

the board is necessary, the board may review and comment, but shall, within 30 days, order the annexation in accordance with the terms of the resolution.

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### CHAPTER 19 — S.F.No. 31

*An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for amateur radio station licensees; providing for personalized license plates for motorcycles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 168.12, subdivisions 2 and 2a.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 168.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **AMATEUR RADIO STATION LICENSEE; SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.** Any applicant who is an owner or joint owner of a ~~motor vehicle~~ passenger automobile, van or pickup truck, or a self-propelled recreational vehicle, and a resident of this state, and who holds an official amateur radio station license, or a citizens radio service class D license, in good standing, issued by the Federal Communications Commission shall upon compliance with all laws of this state relating to registration and the licensing of motor vehicles and drivers, be furnished with license plates for the motor vehicle, as prescribed by law for ~~passenger cars~~, upon which, in lieu of the numbers required for identification under subdivision 1, shall be inscribed the official amateur call letters of the applicant, as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. The applicant shall pay in addition to the registration tax required by law, the sum of \$10 for the special license plates, and at the time of delivery of the special license plates the applicant shall surrender to the registrar the current license plates issued for the motor vehicle. This provision for the issue of special license plates shall apply only if the applicant's ~~passenger automobile vehicle~~ is already registered in Minnesota so that the applicant has valid regular Minnesota plates issued for that ~~passenger automobile vehicle~~ under which to operate it during the time that it will take to have the necessary special license plates made. If the applicant owns or jointly owns more than one motor vehicle of the type specified in this subdivision he may apply for special plates for each of not more than two vehicles, and, if each application complies with this subdivision, the registrar shall furnish the applicant with the special plates, inscribed with the official amateur call letters and other distinguishing information as the registrar considers necessary, for each of the two vehicles. And the registrar may make reasonable regulations governing the use of the special license plates as will assure the full compliance by the owner and holder of the special plates, with all existing laws

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governing the registration of motor vehicles, the transfer and the use thereof. When the ownership of a motor vehicle for which special license plates have been furnished by the registrar, changes from one person to another, the special license plates herein authorized shall be promptly removed from the motor vehicle by the seller and returned to the registrar, at which time the seller or the buyer of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to receive license plates for the motor vehicle as provided in section 168.15.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 168.12, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES.** Personalized license plates shall be issued to any applicant for registration of a passenger automobile, ~~station wagon~~, van or pickup truck with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or less, motorcycle, or self-propelled recreational vehicle, upon compliance with all laws of this state relating to registration of the vehicle, and upon payment of a fee of \$100 in addition to the registration tax required by law for the vehicle. In lieu of the numbers assigned as provided in subdivision 1, personalized license plates shall have imprinted thereon a series of not to exceed any combination of six numbers and letters. When an applicant has once obtained personalized plates, the applicant shall have a prior claim for similar personalized plates in the next succeeding year that plates are issued if application is made for them at least 30 days prior to the first date on which registration can be renewed. The commissioner of public safety shall adopt rules and regulations in the manner provided by chapter 14, regulating the issuance and transfer of personalized license plates. No words or combination of letters placed on personalized license plates may be used for commercial advertising or be of an obscene, indecent or immoral nature, or that would offend public morals or decency. The call signals or letters of a radio or television station shall not be construed as commercial advertising for the purposes of this subdivision.

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, personalized license plates issued pursuant to this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle upon the payment of a fee of \$5, which fee shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund. The registrar may by regulation provide a form for notification.

The fee prescribed for personalized license plates shall be paid only in those years in which the number plate itself is issued, and shall not be payable in any year in which a year plate, tab or sticker is issued in lieu of a number plate.

All fees from the sale of personalized license plates shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

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