

in congress, and representative in congress in the same manner as provided in sections 207.03 to 207.151 for any person eligible to vote who is absent from his precinct on election day.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 208.21, 208.22, 208.23, 208.24, 208.25, 208.26, 208.27, 208.28, 208.29, 208.30, 208.31, 208.32, 208.33, 208.34, and 208.35; and Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 203A.12, Subdivision 4, are repealed.

Approved April 9, 1976.

CHAPTER 225—S.F.No.2151

An act relating to motor vehicles; registration and taxation; exempting certain vehicles from license fees; waiving the penalty for certain vehicles in storage; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.31, Subdivision 3; and Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 168.012, Subdivision 2b.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 168.012, Subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

Subd. 2b. **MOTOR VEHICLES; REGISTRATION AND TAXATION; LIMITATIONS.** A trailer ~~owned by a farmer and used by him~~ exclusively to carry liquid fertilizer for use on ~~his-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.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.31, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **PENALTIES, LIMITATIONS; FILINGS.** The penalty for failure or delay in registering or re-registering and paying the registration tax shall not be more than one-half the annual tax and in no event more than a total of \$2.50. An owner who files his application after March 31, and whose vehicle has not been operated during the calendar year to the date of application may so state to the registrar who shall then waive the penalty for failure to re-register before January 11. The waiver of penalty does not apply to vehicles required to be registered under section 168.017.

A filing with, or delivery to the registrar of any application, notice, certificate or plates as required by this section shall be construed to be within the requirements of this section if made to the registrar or his deputy at an office maintained therefor, or if deposited in the mail or with a carrier by express with postage or carriage charge prepaid, and properly addressed to the registrar within ten days after the trans-

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fer of ownership or other occurrence upon which this section provides for such filing or delivery.

Sec. 3. Section 1 is effective November 15, 1976, for the vehicle registration year 1977 and subsequent years and section 2 is effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 226—S.F.No.2223

[Not Coded]

An act relating to local government; authorizing a housing finance program and providing for the issuance of general obligation and revenue bonds to finance the program in the city of Albert Lea; increasing the membership of and providing terms for the housing and redevelopment authority of the city of Rochester.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. ALBERT LEA AND ROCHESTER, CITIES OF; HOUSING. The legislature of the state of Minnesota finds that preservation of the quality of life in a rural city is dependent upon the maintenance, provision, and preservation of an adequate housing stock; that accomplishing this is a public purpose; that there are many housing units in the city of Albert Lea that do not meet the applicable housing codes, some of which can be rehabilitated; that a need exists to provide in a timely fashion affordable housing to persons of low and moderate income existing and expected to reside in the city of Albert Lea; that a need exists for mortgage credit to be made available for new construction; that refinancing existing mortgages will allow owners of housing units which need rehabilitation to take advantage of existing rehabilitation programs; and that many owners, would-be purchasers or providers of housing units are either unable to afford mortgage credit at market rates of interest or to obtain mortgage credit because the mortgage credit at the highest rates permitted by law is not available.

Sec. 2. Subdivision 1. The city of Albert Lea is authorized to develop and administer a program to finance the construction of new and the improvement of existing housing, and the purchase of either, located anywhere within its boundaries, for occupancy primarily by persons of low and moderate income, to achieve the purposes set forth in section 1; provided that in developing this program, the city shall consider:

(a) The availability and affordability of other governmental programs;

(b) The availability and affordability of private market financing

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