registrar a sworn statement showing the various models manufactured, the manufacturer's shipping weights including the weight of automatic transmissions where such equipment is offered as optional equipment and not included in the shipping weight, the beginning serial or identification number of each model or series if manufactured on a yearly model basis, or if not manufactured on a yearly model basis, the formula or method used to determine the year of model, and such other information as the registrar deems necessary. Upon the introduction of any new models during the year, the manufacturer shall in like manner file a new statement setting forth the required information for each new model.

(c) The information furnished in the manufacturer's statement may be considered by the registrar as prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.

History: *1961 c 120 s 1; 1986 c 444*

168.325 DIVISION OF DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Established.** A division in the Department of Public Safety to be known as the Division of Driver and Vehicle Services is hereby created, under the supervision and control of the director. The commissioner may place the director's position in the unclassified service if the position meets the criteria established in section 43A.08, subdivision 1a.

Subd. 2. **Successor powers and duties; motor vehicles.** All the functions, powers, and duties now vested in or imposed upon the secretary of state as registrar of motor vehicles as prescribed in Minnesota Statutes 1967, chapter 168, or any other law, relating to the registration of motor vehicles, the issuance of motor vehicle licenses, the licensing of motor vehicle dealers, and other matters therein contained not otherwise provided for in this section, are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of public safety. The duties of the secretary of state in relation thereto as heretofore constituted are abolished.

Subd. 3. MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 199 art 1 s 56]

Subd. 4. **Successor powers and duties; drivers' licenses.** All the powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon the secretary of state in the issuance of chauffeurs' licenses and school bus drivers' licenses as prescribed in Minnesota Statutes 1967, chapter 168, are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of public safety. The duties of the secretary of state in connection with the issuance of such licenses are hereby abolished.

History: *1969 c 1129 art 1 s 15; 1974 c 15 s 1; 1982 c 560 s 49; 1996 c 435 s 10*

168.326 EXPEDITED DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES; FEE.

(a) When an applicant requests and pays an expedited service fee of $20, in addition to other specified and statutorily mandated fees and taxes, the commissioner shall expedite the processing of an application for a driver's license, driving instruction permit, Minnesota identification card, or vehicle title transaction.

(b) A driver's license agent or deputy registrar may retain $10 of the expedited service fee for each expedited service request processed by the licensing agent or deputy registrar.

(c) When expedited service is requested, materials must be mailed or delivered to the requester within three days of receipt of the expedited service fee excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or the holidays listed in section 645.44, subdivision 5. The requester shall comply with all relevant requirements of the requested document.

(d) The commissioner may decline to accept an expedited service request if it is apparent at the time it is made that the request cannot be granted.

(e) The expedited service fees collected under this section minus any portion retained by a licensing agent or deputy registrar under paragraph (b) must be paid into the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

History: *1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 24; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 41*

168.327 DRIVER AND VEHICLE RECORD FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Records and fees.** (a) Upon request by any person authorized in this section, the commissioner or full-service provider must furnish a certified copy of any driver's license record, instruction permit record, Minnesota identification card record, vehicle registration record, vehicle title record, or accident record.

(b) Except as provided in subdivisions 4, 5a, and 5b, and other than accident records governed under section 169.09, subdivision 13, the requester must pay a fee of $10 for each certified record specified in paragraph (a) or a fee of $9 for each record that is not certified.

(c) Except as provided in subdivisions 4, 5a, and 5b, in addition to the record fee in paragraph (b), the fee for a copy of the history of any vehicle title not in electronic format is $1 for each page of the historical record.

(d) Of the fee collected by the commissioner under paragraphs (b) and (c), 50 cents must be deposited in the general fund, and the remainder must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

(e) Of the fee collected by a full-service provider under paragraphs (b) and (c), the provider must transmit 50 cents of each fee to the commissioner for deposit in the general fund, and the provider must retain the remainder.

(f) Except as provided in subdivisions 4, 5a, and 5b, the commissioner must permit a person to inquire into a record by the person's own electronic means for a fee of $4.50 for each inquiry, except that no fee may be charged when the requester is the subject of the data. Of the fee:

(1) $2.70 must be deposited in the general fund; and

(2) the remainder must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

(g) Fees and the deposit of the fees for accident records and reports are governed by section 169.09, subdivision 13.

Subd. 2. **Requests for information; surcharge on fee.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 3, the commissioner or full-service provider must impose a surcharge of 50 cents on each fee charged under section 13.03, subdivision 3, for copies or electronic transmittals of public information about the registration

of a vehicle or an applicant, or holder of a driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card.

(b) The surcharge only applies to a fee imposed in response to a request made in person, by mail, or online. The surcharge does not apply to the request of an individual for information about that individual's driver's license, instruction permit, or Minnesota identification card or about vehicles registered or titled in the individual's name.

(c) The surcharges collected by the commissioner under this subdivision must be credited to the general fund. The surcharges collected by a full-service provider must be transmitted to the commissioner for deposit in the general fund.

Subd. 3. **Exception to fee and surcharge.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 2 or section 13.03, a fee or surcharge may not be imposed in response to a request for public information about the registration of a vehicle if the commissioner or full-service provider is satisfied that:

(1) the requester seeks the information on behalf of a community-based, nonprofit organization designated by a local law enforcement agency to be a requester; and

(2) the information is needed to identify suspected prostitution law violators, controlled substance law violators, or health code violators.

(b) The commissioner or full-service provider must not require a requester under paragraph (a) to make a minimum number of data requests or limit the requester to a maximum number of data requests.

Subd. 4. **Driver records subscription service.** (a) The commissioner may implement a driver records subscription service to provide information concerning access to driver license, instruction permit, and identification card records, including regular notice of records that have changed, to subscribers who:

(1) pay applicable fees; and

(2) are approved by the commissioner in accordance with sections 168.346 and 171.12, and United States Code, title 18, section 2721.

