1.2	Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:
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1.4	TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT
1.5	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.04, is amended to read:
1.6	169.04 LOCAL AUTHORITY.
1.7	(a) The provisions of this chapter shall not be deemed to do not prevent local authorities,
1.8	with respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction, and with the consent of the
1.9	commissioner, with respect to state trunk highways, within the corporate limits of a
1.10	municipality, or within the limits of a town in a county in this state now having or which
1.11	may hereafter have, a population of 500,000 or more, and a land area of not more than 600
1.12	square miles, and within the reasonable exercise of the police power from:
1.13	(1) regulating the standing or parking of vehicles;
1.14	(2) regulating traffic by means of police officers or traffic-control signals;
1.15	(3) regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblages on the highways;
1.16	(4) designating particular highways as one-way roadways and requiring that all vehicles,
1.17	except emergency vehicles, when on an emergency run, thereon be moved in one specific
1.18	direction;
1.19	(5) designating any highway as a through highway and requiring that all vehicles stop
1.20	before entering or crossing the same, or designating any intersection as a stop intersection,
1.21	and requiring all vehicles to stop at one or more entrances to such intersections;
1.22	(6) restricting the use of highways as authorized in sections 169.80 to 169.88; or

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- (b) No ordinance or regulation enacted under paragraph (a), clause (4), (5), or (6), shall be is effective until signs giving notice of such the local traffic regulations are posted upon and kept posted upon or at the entrance to the highway or part thereof affected as may be most appropriate.
- (c) No An ordinance or regulation enacted under paragraph (a), clause (3), or any other
 provision of law shall prohibit must not prohibit:
 - (1) the use of motorcycles or vehicles utilizing flashing red lights for the purpose of escorting funeral processions, oversize buildings, heavy equipment, parades or similar processions or assemblages on the highways; or
 - (2) the use of motorcycles or vehicles that are owned by the funeral home and that utilize flashing red lights for the purpose of escorting funeral processions.
 - Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.43, is amended to read:

169.43 SWINGING GATE ON TRUCK.

- (a) No A truck shall must not be operated on any highway with gate, loading rack, or partition carried in any manner on any part of the exterior of the truck, unless the top and bottom of such the gate, loading rack, or partition is securely attached to the truck, so as to prevent in a manner that prevents swinging or becoming loose.
- (b) No truck shall be driven or parked on any highway with tailgate or tailboard hanging down or projecting from the vehicle except while such vehicle is being loaded or unloaded, and except when a load on the tailboard renders impossible the closing of the tailboard.
- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.47, is amended to read:

169.47 UNSAFE EQUIPMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor; exceptions.** (a) It is unlawful and punishable as hereinafter a violation as provided under section 169.89, subdivision 1, for any person to drive or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person, or which does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with such lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required in this chapter, or which is equipped in any manner in violation of this chapter, or for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required under this chapter.

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(b) The provisions of this chapter with respect to equipment on vehicles do not apply to implements of husbandry, road machinery, or road rollers except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(c) For purposes of this section, a specialized vehicle resembling a low-slung trailer having a short bed or platform shall be deemed to be is an implement of husbandry when such the vehicle is used exclusively to transport implements of husbandry, provided, however, that no such vehicle shall operate. A person must not operate a vehicle under this paragraph on the highway before sunrise or after sunset unless proper lighting is affixed to the implement being drawn.

Sec. 4. [169.482] VEHICLE LIGHTS.

- Subdivision 1. Times for vehicle lights; general requirements. (a) Where the term "when vehicle lights are required," "when lighted lamps on vehicles are required," or a similar term is used in this chapter, the requirements apply during the following times:
- 3.14 (1) from sunset to sunrise;

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- 3.15 (2) in weather conditions that impair visibility, including but not limited to rain, snow,
 3.16 sleet, hail, smoke, and fog; and
- 3.17 (3) any other periods in which there is not sufficient light to render persons and vehicles 3.18 on the highway clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet ahead of the vehicle.
 - (b) Where the term "when vehicle lights are required," "when lighted lamps on vehicles are required," or a similar term is used in this chapter, the requirements include activating the relevant lamp or light so that it projects a visible light.
 - Subd. 2. Times for vehicle lights; pupil transportation. For a school bus engaged in pupil transportation, in addition to the periods specified under subdivision 1, vehicle lights including headlamps and taillamps are required from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset. During the period specified under this subdivision, the operator of a school bus must use the lower beam of a headlamp unless conditions warrant otherwise.
- 3.27 Subd. 3. **Headlamps.** (a) When vehicle lights are required:
- 3.28 (1) a motor vehicle must be operated with at least one headlamp on the front of the vehicle; and
- 3.30 (2) a commercial motor vehicle must be operated with at least two headlamps, including 3.31 at least one on each side of the front of the vehicle.

