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This bill clarifies that Department of Natural Resources (DNR) vehicles for use by DNR conservation officers can be unmarked when registered as tax-exempt. It repeals a statutory provision requiring display of the department's name on both sides of the vehicle, which potentially contradicts a separate provision in statute that overrides such marking requirements for vehicles used by conservation officers.

Under current law, a variety of vehicles are exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax (including those owned by federal and state agencies, political subdivisions, educational institutions, and some nonprofits). Apart from specific exceptions in law for unmarked vehicles, a vehicle that is registered as tax-exempt must bear special tax-exempt license plates and plainly display the name of organization on both of its sides. Minn. Stat. § 168.012, subd. 1 (j). Unmarked vehicles must display regular license plates instead of the tax-exempt plate.