(b) If a driver records subscription service is implemented, the commissioner shall establish a fee that does not exceed $3,680 per month for a subscription to the service. Fees collected under this paragraph must be credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, and are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes in paragraph (a) and this paragraph.

(c) If a driver records subscription service is implemented, the commissioner shall charge a fee of $0.02 per driver record requested. Of the fees collected under this paragraph, 20 percent must be credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705 and is appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes in this subdivision; 30 percent must be credited to the data security account in the special revenue fund under section 3.9741, subdivision 5; and 50 percent must be credited to the driver and vehicle services technology account under section 299A.705.

Subd. 5. MS 2020 [Repealed, 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 151]

Subd. 5a. **Vehicle records subscription service.** (a) The commissioner may implement a vehicle records subscription service to provide information concerning access to motor vehicle records, including regular notice of records that have changed, to subscribers who:

(1) pay applicable fees; and

(2) are approved by the commissioner in accordance with section 168.346 and United States Code, title 18, section 2721.

(b) If a vehicle records subscription service is implemented, the commissioner must establish a fee that does not exceed $3,680 per month for a subscription to the service. Fees collected under this paragraph must be credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1, and are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes in this paragraph and paragraph (a).

(c) If a motor vehicle records subscription service is implemented, the commissioner must charge a fee of $0.02 per motor vehicle record requested. Of the fees collected, 20 percent must be credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1, and is appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of this subdivision; 30 percent must be credited to the data security account in the special revenue fund under section 3.9741, subdivision 5; and 50 percent must be credited to the driver and vehicle services technology account under section 299A.705, subdivision 3.

Subd. 5b. **Custom data request record fees.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "custom data request records" means a total of 1,000 or more (1) vehicle title records, (2) vehicle registration records, or (3) driver's license records.

(b) The commissioner must charge a fee of $0.02 per record for custom data request records.

(c) Of the fees collected for custom data request records:

(1) 20 percent must be credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1, and is appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of this subdivision;

(2) 30 percent must be credited to the data security account in the special revenue fund under section 3.9741, subdivision 5; and

(3) 50 percent must be credited to the driver and vehicle services technology account under section 299A.705, subdivision 3.

(d) The commissioner may impose an additional fee for technical staff to create a custom set of data under this subdivision.

Subd. 6. **Review and audit of subscription services.** Each subscriber under subdivision 4 or 5a must annually engage an independent professional organization to audit its uses of data and its information technology security procedures, including: (1) the methods and practices employed in the processing and use of driver and vehicle services data; and (2) compliance with the certification required under section 171.12, subdivision 7b, paragraph (e). Within 30 days of the date of the audit report, each subscriber must submit each report to the legislative auditor and the commissioner.

Subd. 7. **Monitoring and auditing.** The commissioner must monitor and audit the furnishing of records by full-service providers under this section to ensure full-service providers are complying with this section, chapter 13, and United States Code, title 18, section 2721, et seq.

History: *1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 25; 2014 c 293 s 4-7; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 25,26; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 39-42; 2023 c 13 art 2 s 2; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 128; art 6 s 2-5; art 7 s 7; 2025 c 20 s 159*

168.33 COMMISSIONER AS REGISTRAR OF VEHICLES; DEPUTY REGISTRARS.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner's duties and powers, generally.** The commissioner of public safety is the registrar of vehicles of the state of Minnesota, and shall exercise all the powers granted to and perform

all the duties imposed by this chapter. The commissioner of public safety is authorized to obtain information about all vehicles subject to taxation under this chapter upon which the tax has not been paid, and to present suitable complaints to courts of competent jurisdiction.

Subd. 2. **Deputy registrars.** (a) The commissioner may appoint, and for cause discontinue, a deputy registrar for any statutory or home rule charter city as the public interest and convenience may require, without regard to whether the county auditor of the county in which the city is situated has been appointed as the deputy registrar for the county or has been discontinued as the deputy registrar for the county, and without regard to whether the county in which the city is situated has established a county license bureau that issues motor vehicle licenses as provided in section 373.32.

(b) The commissioner may appoint, and for cause discontinue, a deputy registrar for any statutory or home rule charter city as the public interest and convenience may require, if the auditor for the county in which the city is situated chooses not to accept appointment as the deputy registrar for the county or is discontinued as a deputy registrar, or if the county in which the city is situated has not established a county license bureau that issues motor vehicle licenses as provided in section 373.32.

(c) The commissioner may appoint, and for cause discontinue, the county auditor of each county as a deputy registrar.

(d) Despite any other provision, a person other than a county auditor or a director of a county license bureau, who was appointed by the registrar before August 1, 1976, as a deputy registrar for any statutory or home rule charter city, may continue to serve as deputy registrar and may be discontinued for cause only by the commissioner. The county auditor who appointed the deputy registrars is responsible for the acts of deputy registrars appointed by the auditor.

(e) Each deputy, before entering upon the discharge of duties, shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully discharge the duties and to uphold the laws of the state.

(f) If a deputy registrar appointed under this subdivision is not an officer or employee of a county or statutory or home rule charter city, the deputy shall in addition give bond to the state in the sum of $10,000, or a larger sum as may be required by the commissioner, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of duties as deputy registrar.

(g) A corporation governed by chapter 302A or 317A may be appointed a deputy registrar. Upon application by an individual serving as a deputy registrar and the giving of the requisite bond as provided in this subdivision, personally assured by the individual or another individual approved by the commissioner, a corporation named in an application then becomes the duly appointed and qualified successor to the deputy registrar.