4.1	(b) A motorcycle must be operated with not more than four headlamps on the front of
4.2	the vehicle.
4.3	Subd. 4. Taillamps. When vehicle lights are required:
4.4	(1) a motor vehicle must be operated with at least one taillamp on the rear of the vehicle;
4.5	(2) a vehicle combination must be operated with at least one taillamp on the rear of the
4.6	last vehicle in the combination; and
4.7	(3) a commercial motor vehicle, other than a truck-tractor, manufactured or assembled
4.8	after January 1, 1960, must be operated with at least two taillamps mounted on the rear and
4.9	on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable.
4.10	Subd. 5. Lamps on other vehicles. (a) This subdivision does not apply to the operator
4.11	of a vehicle for which lights or lamp requirements are specifically established under this
4.12	chapter, including but not limited to a motor vehicle under subdivision 3 or 4 and a bicycle
4.13	under section 169.222, subdivision 6.
4.14	(b) When vehicle lights are required, a vehicle including but not limited to an
4.15	animal-drawn vehicle must be operated with:
4.16	(1) at least one lamp projecting a light to the front of the vehicle; and
4.17	(2) at least one lamp projecting a light to the rear of the vehicle.
4.18	(c) A reflector may be used instead of either lamp required under paragraph (b). The
4.19	reflector must meet the requirements under subdivision 7, paragraph (b), clause (2).
4.20	Subd. 6. Auxiliary lights. (a) A motor vehicle may be operated with one or more auxiliary
4.21	lights on the front of the vehicle only if:
4.22	(1) the highest-intensity portion of the beam of light is aimed:
4.23	(i) directly ahead of the vehicle or to the middle of the vehicle; and
4.24	(ii) to project below the typical eye level of an oncoming motor vehicle operator at a
4.25	distance of 100 feet directly to the front;
4.26	(2) the beam of light is not so bright as to impede the vision of an oncoming motor
4.27	vehicle operator; and
4.28	(3) the auxiliary light is mounted no more than 42 inches above the ground, except as
4.29	provided in paragraphs (b) and (c).
4.30	(b) A motor vehicle equipped with a snowplow blade on the front that obstructs the
4.31	headlamps required under subdivision 3 may be operated with no more than two auxiliary

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5.1	lights mounted above the height specified under paragraph (a), clause (3). Auxiliary lights
5.2	authorized under this paragraph must not be used when a snowplow blade is not mounted
5.3	on the vehicle.
5.4	(c) A motor vehicle may be operated with no more than two auxiliary lights mounted
5.5	above the height specified under paragraph (a), clause (3), if the auxiliary lights are
5.6	completely covered with an opaque material.
5.7	(d) For purposes of this subdivision, "auxiliary lights" includes but is not limited to
5.8	auxiliary low-beam headlamps, auxiliary driving lamps, spot lamps, and fog lamps.
5.9	Subd. 7. Reflectors. (a) A motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer sold as new on or after
5.10	January 1, 1960, must be operated with at least two reflectors.
5.11	(b) The reflectors under this subdivision must be:
5.12	(1) mounted as close as is practicable to the outermost edges of the vehicle at a height
5.13	of at least 20 inches and no more than 60 inches above the ground; and
5.14	(2) visible from a distance of 300 to 50 feet, or 500 to 50 feet for a commercial motor
5.15	vehicle, directly to the rear of the vehicle at night, as viewed by a motor vehicle that displays
5.16	lighted headlamps.
5.17	(c) The reflectors under this subdivision may be integrated into the taillamp or mounted
5.18	separately.
5.19	Subd. 8. Lower and upper beams. (a) The operator of a motor vehicle who is within
5.20	1,000 feet of an oncoming motor vehicle must use the lower beam of a headlamp. The lower
5.21	beam and any other lamp or light directed to the front of the vehicle must be aimed so that
5.22	the highest-intensity portion of the beam of light projects below the typical eye level of an
5.23	oncoming vehicle operator.
5.24	(b) Except when engaged in the act of overtaking and passing, the operator of a motor
5.25	vehicle who follows another vehicle within 200 feet to the rear must not use the upper beam
5.26	of a headlamp.
5.27	Subd. 9. Light standards and measurement. (a) When lighted, the beam of light from
5.28	a headlamp, lamp, or light that is required to be directed to the front of a vehicle under
5.29	subdivision 3 or 5 must:
5.30	(1) be aimed in a manner and have sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at
5.31	a safe distance in advance of the vehicle at night;

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(2) be aimed so that the highest-intensity portion is directly ahead of the vehicle or to
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(3) project a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet directly to the front
of the vehicle.
(b) When lighted, a taillamp, lamp, or light that is required to be directed to the rear of
a vehicle under subdivision 4 or 5 must project a red light visible from a distance of at least
500 feet directly to the rear of the vehicle.
(c) Unless explicitly provided otherwise, a condition or requirement that relates to
visibility and distance of a lighted lamp, a light, or a reflector for a vehicle is measured:
(1) on a straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions; and
(2) to the center of the lamp, light, or reflector.
Subd. 10. Certain violations; negligence. Notwithstanding section 169.96, a violation
of a vehicle lighting requirement under this chapter that occurs as a result of a condition
specified in subdivision 1, clause (2), is not negligence per se or prima facie evidence of
negligence.
Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.55, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
Subd. 2. Implement of husbandry. (a) At the times when lighted lamps on vehicles
When vehicle lights are required:
(1) every self-propelled implement of husbandry must be equipped with at least one
lamp displaying a white light to the front, and at least one lamp displaying a red light to the
rear;
(2) every self-propelled implement of husbandry must also display two red reflectors
visible to the rear;
(3) every combination of a self-propelled and towed implement of husbandry must be
equipped with at least one lamp mounted to indicate as nearly as practicable the extreme
left projection of the combination and displaying a white or amber light to the front and a
red or amber light to the rear of the self-propelled implement of husbandry; and
(4) the last unit of every combination of implements of husbandry must display two red
reflectors visible to the rear.
(b) An implement of husbandry is not subject to the requirements under section 169.482,
subdivisions 4 and 7, if the vehicle:

