

contract in its resolutions and indentures for the employment of independent public accountants for the audit of books and records pertaining to any fund or funds. The legislative auditor shall review contracts with public accountants as provided in section 2.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

Approved June 14, 1983

CHAPTER 318 — H.F.No. 257

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for certain motor vehicles owned by certain members of the Minnesota national guard; imposing fees; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 168.12, by adding a subdivision.

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

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

Subd. 2c. NATIONAL GUARD; SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE. The registrar shall issue special license plates to any applicant who is a regularly enlisted or commissioned member of the Minnesota national guard, other than an inactive or retired member, and is an owner or joint owner of a passenger automobile, station wagon, or van or pickup truck included within the definition of a passenger automobile upon payment of a fee of \$10, payment of the registration tax required by law, and compliance with other laws of this state relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers. The adjutant general shall design these special plates subject to the approval of the registrar. No applicant shall be issued more than two sets of plates for vehicles owned or jointly owned by the applicant. The adjutant general shall estimate the number of special plates that will be required and submit the estimate to the registrar.

Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner or joint owner of the vehicle is an active member of the Minnesota national guard as specified in this subdivision. When the person to whom the special plates were issued is no longer an active member of the Minnesota national guard, the special plates must be removed from the vehicle and returned to the registrar. Upon return of the special plates, the owner or purchaser of the vehicle is entitled to receive regular plates for the vehicle without cost for the remainder of the registration period for which the special plates were issued. While the person is an active member of the Minnesota

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national guard, plates issued pursuant to this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned or jointly owned by that person upon payment of a fee of \$5.

All fees collected under the provisions of this subdivision shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

The registrar may adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to govern the issuance and use of the special plates authorized by this subdivision.

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

There is appropriated from the highway user tax distribution fund to the commissioner of public safety the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of providing the special plates authorized in section 1. No increase in complement is authorized by this act. This appropriation is available for expenditure until December 31, 1984.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective January 2, 1984; except that the special plates may be designed and orders may be placed for the manufacture of the special plates at any time after final enactment.

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CHAPTER 319 — H.F.No. 380

An act relating to negligence; regulating the liability of good samaritans; creating a duty to assist in certain circumstances; making it a petty misdemeanor to refuse to assist; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 604.05.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 604.05, is amended to read:
604.05 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW.

Subdivision 1. DUTY TO ASSIST. Any person at the scene of an emergency who knows that another person is exposed to or has suffered grave physical harm shall, to the extent that he can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, give reasonable assistance to the exposed person. Reasonable assistance may include obtaining or attempting to obtain aid from law enforcement or medical personnel. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

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