(h) Each deputy registrar appointed under this subdivision shall keep and maintain office locations approved by the commissioner for the registration of vehicles and the collection of taxes and fees on vehicles.

(i) The deputy registrar shall keep records and make reports to the commissioner as the commissioner requires. The records must be maintained at the offices of the deputy registrar in a manner that complies with sections 13.05, subdivision 5, and 13.055. As an alternative to paper copy storage, a deputy registrar may retain records and documents in a secure electronic medium that complies with the security requirements under the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Policy 5.4 or any successor policy, provided 60 days have elapsed since the transaction and subject to standards established by the commissioner. The deputy registrar is responsible for all costs associated with the conversion to electronic records and maintenance of the electronic storage medium, including the

destruction of existing paper records after conversion to the electronic format. All queries and responses in the secure electronic medium, and all actions in which data are entered, updated, accessed, or shared or disseminated by the deputy registrar must be contained in a data audit trail. Data contained in the audit trail are public to the extent the data are not otherwise classified under this section. The records and offices of the deputy registrar must at all times be open to the inspection of the commissioner or the commissioner's agents. The deputy registrar shall report to the commissioner by the next working day following receipt all registrations made and taxes and fees collected by the deputy registrar.

(j) The filing fee imposed under subdivision 7 must be deposited in the treasury of the place for which appointed or, if not a public official, a deputy shall retain the filing fee, but the registration tax and any additional fees for delayed registration the deputy registrar has collected the deputy registrar shall deposit by the next working day following receipt in an approved state depository to the credit of the state through the commissioner of management and budget. The place for which the deputy registrar is appointed through its governing body must provide the deputy registrar with facilities and personnel to carry out the duties imposed by this subdivision if the deputy is a public official. In all other cases, the deputy shall maintain a suitable facility for serving the public.

Subd. 2a. **Deputy registrars, continuation in office.** Persons serving as deputy registrars on July 1, 1970, shall continue to hold office until a successor is duly appointed and qualifies.

Subd. 2b. **Deputy registrars, employment status.** (a) Deputy registrars, and their employees, who retain the filing fee in lieu of a salary, shall, after July 1, 1971, be considered as independent contractors for pension purposes, and ineligible because of such service for coverage under the Minnesota State Retirement System or membership in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

(b) Those deputy registrars as defined in this subdivision who are covered by the Minnesota State Retirement System on June 30, 1971, may terminate coverage on July 1, 1971, or continue coverage until termination of state service. The form of this option and the time for filing must be as prescribed by the board of directors of the system. Those choosing to continue coverage shall provide from the filing fees retained the employee and employer contributions as required by chapter 352.

Subd. 3. [Renumbered 168.0185]

Subd. 4. MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 435 s 18]

Subd. 5. MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 435 s 18]

Subd. 6. **Application.** Every deputy registrar shall use application forms or formats as prescribed by or approved by the commissioner.

Subd. 7. **Filing fees; allocations.** (a) In addition to all other statutory fees and taxes:

(1) an $8 filing fee is imposed on every vehicle registration renewal, excluding pro rate transactions; and

(2) a $12 filing fee is imposed on every other type of vehicle transaction, including motor carrier fuel licenses under sections 168D.05 and 168D.06, and pro rate transactions.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a):

(1) a filing fee may not be charged for a document returned for a refund or for a correction of an error made by the Department of Public Safety, a dealer, or a deputy registrar; and

(2) no filing fee or other fee may be charged for the permanent surrender of a title for a vehicle.

(c) The filing fee must be shown as a separate item on all registration renewal notices sent out by the commissioner.

(d) The statutory fees and taxes, the filing fees imposed under paragraph (a), and the surcharge imposed under paragraph (f) may be paid by credit card or debit card. The deputy registrar may collect a surcharge on the payment made under this paragraph not greater than the cost of processing a credit card or debit card transaction, in accordance with emergency rules established by the commissioner of public safety. The surcharge authorized by this paragraph must be used to pay the cost of processing credit and debit card transactions.

(e) The fees collected under paragraph (a) by the department must be allocated as follows:

(1) of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (1):

(i) $6.50 must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1; and

(ii) $1.50 must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services technology account under section 299A.705, subdivision 3; and

(2) of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (2):

(i) $3.50 must be deposited in the general fund;

(ii) $7 must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1; and

(iii) $1.50 must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services technology account under section 299A.705, subdivision 3.

(f) In addition to all other statutory fees and taxes, a deputy registrar must assess a $1 surcharge on every transaction for which filing fees are collected under this subdivision. The surcharge authorized by this paragraph must be (1) deposited in the treasury of the place for which the deputy registrar is appointed, or (2) if the deputy registrar is not a public official, retained by the deputy registrar. For purposes of this paragraph, a deputy registrar does not include the commissioner.

Subd. 7a. **Reimbursements.** (a) The commissioner must issue payment to a deputy registrar as follows:

(1) $2 for paying an account balance;

(2) $4 for the following transactions:

(i) updating a vehicle's address or the county in which the vehicle is kept;

(ii) changing or verifying an address related to the International Registration Plan or the International Fuel Tax Agreement;

(iii) updating contact information for the International Registration Plan or the International Fuel Tax Agreement;

(iv) processing a vehicle that has been sold, donated, or removed from the state; and

(v) marking a vehicle as junked;

(3) $8 for the following transactions:

(i) changing a customer's personal identification number;

(ii) adding or removing liens for veterans with a total service-connected disability;

(iii) providing a duplicate title;

(iv) issuing International Fuel Tax Agreement decals;

(v) managing an International Fuel Tax Agreement license; and

(vi) administrative review requests; and

(4) an amount that equals the fee established under subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (2), for the following transactions:

(i) vehicle renewal for veterans with a total service-connected disability;

(ii) plate change for veterans with a total service-connected disability;

(iii) correcting or changing title and vehicle details;

(iv) issuing a new disability parking certificate;

(v) new title and registration for veterans with a total service-connected disability;

(vi) transferring title and registration for veterans with a total service-connected disability; and

(vii) replacing plates, stickers, or registration cards.