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7.1	(1) is towed by a motor vehicle at a speed of not more than 30 miles per hour;
7.2	(2) displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem; and
7.3	(3) complies with paragraph (a), clause (4).
7.4	(c) The reflectors under this subdivision must be of the type approved for use upon
7.5	commercial vehicles. The reflectors must be:
7.6	(1) mounted as close as practicable to the extreme edges of the implement of husbandry-
7.7	The reflectors must be; and
7.8	(2) reflex reflectors that are visible at night from all distances within 600 feet to 100 feet
7.9	when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps.
7.10	Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.57, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
7.11	Subdivision 1. Stoplights Stop lamps. (a) Any vehicle may be equipped and when
7.12	required under this chapter, shall be equipped with at least two stop lamps on the rear which
7.13	shall emit a red or yellow light and which shall be actuated upon application of the service
7.14	(foot) brake and which may, but need not be, incorporated with the tail lamps and which
7.15	shall be plainly visible and understandable from a distance of 100 feet to the rear during
7.16	normal sunlight and at night.
7.17	(a) A motor vehicle must be operated with at least one stop lamp on the rear.
7.18	(b) A stop lamp under this subdivision must:
7.19	(1) activate upon application of the service (foot) brake; and
7.20	(2) when activated, emit a red or yellow light that is visible from a distance of at least
7.21	100 feet directly to the rear of the vehicle in both normal sunlight and at night.
7.22	(c) A stop lamp under this subdivision may be integrated into the taillamp or mounted
7.23	separately.
7.24	(b) No person shall (d) A person must not sell or offer for sale or operate on the highways
7.25	any motor vehicle registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after January 1,
7.26	1960, unless it is equipped with (1) at least two stop lamps meeting the requirements of this
7.27	subdivision, except that, or (2) for a motorcycle, motor-driven eyele motorized bicycle, or
7.28	truck-tractor manufactured or assembled after said date shall be equipped with, at least one
7.29	stop lamp meeting the requirements of this subdivision.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.57, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Turn signal.** (a) Any vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this chapter shall be equipped, with a lamp or lamps or mechanical signal device of such color as may be approved by the commissioner of public safety and capable of clearly indicating any intention to turn either to the right or to the left and shall be visible and understandable during both daytime and nighttime from a distance of 100 feet both to the front and rear.

(a) When activated, a turn signal equipped to a vehicle must:

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- (1) be capable of clearly indicating an intention of the vehicle operator to turn either to the right or to the left; and
 - (2) emit a light that is visible from a distance of at least 100 feet directly to the front and to the rear of the vehicle in both normal sunlight and at night.
 - (b) It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any new motor vehicle, excepting motorcycles, motor scooters, and bicycles with motor attached, unless it is equipped with turn signals meeting the requirements of this chapter, except for a motorcycle or motorized bicycle.
 - Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.64, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 2. Colored light. (a) Unless otherwise authorized by the commissioner of public safety, no vehicle shall be equipped, nor shall any person drive A person must not operate or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device displaying a red light or any colored light other than those required or permitted in this chapter.
 - (b) A vehicle manufactured for use as an emergency vehicle may display and use colored lights that are not otherwise required or permitted in this chapter, provided that if the vehicle is owned and operated according to as provided under section 168.10, is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes, and is registered under section 168.10, subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1g, or 1h. A person may not activate the colored lights authorized under this paragraph on streets or highways except as part of a parade or other special event.
- 8.28 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.71, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 8.29 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions generally; exceptions** General visibility. (a) A person shall not drive or operate any motor vehicle with:
- 8.31 (1) a windshield cracked or discolored to an extent to limit or obstruct proper vision;

9.1	(2) any objects suspended between the driver and the windshield, other than:
9.2	(i) sun visors;
9.3	(ii) rearview mirrors;
9.4	(iii) driver feedback and safety monitoring equipment when mounted immediately behind
9.5	slightly above, or slightly below the rearview mirror;
9.6	(iv) global positioning systems or navigation systems when mounted or located near the
9.7	bottommost portion of the windshield;
9.8	(v) electronic toll collection devices; and
9.9	(vi) an identifying device as provided in section 169.58, subdivision 5, when the device
9.10	is mounted or located near the bottommost portion of the windshield; or
9.11	(3) any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield,
9.12	sidewings, or side or rear windows of the vehicle, other than a certificate or other paper
9.13	required to be so displayed by law or authorized by the state director of the Division of
9.14	Emergency Management or the commissioner of public safety.
9.15	(b) Paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3), do not apply to law enforcement vehicles.
9.16	(c) Paragraph (a), clause (2), does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles.
9.17	(a) A person must not operate a motor vehicle in which:
9.18	(1) the windshield is in an unsafe condition that poses a danger of injury to vehicle
9.19	occupants;
9.20	(2) the operator's clear view through the windshield or a front side window is substantially
9.21	impaired; or
9.22	(3) nontransparent material is affixed to a rear side window or rear window, except as
9.23	otherwise authorized by law.
9.24	(b) An operator's clear view may be substantially impaired under paragraph (a), clause
9.25	(2), due to conditions that include an affixed nontransparent material, a sizeable object
9.26	located between the operator and the windshield, heavy condensation or frost, or accumulated
9.27	and unmanaged snow.
9.28	(c) For purposes of this subdivision, substantially impaired includes but is not limited
9.29	to considerably impeded vision through the windshield due to an affixed nontransparent
9.30	material, a sizeable object located between the operator and the windshield, heavy
9.31	condensation or frost, or accumulated and unmanaged snow.

