

(6) For a motor vehicle auctioneer, the following: a permanent enclosed commercial building, within or without the state, on a permanent foundation, owned or under lease by the licensee. The lease shall be for a minimum term of one year. The building shall contain office space where the books, records and files necessary to conduct the business are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours or an automatic telephone answering service during normal business hours.

(7) If a new or used motor vehicle dealer maintains more than one place of doing business in a county, the separate places shall be listed on the application. If additional places of business are maintained outside of one county, separate licenses shall be obtained for each county.

(8) If a motor vehicle lessor, broker or auctioneer maintains more than one permanent place of doing business, either in one or more counties, the separate places shall be listed in the application, but only one license shall be required.

Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 7 are effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 6, 1985

CHAPTER 64 — H.F.No. 454

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing defense to charge of operating motor vehicle without valid registration; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 168.09, by adding a subdivision; and 168.11, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 168.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. No person may be charged with violating this section by reason of failure to renew the registration of a previously registered motor vehicle if:

(1) the person produces a statement from the registrar to the effect that the person was not notified by the registrar of the annual renewal for the registration of the vehicle to which a citation was issued; and

(2) the person renews the registration and pays the motor vehicle tax and fees due within ten days of being cited for the violation.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 168.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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Subd. 3. If the registrar fails to mail to the registered owner of a motor vehicle a notification of renewal for the motor vehicle at least 30 days before the expiration of the vehicle's registration, and all past due taxes and fees have been paid, the registrar must provide at no charge a written statement to that effect to the registered owner at the owner's request. The registrar must retain in his or her files a record sufficient to demonstrate whether any owner of a registered motor vehicle has been notified by mail of the renewal of the registration.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 65 — H.F.No. 468

An act relating to state departments and agencies; clarifying the duties of the state demographer; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 275.14; 368.01, subdivision 1a; and 368.015.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 275.14, is amended to read:

275.14 CENSUS.

For the purposes of sections 275.11 to 275.16, the last federal census of population taken prior to the calendar year in which any such levy may be made shall govern and shall be conclusive in determining hereunder the population of any city or school districts. Provided, if by the 1970 Federal Census, any school district shall have less population than that upon which the 1970 tax levy of said district was based, and shall not have had a subsequent special census, as authorized hereby, the population for subsequent years for the purposes of sections 275.11 to 275.16, may at the option of the district be computed as follows: For the year 1971, the same population as for 1970; for the year 1972, the population used in computing the 1970 levy, decreased by one-fourth of the loss in population shown by the 1970 census; for each of the next two subsequent years, an additional one-fourth of the population loss shown by the 1970 census shall be deducted; thereafter, the said 1970 federal census shall control until a subsequent federal or state census is taken the population of a city shall be that established by the last federal census, by a special census taken by the United States bureau of the census, by an estimate made by the metropolitan council, or by the state demographer made according to section 116K.04, subdivision 4, whichever has the latest stated date of count or estimate, before July 2 of the

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