(b) The following transactions for which no filing fee under subdivision 7 is collected are not eligible for payment of any kind:

(1) collection of another fee type, including but not limited to a record request fee or a fast track fee;

(2) voluntary waiver of a fee by the deputy registrar; and

(3) ancillary to a transaction for which a filing fee may be imposed.

(c) If the amount appropriated for payments under this subdivision is insufficient, the commissioner must prorate the payments.

Subd. 8. **Disability certificates.** The commissioner shall allow deputy registrars to implement and follow procedures for processing applications and accepting and remitting fee payments for disability certificates issued under section 169.345, subdivision 3c, that are identical or substantially similar to the procedures required by law or rule for vehicle registration and titling transactions.

Subd. 8a. **Electronic transmission.** (a) If the commissioner accepts electronic transmission of a motor vehicle transfer and registration by a new or used motor vehicle dealer, a deputy registrar who is equipped with electronic transmission technology and trained in its use must receive the filing fee provided for in subdivision 7 and review the transfer of each new or used motor vehicle to determine its genuineness and regularity before issuance of a certificate of title, and must receive and retain the filing fee under subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (2).

(b) The commissioner must establish reasonable performance, security, technical, and financial standards to approve companies that provide computer software and services to motor vehicle dealers to electronically transmit vehicle title transfer and registration information. An approved company must be offered access to department facilities, staff, and technology on a fair and reasonable basis. An approved company must not have an ownership interest with a deputy registrar or a driver's license agent. An approved company is not eligible to be appointed by the commissioner as a deputy registrar or a driver's license agent.

Subd. 8b. **Competitive bidding.** (a) Notwithstanding any statute or rule to the contrary, if a deputy registrar appointed under this section permanently stops offering services at the approved office location and permanently closes the approved office location, the commissioner must use a competitive bidding process for the appointment of a replacement deputy registrar. If available, the replacement deputy registrar appointed by the commissioner under this section must continue to offer services at the approved office location. If the existing office location is not available to the replacement deputy registrar, the replacement office location must be at a location that must be approved by the commissioner and must serve a similar service area as the existing office location.

(b) The commissioner must not give a preference to a partner, owner, manager, or employee of the deputy registrar that has permanently stopped offering services at the closed office location in a competitive bidding process.

(c) The commissioner must adopt rules to administer and enforce a competitive bidding process to select a replacement deputy registrar. If the replacement deputy registrar elects to not offer services at the office location of the prior registrar, Minnesota Rules, chapter 7406, governing the selection of a proposed office location of a driver's license agent, applies.

Subd. 9. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules for administering and enforcing section 168.0185 and this section.

History: *(2693) 1921 c 461 s 22; 1923 c 418 s 22; 1927 c 340 s 1; 1939 c 259 s 1; 1949 c 131 s 1; 1949 c 132 s 1; 1951 c 384 s 1; 1957 c 82 s 1; 1965 c 45 s 9; 1969 c 540 s 9; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 15-17; 1971 c 58 s 1; 1971 c 625 s 1,3; 1971 c 853 s 13; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 375 s 1; 1975 c 146 s 1; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1976 c 281 s 1,2; 1977 c 327 s 2,3; 1979 c 329 s 3; 1981 c 357 s 59; 1984 c 549 s 24; 1984 c 629 s 3; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 61; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1985 c 291 s 17; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 496 s 11; 1988 c 647 s 10; 1989 c 209 art 1 s 16; 1989 c 269 s 40,41; 1990 c 426 art 1 s 22; 1990 c 565 s 28; 1991 c 56 s 1; 1996 c 435 s 11; 1996 c 455 art 4 s 11; 1997 c 250 s 3; 2000 c 426 s 12; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 36; 2002 c 371 art 1 s 11,12; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 2005 c 10 art 1 s 28; 2005 c 45 s 2,3; 2005 c 64 s 6; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 26,47; 2006 c 212 art 1 s 8; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 2009 c 152 s 2; 2010 c 296 s 1; 2010 c 351 s 24; 2010 c 382 s 38; 2011 c 117 s 2; 2014 c 154 s 1; 2015 c 75 art 2 s 18; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 39; 2019 c 50 art 1 s 56; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 27; art 3 s 25; 2023 c 68 art 3 s 6; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 22; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 35; 1Sp2025 c 8 art 2 s 24*

168.34 INFORMATION FURNISHED.

The registrar shall maintain in the registrar's office an information bureau to answer questions, through electronic transmission, personal inquiry, telephone, or letter. Registrations shall be completed with the utmost dispatch to render the most efficient service to the public. The registrar, or any deputy or employee, shall not be liable to any person for mistake or negligence in the giving of information not willfully calculated to injure such person. The registration system shall be so conducted, and the requirements thereof so construed, as to furnish to the public immediate, accurate information as to any single car about which the inquiry may

be made, and to furnish the registrar a means of checking back during any year to determine that all motor vehicles subject to taxation and licensing have had the proper tax or fee paid thereon.

History: *(2694) 1921 c 461 s 23; 1923 c 418 s 23; 1925 c 299 s 3; 1965 c 51 s 22; 1986 c 444; 1993 c 85 s 2; 1996 c 435 s 12*

168.345 USE OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

Subdivision 1. MS 2022 [Repealed, 2023 c 68 art 6 s 17]

Subd. 2. **Lessees; information.** (a) The commissioner may not furnish information about motor vehicle lessees under a lease for a term of 180 days or more to any person except:

(1) the owner of the vehicle;

(2) the lessee;

(3) personnel of law enforcement agencies;

(4) trade associations performing a member service under section 604.15, subdivision 4a;

(5) licensed dealers in connection with a vehicle sale or lease;

(6) federal, state, and local governmental units; and

(7) at the commissioner's discretion, to persons who use the information to notify lessees of automobile recalls.