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Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.71, is amended by adding a subdivision to 10.1 read: 10.2 Subd. 2a. Windshield wiper. The operator of a motor vehicle equipped with a windshield 10.3 must use one or more operable windshield wipers during inclement weather conditions that 10.4 cause contact with the windshield such that it interferes with the operator's clear view through 10.5 the windshield. 10.6 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read: 10.7 Subd. 4. Glazing material; prohibitions. A person must not drive or operate any motor 10.8 vehicle required to be registered in the state of Minnesota upon any street or highway under 10.9 the following conditions if: 10.10 (1) when the windshield is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material which 10.11 has the effect of making the windshield more reflective or in any other way reducing light 10.12 transmittance through the windshield; 10.13 10.14 (2) when any window on the vehicle is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material that has a highly reflective or mirrored appearance; or 10.15 (3) when any side window or rear window on either side of the driver's seat is composed 10.16 of or treated with any material so as to obstruct that: 10.17 (i) obstructs or substantially reduce reduces the driver's clear view through the window 10.18 10.19 or; (ii) has a light transmittance of less than 50 percent plus or minus three percent in the 10.20 visible light range; or 10.21 (iii) has a luminous reflectance of more than 20 percent plus or minus three percent; or. 10.22 (4) when any material has been applied after August 1, 1985, to any motor vehicle 10.23 window without an accompanying permanent marking which indicates the percent of 10.24 transmittance and the percent of reflectance afforded by the material. The marking must be 10.25 in a manner so as not to obscure vision and be readable when installed on the vehicle. 10.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.71, subdivision 4a, is amended to read: 10.27 Subd. 4a. Glazing material; exceptions. (a) Subdivision 4 does not apply to glazing 10.28 materials that: 10.29

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11.1	(1) have not been modified since the original installation, nor to original replacement
11.2	windows and windshields, that were originally installed or replaced in conformity with
11.3	Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 205; or
11.4	(2) are required to satisfy prescription or medical needs, provided:
11.5	(i) the vehicle's driver or a passenger possesses a prescription or a physician's statement
11.6	of medical need;
11.7	(ii) the prescription or statement specifically states the minimum percentage that light
11.8	transmittance may be reduced to satisfy the prescription or medical needs of the patient;
11.9	and
11.10	(iii) the prescription or statement contains an expiration date, which must be no more
11.11	than two years after the date the prescription or statement was issued; or.
11.12	(3) (b) The requirements under subdivision 4, clause (3), do not apply to glazing materials
11.13	that are applied to:
11.14	(i) the rear windows of a pickup truck as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 26;
11.15	(ii) the rear windows or the side windows on either side behind the driver's seat of a van
11.16	as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 40;
11.17	(iii) the side and rear windows of:
11.18	(1) a vehicle used to transport human remains by a funeral establishment holding a
11.19	license under section 149A.50;
11.20	(iv) the side and rear windows of (2) a limousine as defined in section 168.002,
11.21	subdivision 15; or
11.22	(v) the rear and side windows of (3) a police vehicle.
11.23	(b) (c) For the purposes of paragraph (a), clause (2), a driver of a vehicle may rely on a
11.24	prescription or physician's statement of medical need issued to a person not present in the
11.25	vehicle if:
11.26	(1) the prescription or physician's statement of medical need is issued to (i) the driver's
11.27	parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or spouse, or (ii) a person for whom the
11.28	driver is a personal care attendant;
11.29	(2) the prescription or physician's statement of medical need specifies the make, model,
11.30	and license plate of one or two vehicles that will have tinted windows; and

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12.1 (3) the driver is in possession of the prescription or physician's statement of medical need.

- Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.862, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Additional restrictions.** (a) Permits issued under this section are governed by the applicable provisions of section 169.86 except as otherwise provided herein and, in addition, carry the following restrictions: in this subdivision.
 - (a) The vehicles may not be operated between sunset and sunrise, when visibility is impaired by weather, fog, or other conditions rendering persons and vehicles not clearly visible at a distance of 500 feet, or on Sunday from noon until sunset, or on the days the following holidays are observed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
- 12.12 (b) The vehicles may not be operated on a trunk highway with a pavement less than 24
 12.13 feet wide.
- 12.14 (c) A vehicle operated under the permit must be equipped with a retractable or removable
 12.15 mirror on the left side so located that it will reflect to the driver a clear view of the highway
 12.16 for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.
- 12.17 (d) A vehicle operated under the permit must display red, orange, or yellow flags, 18
 12.18 inches square, as markers at the front and rear and on both sides of the load. The load must
 12.19 be securely bound to the transporting vehicle.
- (e) Farm vehicles not for hire carrying baled hay, straw, or cornstalks less than 20 miles are exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit. All other requirements of this section apply to vehicles transporting baled hay, straw, or cornstalks.

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- 12.24 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 169.48; 169.49; 169.50, subdivisions 1 and 3; 12.25 169.55, subdivision 1; 169.56; 169.61; 169.63; and 169.71, subdivisions 2 and 3, are repealed.
- (b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 169.219; 169.50, subdivision 2; 169.57, subdivision
- 12.27 <u>3; 169.59, subdivisions 1 and 2; 169.65; 169.66; 169.69; 169.693; 169.974, subdivision 7;</u>
- and 169.98, subdivision 5, are repealed.

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND PLATES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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, and the motor vehicle registration tax and all other 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.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- Subd. 7. **Display of temporary permit.** (a) A vehicle that displays a Minnesota plate issued under this chapter may display a temporary permit 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
- 13.20 (2) the plate has special plates have been applied for.
 - (b) A vehicle may display a temporary permit in conjunction with expired registration, with or without a registration plate, if:
- 13.23 (1) the plates have been applied for;
- 13.24 (2) the registration tax and other fees and taxes have been paid in full; and
- (3) either the vehicle is used solely as a collector vehicle while displaying the temporary permit and not used for general transportation purposes or the vehicle was issued a 21-day permit under section 168.092, subdivision 1.
 - (e) (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.

- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Plates; design, visibility, periods of issuance.** (a) The commissioner, upon approval and payment, shall <u>must</u> 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 <u>number license</u> 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 shall must issue plates for the following periods:
- 14.23 (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 shall not be

 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.
- 14.30 (3) Plates issued under sections 168.053 and 168.27, subdivisions 16 and 17, must be
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(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 shall 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 registration period for which the sticker is plates are 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 shall must notify the commissioner of each transfer of plates under this paragraph. The commissioner may prescribe a format for notification.
- 15.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.79, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
 - Subdivision 1. Registration Plates required. No person shall operate, drive, or park a motor vehicle on any highway unless the vehicle is registered in accordance with the laws of this state and has the number plates or permit confirming that valid registration or operating authority has been obtained, except as provided in sections 168.10 and 168.12, subdivision 2f, as assigned to it by the commissioner of public safety, conspicuously displayed thereon in a manner that the view of any plate or permit is not obstructed.
 - (a) A person must not operate or park a motor vehicle, or use a trailer, on a highway unless the vehicle displays the license plates issued by the commissioner of public safety or as otherwise provided under sections 168.10 and 168.12, subdivision 2f. A person may operate the vehicle without plates if a permit is displayed as provided under section 168.09, subdivision 7, 168.091, or 168.092.
 - (b) A plate issued under section 168.27 or a permit issued under chapter 168 may be displayed on a vehicle in conjunction with that has expired registration, whether or not it the vehicle displays the license plate to which issued in conjunction with the last registration was issued.

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16.1	(c) Unless specifically established otherwise, a validation sticker that indicates the date
16.2	of expiration of vehicle registration is not required to be affixed or displayed on a license
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16.4	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.79, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
16.5	Subd. 7. Plate fastened and visible. All plates (a) A license plate must be:
16.6	(1) securely fastened so as to prevent them from swinging;
16.7	(2) displayed horizontally, or as provided under subdivision 3, with the identifying
16.8	numbers and letters facing outward from the vehicle, and;
16.9	(3) mounted in the upright position; and
16.10	(4) conspicuously displayed in a manner so that view of the plate is not obstructed.
16.11	(b) The person driving the operator of a motor vehicle shall must keep the a license plate
16.12	legible and unobstructed and free from grease, dust, or other blurring material so that the
16.13	lettering is plainly visible at all times. It is unlawful to cover any assigned letters and numbers
16.14	or the name of the state of origin of a license plate with any material whatever, including
16.15	any clear or colorless material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity.
16.16	Sec. 6. <u>REPEALER.</u>
16.17	Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168.37, subdivision 3; and 169.79, subdivision 8, are
16.18	repealed.
16.19	ARTICLE 3
16.20	TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; CONFORMING CHANGES
16.21	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.045, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:
16.22	Subd. 7a. Required equipment on mini trucks. Notwithstanding sections 169.48
16.23	169.482 to 169.68, or any other law, a mini truck may be operated under permit on designated
16.24	roadways if it is equipped with:
16.25	(1) at least two headlamps;
16.26	(2) at least two taillamps;
16.27	(3) front and rear turn-signal lamps;
16.28	(4) an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either (i) an exterior
16.29	mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or (ii) an interior mirror;

- 17.1 (5) a windshield;
- 17.2 (6) a seat belt for the driver and front passenger; and
- 17.3 (7) a parking brake.

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- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.19, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 7. **Signaling methods.** The signals herein required shall under this section must be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal lamp or signal device of a type approved by the commissioner of public safety, but when the appropriate stop lamp or turn signal as provided under section 169.57. When a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand and arm signal would not be visible in normal sunlight, and at night both to the front and rear of such the vehicle, then the signals must be given by such a lamp or device the stop lamp or turn signal.
- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.222, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 6. **Bicycle equipment.** (a) No person shall operate a bicycle at nighttime unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with (1) a lamp which emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front; and (2) a red reflector of a type approved by the Department of Public Safety which is visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A bicycle equipped with lamps that are visible from a distance of at least 500 feet from both the front and the rear is deemed to fully comply with this paragraph.
 - (b) No person may operate a bicycle at any time when there is not sufficient light to render persons and vehicles on the highway clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet ahead unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective surfaces shall include reflective materials on each side of each pedal to indicate their presence from the front or the rear and with a minimum of 20 square inches of reflective material on each side of the bicycle or its operator. Any bicycle equipped with side reflectors as required by regulations for new bicycles prescribed by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission shall be considered to meet the requirements for side reflectorization contained in this subdivision.
 - (c) A bicycle may be equipped with a front lamp that emits a white flashing signal, or a rear lamp that emits a red flashing signal, or both.

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(d) A bicycle may be equipped with tires having studs, spikes, or other protuberances designed to increase traction.

