

version of the operating authority and include an application form for conversion.

Sec. 14. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 13 are effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 12, 1993

Signed by the governor May 14, 1993, 10:07 p.m.

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**CHAPTER 214—H.F.No. 327**

*An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for free motor vehicle license plates for former prisoners of war; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 168.031; 168.12, subdivision 5; and 168.125, subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 168.031, is amended to read:

**168.031 EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION; PERSONS IN ARMED FORCES, DISABLED VETERANS, FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.**

The motor vehicle of any person who engages in active service in time of war or other emergency declared by proper authority in any of the military or naval forces of the United States shall be exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax during the period of such active service and for 40 days immediately thereafter if the owner has filed with the registrar of motor vehicles a written application for exemption with such proof of military service as the registrar may have required and if the motor vehicle is not operated on a public highway within the state, except by the owner while on furlough or leave of absence.

The motor vehicle of any disabled war veteran, which vehicle has been furnished free, in whole or in part, by the United States government to said disabled veteran, shall be exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax. The motor vehicle owned and registered by a former prisoner of war that bears the "EX-POW" plates is exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 168.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **ADDITIONAL FEE.** In addition to any fee otherwise authorized or any tax otherwise imposed upon any motor vehicle, the payment of which is required as a condition to the issuance of any number license plate or plates, the commissioner of public safety may impose a fee that is calculated to cover the cost of manufacturing and issuing the license plate or plates, except for license

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plates issued to disabled veterans as defined in section 168.031 and license plates issued pursuant to section 168.124, 168.125, or 168.27, subdivisions 16 and 17, for passenger automobiles. Graphic design license plates shall only be issued for vehicles registered pursuant to section 168.017 and recreational vehicles registered pursuant to section 168.013, subdivision 1g.

Fees collected under this subdivision must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 168.125, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**Subdivision 1. ISSUANCE AND DESIGN.** The registrar shall issue special license plates bearing the inscription "EX-POW" to any applicant who is both a former prisoner of war and an owner or joint owner of a motor vehicle upon the applicant's compliance with all the laws of this state relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers. The special license plates shall be of a design and size to be determined by the commissioner. Plates bearing the "EX-POW" inscription may be issued for only one motor vehicle per applicant.

**Subd. 1a. APPLICATION.** Application for issuance of these plates shall be made at the time of renewal or first application for registration. The application shall include a certification by the commissioner of veterans affairs that the applicant was a member of the military forces of the United States who was captured, separated, and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of armed conflict.

~~The applicant shall pay, in addition to the registration tax required by law, a fee for the special license plates issued under this section, in an amount calculated by the commissioner to cover the cost of the license plates. The additional fee is payable only when the plates are issued and no additional fee is payable in any year in which tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of number plates. All fees from the sale of the special license plates shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.~~

Subd. 1b. NO FEE. The registrar shall issue a set of EX-POW plates to qualified applicants, free of charge for the cost of the plates, and shall replace them without charge if they become damaged. In addition, no fee may be charged for a subsequent year when tabs or stickers are issued for that motor vehicle on which the special EX-POW plates are placed.

Subd. 1c. PLATES TRANSFER. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 168.12, subdivision 1, the special license plates issued under this section may be transferred to another motor vehicle owned or jointly owned by the former prisoner of war upon the payment of a fee of \$5. ~~This fee shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund~~ notification to the registrar of motor vehicles.

Subd. 1d. SURVIVING SPOUSE. Upon the death of a former prisoner of

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war, the registrar shall continue to issue free of charge, upon renewal, the special license plates to a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse of the former prisoner of war. Special license plates issued to a surviving spouse may be transferred to another vehicle owned by the surviving spouse as provided in ~~this~~ subdivision 1c. No fee may be charged for replacement plates issued to a surviving spouse or for tabs or stickers issued for the motor vehicle on which the special "EX-POW" plates are placed. A surviving spouse is not exempt from the motor vehicle registration tax.

Subd. 1e. MOTOR VEHICLE; SPECIAL DEFINITION. For purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means a passenger automobile, van, pickup truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle.

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#### CHAPTER 215—S.F.No. 406

*An act relating to local government; authorizing a local unit of government which self-insures health benefits for employees to enroll employees of the exclusive representative of its employees in those plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 471.617, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 471.617, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. A statutory or home rule charter city, county, school district, or instrumentality of any of these entities with a self-insurance health benefit plan, may, upon request of the exclusive representative of its employees as certified pursuant to section 179A.12, allow the employees of the exclusive representative to enroll, at their own expense, in the health insurance benefit plan.

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#### CHAPTER 216—S.F.No. 441

*An act relating to employment; requiring employers to indemnify employees for liability arising out of the scope of employment; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.*

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