(b) The commissioner may release information about motor vehicle 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.

Subd. 3. MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 48]

Subd. 4. MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 48]

History: *1965 c 901 s 68; 1989 c 178 s 1; 1993 c 266 s 17; 1993 c 326 art 11 s 2,4; 1996 c 328 s 1,2; 1996 c 440 art 1 s 40,41; 1997 c 250 s 4; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 27,28; 2018 c 135 s 2; 2023 c 68 art 6 s 6; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 23; 2025 c 20 s 160*

168.346 PRIVACY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION.

Subdivision 1. **Vehicle registration data; federal compliance.** (a) Data on an individual provided to register a vehicle shall be treated as provided by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, as in effect on May 23, 2005, and shall be disclosed as required or permitted by that section. Licensed dealers may obtain data for uses as permitted by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, subsections (b)(2), for use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft, motor vehicle emissions, or motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories, (3), and (13). The commissioner shall disclose the data in bulk form to an authorized recipient upon request for any of the permissible uses described in United States Code, title 18, section 2721.

(b) The registered owner of a vehicle who is an individual may consent in writing to the commissioner to disclose the individual's personal information exempted by United States Code, title 18, section 2721, to any person who makes a written request for the personal information. If the registered owner is an individual and so authorizes disclosure, the commissioner shall implement the request.

(c) If authorized by the registered owner as indicated in paragraph (b), the registered owner's personal information may be used, rented, or sold solely for bulk distribution by organizations for business purposes including surveys, marketing, or solicitation.

Subd. 2. **Personal information disclosure for public safety.** The commissioner shall disclose personal information when the use is related to the operation or use of a vehicle or to public safety. The use of personal information is related to public safety if it concerns the physical safety or security of drivers, vehicles, pedestrians, or property. The commissioner may refuse to disclose data under this subdivision when the commissioner concludes that the requester is likely to use the data for illegal, improper, or noninvestigative purposes.

Subd. 3. **Privacy classification for personal safety.** The registered owner of a vehicle who is an individual may request, in writing, that the registered owner's residence address or name and residence address be classified as "private data on individuals," as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12. The commissioner shall grant the classification on receipt of a signed statement by the registered owner that the classification is required for the safety of the registered owner or the registered owner's family, if the statement also provides a valid, existing address where the registered owner consents to receive service of process. The commissioner shall use the service of process mailing address in place of the registered owner's residence address in all documents and notices pertaining to the vehicle. The residence address or name and residence address and any information provided in the classification request, other than the individual's service for process mailing address, are private data on individuals but may be provided to requesting law enforcement agencies, probation and parole agencies, and public authorities, as defined in section 518A.26, subdivision 18.

History: *1990 c 461 s 1; 1993 c 326 art 2 s 2; 1994 c 618 art 1 s 24; 1996 c 440 art 1 s 42; 1998 c 371 s 8; 2002 c 368 s 1; 2005 c 163 s 58; 2005 c 164 s 29; 1Sp2005 c 7 s 28; 2014 c 293 s 8; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 26*

168.35 INTENT TO ESCAPE TAX; GROSS MISDEMEANOR.

Any person who shall, with intent to escape payment of any tax on a motor vehicle, as herein provided, delay or neglect to properly list and apply to register the same, or, with intent to prevent the payment or collection of the proper tax, fee, or lien thereon, violate or neglect to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

History: *(2695) 1921 c 461 s 24; 1923 c 418 s 24*

168.36 UNLAWFUL USE OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLE CERTIFICATE, PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor; use of vehicle or certificate.** Any person who shall use or cause any motor vehicle to be used or operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter or while a certificate of registration of a motor vehicle issued to the person is suspended or revoked, or who shall knowingly deliver a motor vehicle to another to be used or operated in violation of this chapter, or who shall violate any of the provisions thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. **Misdemeanor; use of plates or certificate.** Any person who shall loan or use any number plate or registration certificate upon or in connection with any motor vehicle except the one for which the same was duly issued, or upon any such motor vehicle after such certificate or plates, or the right to use the same, have expired, or any person who shall retain in possession or shall fail to surrender, as herein provided, any such number plate or registration certificate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who manufactures, buys, sells, uses or displays motor vehicle license number plates, motor vehicle registration

certificates, or tax receipts issued by this state or any other state, territory or district in the United States, without proper authority from such state, territory or district of the United States, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. **Misdemeanor; use of altered plates or certificate.** Any person who shall deface or alter any registration certificate or number plate or retain the same in possession after it has been defaced or altered shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 4. **Officer may seize registration plates.** If a peace officer stops a motor vehicle and determines, through a check of the motor vehicle registration record system, that the vehicle is being operated while the certificate of registration for the vehicle is revoked, the officer may immediately seize the vehicle's registration plates and destroy the plates or return them to the commissioner of public safety.

History: *(2696, 2697, 2698) 1921 c 461 s 25-27; 1923 c 418 s 25-27; 1925 c 299 s 4; 1951 c 211 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 383 s 4; 1996 c 408 art 11 s 3*

168.37 PLATE TABS OR STICKERS; MONTHLY REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Subdivision 1. MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 6 s 7]

Subd. 2. MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 6 s 7]

Subd. 3. **Design.** The registrar may rearrange the words and figures on plates issued for vehicles under the monthly series system of registration to provide space on the plates for tabs or stickers which the registrar shall issue to indicate the period of registration.