- (e) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a rear brake or front and rear brakes which will enable the operator to make a braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement. A bicycle equipped with a direct or fixed gear that can make the rear wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement shall be deemed to fully comply with this paragraph.
- (f) A bicycle may be equipped with a horn or bell designed to alert motor vehicles, other bicycles, and pedestrians of the bicycle's presence.
- (g) No person shall operate upon a highway any two-wheeled bicycle equipped with handlebars so raised that the operator must elevate the hands above the level of the shoulders in order to grasp the normal steering grip area.
- (h) No person shall operate upon a highway any bicycle which is of such a size as to prevent the operator from stopping the bicycle, supporting it with at least one foot on the highway surface and restarting in a safe manner.
- 18.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.225, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- Subd. 5. **Required lighting equipment.** When vehicle lights are required as provided under section 169.482, subdivision 1, a motorized foot scooter must be equipped operated with a headlight and a taillight that comply with standards established by the commissioner of public safety if the vehicle is operated under conditions when vehicle lights are required by law.
- Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.541, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
 - Subdivision 1. **Exemption.** Sections 84.87, 84.928, 86B.511, and 169.48 to 169.65 169.482 to 169.64, relating to lighting of vehicles and watercraft, do not apply to a licensed peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), while operating a motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased, or otherwise the property of the state or a political subdivision, in the performance of the officer's law enforcement duties if the officer's conduct is reasonable and is consistent with the standards adopted under subdivision 2, and if the officer reasonably believes that operating the vehicle without lights is necessary under the circumstances to investigate a criminal violation or suspected criminal violation of state laws, rules, or orders or local laws, ordinances, or regulations.

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Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.58, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Animal-drawn vehicles.** (a) An animal-drawn vehicle must be equipped with an identification lamp or lamps that indicate the vehicle's presence and are visible from a distance of at least 500 feet from both the front and the rear. The lighting requirement under this subdivision may be met using a lamp powered by energy generated from the vehicle's movement.

- (b) This subdivision does not apply to an animal-drawn vehicle that: (1) operates exclusively between the hours of sunrise and sunset and never during periods of reduced visibility, inclement weather, or insufficient light when vehicle lights are required as provided under section 169.482, subdivision 1; or (2) never operates on a public roadway.
- Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.59, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4. Flashing warning hazard light. Any vehicle may be equipped with (a) The operator of a vehicle may use lamps which may be used for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing, and when so equipped may display such. A lamp authorized under this subdivision may display a warning in addition to any other warning signals required by provided under this section or section 169.50, subdivision 1 or 3 169.482, subdivision 4, 6, or 7; 169.56, subdivision 1, 2, 3, or 4; 169.57, subdivision 1; or 169.64, subdivision 3.
- (b) The lamps used to display such warnings a warning to the front shall must be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and shall must display simultaneous flashing white or amber lights, or any shade of color between white and amber. The lamps used to display such warnings a warning to the rear shall must be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and shall must show simultaneously flashing amber or red lights, or any shade of color between amber and red. Instead of a pair of lamps that flash simultaneously, either one or two strobe lights or rotating beacon lights with an amber or yellow lens may be used both to the front and rear of the vehicle. These warning lights shall must be visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night.

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Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.62, is amended to read:

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- (a) Headlamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light not supplemented by auxiliary driving lamps shall be lights are permitted on motor vehicles manufactured and sold prior to January 1, 1938, in lieu of multiple-beam road-lighting equipment herein specified if the single distribution of light complies with the following requirements and limitations: under this section.
- (a) (b) The headlamps shall must be so aimed that when the vehicle is fully loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the lamp beam rises above a horizontal plane passing through the headlamp centers parallel to the level surface upon which the vehicle stands, and in no case higher than 42 inches above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of 75 and more feet ahead.
- 20.13 (b) (c) The intensity shall must be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 200 feet.
- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.64, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Bright light.** Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle, other than a headlamp, a spot lamp, or an auxiliary driving lamp as provided under section 169.482, subdivisions 3, 5, and 6, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300-candle power, shall must be so directed that no part of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than 75 feet from the vehicle.
- Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.64, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4a. **White light.** (a) It is unlawful to project a white light at the rear of a vehicle while traveling on any street or highway, except:
- 20.25 (1) for a vehicle moving in reverse;
- 20.26 (2) for a school bus equipped with a supplemental warning system under section 20.27 169.4503, subdivision 31;
- 20.28 (3) for a strobe lamp as provided under subdivision 8;
- 20.29 (4) as required for license plate illumination under section 169.50, subdivision 2;
- 20.30 (5) as provided in section 169.59, subdivision 4; and

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- (b) A lighting device mounted on top of a vehicle engaged in deliveries to residences may project a white light to the rear if the sign projects one or more additional colors to the rear.
- 21.5 (c) An authorized emergency vehicle may display an oscillating, alternating, or rotating
 21.6 white light used in connection with an oscillating, alternating, or rotating red light when
 21.7 responding to emergency calls.
- Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.64, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- Subd. 6. **Flashing amber light.** (a) Any service vehicle may be equipped with a flashing amber lamp of a type approved by the commissioner of public safety.
 - (b) The operator of a service vehicle shall must not display the lighted lamp authorized under paragraph (a) when traveling upon the highway or at any other time except at the scene of a disabled vehicle or while engaged in snow removal or road maintenance.
- 21.14 (c) The operator of a self-propelled implement of husbandry may display the lighted
 21.15 lamp authorized under paragraph (a) at any time.
- Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.64, subdivision 10, is amended to read:
- Subd. 10. **Cover for lamp or reflector.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), it is prohibited for any person to:
- 21.19 (1) equip a motor vehicle with any equipment or material that covers a headlamp, tail
 21.20 lamp taillamp, or reflector that is required under this chapter; or
- (2) operate a motor vehicle fitted with or otherwise having equipment or material that covers a headlamp, tail lamp taillamp, or reflector that is required under this chapter.
- 21.23 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to:
- 21.24 (1) any manufacturer's original equipment or material;
- 21.25 (2) any equipment or material that is clear and colorless; or
- 21.26 (3) the covering for auxiliary lights required under section 169.56 169.482, subdivision 21.27 6.

