

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective on the day following final enactment.

Approved May 19, 1983

CHAPTER 195 — H.F.No. 1092

An act relating to motor vehicles; allowing the holder of personalized license plates to retain the same number after the personalized plates have been damaged, lost, or stolen; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 168.12, subdivision 2a.

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

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

Subd. 2a. **PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES.** Personalized license plates ~~shall~~ must be issued to ~~any an~~ applicant for registration of a passenger automobile, station wagon, van, or pickup truck with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or less, or self-propelled recreational vehicle, upon compliance with all the 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~~ must have imprinted ~~thereon~~ on them a series of not to exceed any combination of more than six numbers and letters in any combination. 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~~ before the first date ~~on which that~~ 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 be of a nature that would offend public morals or decency. The call signals or letters of a radio or television station ~~shall~~ are not be ~~construed~~ as commercial advertising for the purposes of this subdivision.

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, personalized license plates issued ~~pursuant to~~ under this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned or jointly owned by the applicant, upon the payment of a fee of \$5, which ~~fee shall~~ must 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.

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Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if the personalized license plates are lost, stolen, or destroyed, the applicant may apply and shall receive duplicate license plates bearing the same combination of letters and numbers as the former personalized plates upon the payment of a \$5 fee.

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

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

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CHAPTER 196 — H.F.No. 1101

An act relating to natural resources; authorizing the commissioner to sell to or exchange surplus tree planting stock with other states and the federal government under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 89.36, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 89.36, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF STOCK. In carrying out the provisions of sections 89.35 to 89.39, the commissioner may sell to or exchange surplus tree planting stock and seed with other states or the federal government for the following purposes:

(1) to acquire tree planting stock of a species which is in short supply in the commissioner's inventory;

(2) to acquire tree planting stock of a species not grown by the commissioner;

(3) to acquire tree planting stock genetically superior to that grown by the commissioner; and

(4) to utilize tree planting stock or seed not needed for the reforestation program in the state.

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