History: *(2703) 1911 c 365 s 10; 1921 c 472 s 2; 1927 c 326; 1939 c 213; 1947 c 405 s 1; 1949 c 410; 1967 c 464 s 1; 1973 c 6 s 6; 1974 c 121 s 5; 1986 c 444*

168.38 MS 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 412 s 3]

168.381 MANUFACTURE OF VEHICLE PLATES; APPROPRIATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Correctional facilities; other manufacturers.** (a) Plates required by this chapter may be manufactured by the Minnesota Correctional Facility-St. Cloud, the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater, or other facility established by law for the confinement of persons convicted of felony, upon order from the commissioner. The order must state the quality of material desired in the plates, the plate specifications, and the amount or number desired.

(b) Should the commissioner of corrections decide not to supply the required quantity of plates, or discontinue the manufacture of plates, the commissioner of public safety is authorized to seek other suppliers on a competitive basis.

Subd. 2. **Laboratory testing; costs.** (a) Materials purchased to be used in the manufacture of plates must be tested as to conformance with specifications established by the commissioner in a privately operated laboratory service to be designated by the commissioner. The cost of the laboratory must be included in the cost of materials purchased.

(b) The cost of delivery of plates to the commissioner at places designated by the commissioner must be included in the expenses incurred in their manufacture.

Subd. 3. **Specifications.** The commissioner shall establish new or revised specifications for the material and equipment used in the manufacture of plates ordered for manufacture after August 1, 1975, and may

from time to time revise the specifications; provided that the specifications conform to the requirements of section 168.12. In establishing new or revised specifications, the commissioner shall consult with and give consideration to the advice and recommendations of representatives of the Minnesota State Patrol, local police officers' associations, and the county sheriffs' association.

Subd. 4. **Appropriations.** (a) Money appropriated to the Department of Public Safety to procure the plates for any fiscal year or years is available for allotment, encumbrance, and expenditure from and after the date of the enactment of the appropriation. Materials and equipment used in the manufacture of plates are subject only to the approval of the commissioner.

(b) This section contemplates that money to be appropriated to the Department of Public Safety to carry out the terms and provisions of this section will be appropriated by the legislature from the highway user tax distribution fund.

(c) A sum sufficient is appropriated annually from the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705 to the commissioner to pay the costs of purchasing, delivering, and mailing plates, registration stickers, and registration notices.

History: *1957 c 412 s 1,2; 1965 c 158 s 1; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 15; 1973 c 140 s 1; 1975 c 10 s 1; 1979 c 102 s 13; 1981 c 37 s 2; 1986 c 444; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 37; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 29; 2023 c 68 art 7 s 8*

168.39 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.40 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.41 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.413 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.42 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.423 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.43 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.44 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.45 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1971 c 644 s 17]

168.46 MS 1983 Supp [Repealed, 1984 c 549 s 34]

168.47 MS 1961 [Repealed, 1963 c 753 art 2 s 17]

168.48 MS 1961 [Repealed, 1963 c 753 art 2 s 17]

168.49 MS 1961 [Repealed, 1963 c 753 art 2 s 17]

168.50 [Held unconstitutional]

168.51 [Held unconstitutional]

168.52 [Held unconstitutional]

168.53 [Held unconstitutional]

168.54 MOTOR VEHICLES, TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.

Subdivision 1. MS 1969 [Repealed, 1971 c 25 s 37]

Subd. 2. MS 1978 [Repealed, 1979 c 333 s 108]

Subd. 3. MS 1978 [Repealed, 1979 c 333 s 108]

Subd. 4. **Transfer fee.** A fee of $3 is imposed upon every transfer of ownership by the commissioner of any vehicle for which a registration certificate has heretofore been issued under this chapter, except vehicles sold for the purposes of salvage, dismantling, or permanent removal from the state.

Subd. 5. **Proceeds to general fund.** The commissioner shall collect the proceeds of the fee imposed under this section and deposit them in the general fund pursuant to section 168A.31.

Subd. 6. MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 7 s 91]

History: *Ex1955 c 5 s 1-6; 1957 c 159 s 1; 1969 c 399 s 1; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 15; 1969 c 1148 s 29; 1971 c 25 s 38; 1973 c 147 s 1; 1979 c 333 s 86,87; 2000 c 426 s 13,14; 1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 25; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 30,31*

INTERCITY BUSES

168.61 INTERCITY BUS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** The term "intercity bus" as used in sections 168.61 to 168.65 means a motor bus as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 4, which is owned or operated by either a resident or nonresident of Minnesota in interstate commerce under authority of the former Interstate Commerce Commission, or a successor agency, or in combined interstate and intrastate commerce under authority of the former Interstate Commerce Commission, or a successor agency, and the Department of Transportation of Minnesota, as a result of which operation such bus operates both within and without the territorial limits of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 2. **Registration and taxation.** Intercity buses are subject to registration and taxation as motor vehicles on an apportionment basis.

History: *1957 c 80 s 1; 1971 c 25 s 67; 1Sp2001 c 4 art 6 s 23; 2003 c 2 art 4 s 6; 2023 c 25 s 75*

168.62 INTERCITY BUS REGISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. **Registration of percentage of buses; determination.** An owner or operator of more than one intercity bus shall register a percentage of those intercity buses of the owner or operator in Minnesota. The percentage of the intercity buses so registered shall be determined by dividing the total number of miles traveled by such intercity buses within the state of Minnesota by the total number of miles traveled by such intercity buses both within and without the state of Minnesota. Such percentage figure so arrived at is the percentage of intercity motor buses which the owner or operator thereof shall register in Minnesota. A fractional intercity bus shall be registered as one intercity bus. The number of intercity buses so registered in the state of Minnesota are deemed to be domiciled in Minnesota and subject to motor vehicle taxation in this state.