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22.1	Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.999, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
22.2	Subdivision 1. Authority. (a) Except for peace officers employed by the state patrol,
22.3	prior to a peace officer issuing an administrative citation under this section, the governing
22.4	body for the local unit of government that employs the peace officer must pass a resolution
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22.6	(1) authorizes issuance of administrative citations;
22.7	(2) obligates the local unit of government to provide a neutral third party to hear and
22.8	rule on challenges to administrative citations; and
22.9	(3) bars peace officers from issuing administrative citations in violation of this section.
22.10	(b) A peace officer may issue an administrative citation to a vehicle operator who:
22.11	(1) violates section 169.14, and the violation consists of a speed under ten miles per
22.12	hour in excess of the lawful speed limit;
22.13	(2) fails to obey a stop line in violation of section 169.30; or
22.14	(3) operates a vehicle that is in violation of sections 169.46 to 169.68 and 169.69 169.70
22.15	to 169.75.
22.16	(c) The authority to issue an administrative citation is exclusively limited to those offenses
22.17	listed in this subdivision.
22.18	(d) A peace officer who issues an administrative citation for the infraction of speeding
22.19	under ten miles per hour over the speed limit must use the actual speed a violator's vehicle
22.20	was traveling at the time of the infraction and may not reduce the recorded speed for purposes
22.21	of qualifying the offense for an administrative citation. An administrative citation issued
22.22	for speeding must list the actual speed the vehicle was traveling at the time of the infraction.
22.23	(e) A local unit of government shall notify the commissioner of public safety after it
22.24	passes a resolution described in paragraph (a).
22.25	ARTICLE 4
22.26	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION; CONFORMING CHANGES
22.20	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, CONTORMING CHANGES
22.27	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.012, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:
22.28	Subd. 1c. Payment of administrative, plate, and filing fee. The annual administrative
22.29	fee for a tax-exempt vehicle under this section is \$5. The license plate fee for a tax-exempt
22.30	vehicle, except a trailer, is \$10 for two plates per vehicle, payable only on the first tax-exempt
22.31	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.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 168.012, subdivision 13, is amended to read:
- 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:
- 23.9 (1) registration taxes under this chapter;
- 23.10 (2) administrative fees imposed under subdivision 1c;
- 23.11 (3) filing fees and surcharges imposed under section 168.33, subdivision 7; or
- 23.12 (4) plate and validation sticker fees imposed under this chapter, including but not limited
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- 23.14 (i) fees under section 168.12, subdivision 5;
- 23.15 (ii) fees identified in any section authorizing special plates; and
- 23.16 (iii) transfer fees.
- 23.17 (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:
- 23.20 (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
- 23.22 a contribution under sections 168.1255, subdivision 1, clause (6); 168.1258, subdivision 1,
- 23.23 clause (4); 168.1259, subdivision 2, clause (5); 168.1287, subdivision 1, clause (5); 168.129,
- 23.24 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).
- 23.26 (d) A qualifying veteran may register no more than two motor vehicles at the same time 23.27 with the exemptions under this subdivision. Nothing in this paragraph prevents registration 23.28 of additional motor vehicles as otherwise provided in this chapter.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.0135, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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;
- 24.9 (2) collect the appropriate annual contribution for a special license plate;
- 24.10 (3) process requests for duplicate license plates, except that the self-service kiosk must 24.11 not process any request for a special plate that requires documentation to prove eligibility 24.12 to receive that type of plate; and
- 24.13 (4) dispense license plate registration renewal stickers to the applicant at the time of the application; and
- 24.15 (5) display the contact phone number and email address of the deputy registrar's office that is responsible for the self-service kiosk.
- 24.17 (b) This section only applies to deputy registrars appointed pursuant to section 168.33, subdivision 2.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 168.017, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 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.
- 24.26 (b) In order to obtain an extension under this subdivision a lessee must:
- 24.27 (1) apply to the registrar on a form the registrar prescribes;
- 24.28 (2) submit to the registrar a copy of the lease;
- 24.29 (3) pay an administrative fee of \$5; and
- 24.30 (4) pay a tax of 1/12 of the tax for the registration period being extended for each month of the extension.

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(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 month of expiration.

- (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.
- Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.12, subdivision 2f, is amended to read:
 - 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 <u>must</u> 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.
- 25.31 (f) The commissioner may charge a fee for receiving an application and assigning original plate numbers.

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Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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:

26.14	License Plate	Single]	Double
26.15	Regular and Disability	\$ 13.50	\$	15.50
26.16	Special	\$ 13.50	\$	15.50
26.17	Personalized (Replacement)	\$ 13.50	\$	15.50
26.18	Collector Category	\$ 13.50	\$	15.50
26.19	Emergency Vehicle Display	\$ 3.00	\$	6.00
26.20	Utility Trailer Self-Adhesive	\$ 2.50		
26.21	Vertical Motorcycle Plate	\$ 100.00		NA
26.22	Replacement Dealer Plates	\$ 5.25		
26.23	Replacement Tax Exempt Plates	\$ 5.25		
26.24	Stickers			
26.25	Duplicate year	\$ 1.50	\$	1.50
26.26	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.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.123, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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:

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(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.
- Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.124, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. **No fee.** The commissioner shall must 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.
- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.125, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:
- Subd. 1b. **No fee.** The commissioner shall <u>must</u> issue a set of EX-POW plates, or a single plate for a motorcycle, to qualified applicants, free of charge, and shall <u>must</u> 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.

