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Overview

This act contains transportation-related “unsession” provisions for the Department of Public Safety, as well as provisions on recording speeding violations and special permits for mini trucks.

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- 1 Disability plates; application.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- 2 Towing violation a misdemeanor; exceptions.** Makes a conforming change.
- 3 Collector’s vehicle, classic car plate.** Permits the Department of Public Safety to use national standards, instead of a list in statute, in determining which vehicles can be registered as a collector’s vehicle.
- 4 Plates; design, visibility, periods of issuance.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- 5 Amateur radio license; special plates, rules.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- 6 Firefighters; special plates, rules.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- 7 National Guard; special plates, rules.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- 8 Ready Reserve; special plates, rules.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that

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- 9 Volunteer ambulance attendants; special plates.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- 10 General requirements; fees.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
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- 12 Issuance and design.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
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- 14 Definitions.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
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- 18 Appropriation; special account.** Eliminates a legislative report on use of funds from a child passenger restraint and education account, which is replaced with a directive to provide such information on request.
- 19 Definitions.** Makes a conforming change.
- 20 Effective date.** Extends a July 31, 2014, sunset by one year, on authority for local units of government to issue special permits that allow operation of mini trucks on roads under their jurisdiction.
- 21 Repealer.** Repeals:
- § 168.0422 – authority for officers to stop a vehicle bearing special registration “whiskey” plates (which was found unconstitutional)
 - § 168.055 – requirements on safety chains and vehicle speeds when towing
 - § 168A.20, subd. 1a – mandate for some lienholders to hold onto a vehicle title until the loan is paid off
 - § 169.11 – directive to revoke a driver’s license on conviction of criminal negligence in operating a vehicle resulting in death

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- ▶ § 169.36 – requirement to set the parking brake and turn the wheel when parking
- ▶ § 169.39 – prohibitions on coasting in neutral
- ▶ § 169.725 – authority for officer to stop and inspect a vehicle for tire safety
- ▶ § 169.743 – requirements on vehicle bug deflectors
- ▶ § 169.754 – authority for local units of government to use funds for first aid equipment in patrol vehicles
- ▶ § 169.78 – authority for municipal inspection stations
- ▶ § 169.7961 – provisions on discontinuance of a previously repealed insurance coverage sampling program
- ▶ § 169.983 – requirement on offering credit payment of speeding citations for out-of-state drivers and associated rulemaking
- ▶ § 169A.60, subd. 18 – conforming change for repeal of § 168.0422
- ▶ § 171.28 – name for driver’s license statutes
- ▶ § 299D.02 – transfer of powers and duties to the Commissioner of Public Safety
- ▶ § 299D.04 – authority for the Department of Public Safety to participate in a nationwide police communication system
- ▶ § 299D.05 – authority on a radio repeater station in Wisconsin
- ▶ § 609B.202 – conforming change for repeal of § 169.11
- ▶ Minn. Rules, Part 7409.4700, subp. 2 – provision on driver improvement agreements

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