Subd. 2. **Tax determination.** When the number of intercity buses to be registered in Minnesota is determined as herein provided, the owner or operator thereof shall select the particular intercity buses to be so registered. The motor vehicle tax to be paid thereon for each calendar year shall be determined by the

registrar of motor vehicles, who shall compute the amount of motor vehicle tax on each intercity bus of the owner or operator thereof as though all of such intercity buses were required to be registered in Minnesota. The amount so arrived at shall then be divided by the total number of intercity buses of such owner or operator to obtain the average motor vehicle tax due on an intercity bus registered in Minnesota. Such average tax shall be paid on each intercity bus registered in Minnesota in the same manner and at the same time as other motor vehicles using the streets and highways of Minnesota are taxed and the taxes paid thereon. The registrar of motor vehicles shall issue number plates for the intercity buses registered in Minnesota.

Subd. 3. **Special plates or certificate; fee; proceeds to highway user fund.** At the same time that an owner or operator of intercity buses registers them in Minnesota and obtains number plates for the vehicle, the owner or operator shall apply for special identification plates or certificates for the remainder of that fleet of intercity buses. The registrar of motor vehicles shall design an appropriate plate or identification certificate for this purpose which must be issued upon the payment of a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision 5, covering each intercity bus so identified. The proceeds of such fees shall be deposited to the credit of the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1. No intercity bus shall at any time be operated in the state of Minnesota without either Minnesota number plates or special identification plates or certificates issued as herein provided.

History: *1957 c 80 s 2; 1959 c 365 s 1; 1986 c 444; 2009 c 36 art 3 s 10; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 2 s 28; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 128*

168.63 INTERCITY BUS; REGISTRAR DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Administration and enforcement.** It shall be the duty of the registrar of motor vehicles to administer and to enforce the terms and conditions of sections 168.61 to 168.65.

Subd. 2. **Registration determinations.** The registrar of motor vehicles shall determine the percentage of intercity buses to be registered in Minnesota by an owner or operator thereof. The registrar shall determine the total number of miles traveled by each intercity bus within the state of Minnesota and the total number of miles such intercity bus traveled both within and without the state of Minnesota. In making such determinations the registrar may use mileage records of operation of each owner or operator of intercity buses for such period of time as the registrar deems appropriate and during which operation existed. If there are no operations in Minnesota for any period of time so as to determine the mileage records of operation the registrar shall use such estimates as will fairly determine the percentage of intercity buses which any owner or operator thereof shall register in Minnesota.

Subd. 3. **Notice of fleet increase.** When increasing the fleet of intercity buses after the beginning of a calendar year in which a percentage of the fleet has been registered in Minnesota, the owner or operator of those intercity buses shall notify the registrar of motor vehicles thereof.

Subd. 4. **Notice of bus substitution.** Whenever substituting an intercity bus in the fleet as a result of new purchase or otherwise, the owner or operator of intercity buses shall likewise notify the registrar of motor vehicles thereof.

Subd. 5. **Annual recomputation and tax adjustment.** At the close of each calendar year and not later than February 15th of the next succeeding year, the registrar of motor vehicles shall recompute and redetermine the number of intercity buses required to have been registered in Minnesota for the prior year and the actual amount of tax liability for such previous year shall likewise be redetermined. Any additional tax which may be due by any owner or operator of intercity buses shall be paid forthwith. If it is determined as a result of such recomputation that there has been an overpayment of tax, the amount of such overpayment shall be credited to the amount of tax which may be due by the owner or operator of intercity buses in any subsequent

year. In the event any owner or operator of intercity buses discontinues operations in Minnesota and has a tax credit due as a result of overpayment of motor vehicle taxes for any year, the amount of such overpayment shall be refunded. Such sums as are necessary to make the refunds herein are hereby appropriated annually from the highway user tax distribution fund.

History: *1957 c 80 s 3; 1963 c 166 s 1; 1986 c 444; 2022 c 55 art 1 s 54*

168.64 INTERCITY BUS RULES, REQUIREMENTS.

The registrar of motor vehicles shall:

(1) promulgate such rules as the registrar may deem necessary in order to fully administer and carry out the terms and provisions of sections 168.61 to 168.65;

(2) require owners and operators of intercity buses to furnish such information and to make and file such reports as the registrar deems necessary in order to administer sections 168.61 to 168.65;

(3) require recomputation of the percentage of intercity buses of any owner or operator at any time the registrar has reason to believe that an insufficient number of such intercity buses of such owner or operator are registered in Minnesota. If as a result of any such recomputation, the registrar of motor vehicles determines that additional intercity buses should be registered in Minnesota, the registrar shall require the owner or operator thereof to so register such additional buses and pay the taxes thereon in accordance with the standards required by this section. All intercity buses registered under the terms of this provision shall be registered for a full calendar year. All taxes computed on the percentage of intercity buses to be registered in the state of Minnesota shall likewise be computed on the basis of a full calendar year. If additional taxes are required to be paid by an owner or operator of intercity buses under this provision, such owner or operator shall also pay interest at the rate of six percent per annum on the amount so paid with interest computed from January 1st of the calendar year in which the taxes are due to the date of payment.

History: *1957 c 80 s 4; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444*

168.65 INTERCITY BUS VIOLATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Unlawful acts.** It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of intercity buses to willfully violate any provision of sections 168.61 to 168.65 or to willfully furnish false information or reports to the registrar of motor vehicles which such registrar may require.

