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# Bill Summary

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## Overview

This bill 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.

### **Section**

- **Disability plates; application.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- **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).
- **Amateur radio license; special plates, rules.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- **Firefighters; special plates, rules.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- National Guard; special plates, rules. Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).

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**Ready Reserve; special plates, rules.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).

- **Volunteer ambulance attendants; special plates.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
- **General requirements; fees.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
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- **Issuance and design.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapter-wide).
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- **Definitions.** Removes unnecessary cross references (for terms that are defined chapterwide).
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- **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.
- **Definitions.** Makes a conforming change.
- **Certain convictions not recorded.** Extends the sunset date on a provision that prevents some speeding violations from appearing on a driver's record, so that until August 1, 2015, a violation of up to ten miles per hour over the limit in a 60 m.p.h. zone is not recorded (at which time only violations of up to five miles per hour over the limit are not recorded).
- **Effective date.** Eliminates a July 31, 2014, sunset on authority for local units of government to issue special permits that allow operation of mini trucks on roads under their jurisdiction.
- **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

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▶ § 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
- § 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 outof-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