

CHAPTER 48—H.F.No. 493

An act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing alternative site for keeping motor vehicle dealer records; modifying provision related to motor vehicle registration; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 168.017, subdivision 3; 168A.11, subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 168.017, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) The registrar shall register all vehicles subject to registration under the monthly series system for a period of 12 consecutive calendar months, unless:

(1) the application is an original rather than renewal application; or

(2) the applicant is a licensed motor vehicle lessor under section 168.27 and the vehicle is leased or rented for periods of time of not more than 28 days, in which case the applicant may apply for initial or renewed registration of a vehicle for a period of four or more months, the month of expiration to be designated by the applicant at the time of registration. ~~However,~~ To qualify for this exemption, the applicant must ~~(1)~~ present the application to the registrar at St. Paul, or a designated deputy registrar office, ~~and (2) stamp in red, on the certificate of title, the phrase "The expiration month of this vehicle is" with the blank filled in with the month of expiration as if the vehicle is being registered for a period of 12 calendar months.~~ Subsequent registration periods when the applicant is not a qualified motor vehicle lessor under this subdivision must be for a period of 12 months commencing from the last month for which registration was issued.

(b) In any instance except that of a licensed motor vehicle lessor, the registrar shall not approve registering the vehicle subject to the application for a period of less than three months, except when the registrar determines that to do otherwise will help to equalize the registration and renewal work load of the department.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2011, and applies to all applications for registration filed on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 168A.11, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Centralized record keeping.** ~~Three~~ Two or more new motor vehicle dealers under common management or control may ~~designate~~ apply to the department in writing ~~a single location for maintaining~~ for permission to maintain the records required by this section ~~that are more than 12 months old~~ and section 168.27, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clause (1), item (i), at a single location. The department shall consent to the application unless it provides a reasonable basis for denial. The records must be open to inspection by a representative of the department or a peace officer during reasonable business hours. The location must be at the established place of business of one of the

affiliated dealers or at a location within Minnesota not further than 25 miles from the established place of business of one of the affiliated dealers.

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Signed by the governor May 24, 2011, 1:26 p.m.