Subd. 2. **Appeal.** If after a public hearing, upon due notice, the registrar of motor vehicles determines that any owner or operator of intercity buses has violated any term or provisions of sections 168.61 to 168.65 or willfully furnished false information or reports, the registrar shall cancel all number plates and all special identification plates or certificates issued to the owner or operator of intercity buses. The intercity buses, during such calendar year, shall not operate upon the streets and highways of the state unless the owner's or operator's entire fleet of intercity buses is then registered in the state of Minnesota and the motor vehicle taxes paid on them for the full calendar year in which the offense occurs. Any determination by the registrar of motor vehicles is subject to appeal in accordance with chapter 14.

History: *1957 c 80 s 5; 1983 c 247 s 67*

168.66 Subdivision 1. MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.01, subdivision 1]

Subd. 2. [Renumbered subd 17]

Subd. 3. [Renumbered subd 20]

Subd. 4. [Renumbered subd 19]

Subd. 5. [Renumbered subd 16]

Subd. 6. [Renumbered subd 21]

Subd. 7. [Renumbered subd 18]

Subd. 8. [Renumbered subd 23]

Subd. 9. [Renumbered subd 14]

Subd. 10. [Renumbered subd 24]

Subd. 11. [Renumbered subd 15]

Subd. 12. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 3]

Subd. 13. [Renumbered subd 22]

Subd. 14. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 2]

Subd. 15. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 4]

Subd. 16. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 5]

Subd. 17. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 6]

Subd. 18. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 7]

Subd. 19. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 8]

Subd. 20. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 9]

Subd. 21. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 10]

Subd. 22. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 11]

Subd. 23. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 12]

Subd. 24. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 13]

Subd. 25. [Renumbered 53C.01, subd 14]

168.67 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.02]

168.68 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.03]

168.69 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.04]

168.70 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.05]

168.705 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.06]

168.706 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.07]

168.71 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.08]

168.72 Subdivision 1. MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.09, subdivision 1]

Subd. 1a. [Renumbered 53C.09, subd 2]

Subd. 2. MS 1984 [Repealed, 1980 c 451 s 2; 1984 c 655 art 1 s 81; 1985 c 107 s 3]

Subd. 3. MS 1982 [Repealed, 1980 c 599 s 10]

Subd. 4. [Renumbered 53C.09, subd 3]

Subd. 5. [Renumbered 53C.09, subd 4]

168.73 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.10]

168.74 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.11]

168.75 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.12]

168.76 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.13]

168.77 MS 2004 [Renumbered 53C.14]

168.78 [Renumbered 168.277]

168.81 [Renumbered 299C.215]

168.82 [Renumbered 168.094]

168.83 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1973 c 645 s 1]

168.831 MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

168.832 MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

168.833 MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

168.834 MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

168.835 MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

168.836 MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

168.837 MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 108]

RENTAL TRUCKS AND TRAILERS

168.841 DEFINITION OF RENTAL TRUCK.

As used in sections 168.841 to 168.846, "rental truck" means a truck or truck-tractor and "rental trailer" means a trailer or semitrailer as these terms are defined in section 168.002, which is one of a fleet of two or more such vehicles owned and operated for hire for periods of 30 days or less both within and without the state of Minnesota, which are clearly identified as belonging to a particular owner, and which are not otherwise required to be registered in the state.

History: *1971 c 49 s 1*

168.842 REGISTRATION AND TAXATION OF RENTAL TRUCK.

An owner of rental trucks shall annually register a percentage of the owner's rental trucks in Minnesota. The number of rental trucks required to be registered in the state shall be determined by dividing the total number of miles traveled within the state during the next preceding calendar year by all rental trucks owned by an owner by the total number of miles traveled both within and without the state during the next preceding calendar year by all rental trucks owned by that owner and applying the percentage figure thus arrived at to the total number of rental trucks owned by that owner. The number of rental trucks thus determined shall be the number of rental trucks deemed to be domiciled within the state and subject to registration and taxation in a calendar year.

History: *1971 c 49 s 2; 1986 c 444*

168.843 REGISTRATION AND TAXATION OF RENTAL TRAILER.

An owner or operator of rental trailers shall annually register a percentage of the rental trailers of that owner or operator in Minnesota. The number of rental trailers required to be registered in Minnesota shall be a number equal to the average number of rental trailers operated in and through the state during the preceding calendar year. The number of rental trailers thus determined shall be the number of rental trailers deemed to be domiciled within the state and subject to registration and taxation in a calendar year.

History: *1971 c 49 s 3; 1986 c 444*

168.844 OTHER FLEET RENTAL VEHICLES.

Upon registration of the number of rental trucks or rental trailers required by sections 168.841 to 168.846 to be registered in this state and upon payment of all registration fees, all rental trucks or rental trailers owned by an owner and identified as being a part of the owner's fleet and currently licensed in any state, territory, province, country or the District of Columbia shall be permitted to operate in this state in both interstate and intrastate commerce.

History: *1971 c 49 s 4; 1986 c 444*

168.845 RULES FOR RENTAL TRUCKS AND TRAILERS.

The registrar of motor vehicles shall administer sections 168.841 to 168.846 and may promulgate such rules pursuant to chapter 14 as may be required, including forms for the submission of required data as to rental trucks or rental trailers owned, miles traveled within and without the state, average number of rental trailers operated in and through the state and such other information as may be required for the enforcement of sections 168.841 to 168.846. The registrar may establish dates for the submission of required forms and reports and may, for good cause shown, waive any deadline established.

History: *1971 c 49 s 5; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1985 c 248 s 70*

168.846 MISDEMEANOR VIOLATION OF RENTAL VEHICLE LAWS.

Any person who shall knowingly submit any false or incomplete information or report required by sections 168.841 to 168.846 or rule promulgated pursuant to sections 168.841 to 168.846 or who shall in any manner violate any provision of sections 168.841 to 168.846 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition the registrar may exercise the powers provided by section 168.17.

History: *1971 c 49 s 6; 1985 c 248 s 70*