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Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.127, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Renewal of fleet registration. On the renewal of a fleet registration the registrant shall 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 registrar 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 shall must submit a sworn statement stating the circumstances for the inability to surrender the card, stickers, and license plates. The commissioner shall must assess a penalty of 20 percent of the total tax due on the fleet against the 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. The penalty must be paid within 30 days after it is assessed.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.15, is amended to read:

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 <u>must</u> assign the registration tax paid to the credit of the transferee unless the <u>registration stickers</u> <u>license plates</u> 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 <u>must</u> 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 must 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 must, within ten days after the

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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.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.16, is amended to read:

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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 must 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 license plates 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
- 29.25 (2) sold to the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state.
- 29.26 (e) The refund must be equal to the sum of the remaining registration tax attributable 29.27 for the registration period after the month in which the plates and certificate of registration 29.28 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.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 168.187, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

- Subd. 12. **Registration of proratable vehicles.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall must 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 must be issued for each vehicle registered, which shall that appropriately identifies the vehicle for which it is issued. Such The registration card shall must 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 are 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 a vehicle must not be operated in this state unless the owner or operator thereof has been granted authority or rights therefore by the state and unless said the vehicle is being operated in conformity with such authority or rights. No registration under this section shall excuse excuses the owner or operator of any vehicle from compliance with the laws of this state, except those requiring registration and licensing.
- Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.27, subdivision 28, is amended to read:
- Subd. 28. **Distribution of plates and stickers.** (a) The commissioner may distribute registration license plates and stickers to be held and issued by new and used motor vehicle dealers. A dealer may issue registration license plates and stickers only in conjunction with the sale of a vehicle by the dealer.
- (b) A dealer permitted to hold and issue <u>registration license</u> plates <u>and stickers</u> must be equipped with electronic transmission technology and trained in its use. Before receiving <u>registration license</u> plates <u>and stickers</u> under this subdivision, a dealer must adopt and implement security and record-keeping requirements satisfactory to the commissioner.
- (c) The commissioner may revoke the authority granted under this subdivision for any violation of law or rule governing the issuance of registration license 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.

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Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 168.29, is amended to read:

168.29 REPLACEMENT PLATES.

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- (a) In the event of the defacement, loss, or destruction of any number license plates or validation stickers, the registrar, 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, shall must issue a new set of plates or stickers.
- (b) The registrar shall then <u>must</u> note on the registrar's records the issue of new <u>number</u> <u>license</u> plates and <u>shall must</u> proceed in such manner as the registrar may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates so as to insure against their use on another motor vehicle.
- (c) 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 paid into the state treasury and credited to the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705, subdivision 1.
- Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
 - 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.
- 31.30 (d) When the applicant elects to pay the administrative fee, the registrar shall issue to
 31.31 the applicant validation stickers indicating the expiration date of a registration. When the
 31.32 applicant elects to furnish a bond, bank letter, or letter of deposit, the registrar shall issue
 31.33 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.

- Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 168.381, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 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.
- Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168B.035, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. **Towing prohibited.** (a) A towing authority may not tow a motor vehicle because:
- 32.28 (1) the vehicle has expired registration tabs that have has been expired for less than 90 days; or
- 32.30 (2) the vehicle is at a parking meter on which the time has expired and the vehicle has
 32.31 fewer than five unpaid parking tickets.
- 32.32 (b) A towing authority may tow a motor vehicle, notwithstanding paragraph (a), if:

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- 33.1 (1) the vehicle is parked in violation of snow emergency regulations;
- 33.2 (2) the vehicle is parked in a rush-hour restricted parking area;
- 33.3 (3) the vehicle is blocking a driveway, alley, or fire hydrant;
- 33.4 (4) the vehicle is parked in a bus lane, or at a bus stop, during hours when parking is prohibited;
- 33.6 (5) the vehicle is parked within 30 feet of a stop sign and visually blocking the stop sign;
- 33.7 (6) the vehicle is parked in a disability transfer zone or disability parking space without 33.8 a disability parking certificate or disability license plates;
- (7) the vehicle is parked in an area that has been posted for temporary restricted parking in all least 12 hours in advance in a home rule charter or statutory city having a population under 50,000, or (ii) at least 24 hours in advance in another political subdivision;
- 33.12 (8) the vehicle is parked within the right-of-way of a controlled-access highway or within the traveled portion of a public street when travel is allowed there;
- 33.14 (9) the vehicle is unlawfully parked in a zone that is restricted by posted signs to use by 33.15 fire, police, public safety, or emergency vehicles;
- 33.16 (10) the vehicle is unlawfully parked on property at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International
 33.17 Airport owned by the Metropolitan Airports Commission;
- 33.18 (11) a law enforcement official has probable cause to believe that the vehicle is stolen, 33.19 or that the vehicle constitutes or contains evidence of a crime and impoundment is reasonably 33.20 necessary to obtain or preserve the evidence;
- 33.21 (12) the driver, operator, or person in physical control of the vehicle is taken into custody 33.22 and the vehicle is impounded for safekeeping;
- 33.23 (13) a law enforcement official has probable cause to believe that the owner, operator, 33.24 or person in physical control of the vehicle has failed to respond to five or more citations 33.25 for parking or traffic offenses;
- 33.26 (14) the vehicle is unlawfully parked in a zone that is restricted by posted signs to use 33.27 by taxicabs;
- 33.28 (15) the vehicle is unlawfully parked and prevents egress by a lawfully parked vehicle;
- 33.29 (16) the vehicle is parked, on a school day during prohibited hours, in a school zone on 33.30 a public street where official signs prohibit parking; or

34.1 (17) the vehicle is a junk, abandoned, or unauthorized vehicle, as defined in section

34.2 168B.011, and subject to immediate removal under this chapter."

34.3 Amend the title accordingly