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In an unorganized territory, the board of county commissioners of the county in which the tract is located shall act as the town board. The proceedings of the town board shall be in accordance with section 164.07. The amount of damages, if any, shall be paid by the petitioner to the town before such cartway is opened. Town road and bridge funds shall not be expended on the cartway unless the town board, or the county board acting as the town board in the case of a cartway established in an unorganized territory, by resolution determines that an expenditure is in the public interest. If no resolution is adopted to that effect, the grading or other construction work and the maintenance of the cartway is the responsibility of the petitioner, subject to the provisions of section 164.10. After the cartway has been constructed the town board, or the county board in the case of unorganized territory, may by resolution designate the cartway as a private driveway with the written consent of the affected landowner in which case from the effective date of the resolution no town road and bridge funds shall be expended for maintenance of the driveway; provided that the cartway shall not be vacated without following the vacation proceedings established under section 164.07.

[1979 c 83 s 1]

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168.011 Definitions.

[For text of subs 1 to 15, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 16. **Gross weight.** "Gross weight" means the actual unloaded weight of the vehicle, either a truck or tractor, or the actual unloaded combined weight of a truck-tractor and semitrailer or semitrailers, or of the truck-tractor, semitrailer and one additional semitrailer, fully equipped for service, plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on such vehicle or combined vehicles. The term gross weight applied to a truck used for towing a trailer means the unloaded weight of the truck, fully equipped for service, plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on such truck, including the weight of such part of the trailer and its load as may rest upon the truck. The term gross weight applied to school buses means the weight of the vehicle fully equipped with all fuel tanks full of fuel, plus the weight of the passengers and their baggage computed at the rate of 100 pounds per passenger seating capacity, including that for the driver. The term gross weight applied to other buses means the weight of the vehicle fully equipped with all fuel tanks full of fuel, plus the weight of passengers and their baggage computed at the rate of 150 pounds per passenger seating capacity, including that for the driver. For bus seats designed for more than one passenger, but which are not divided so as to allot individual seats for the passengers that occupy them, allow two feet of its length per passenger to determine seating capacity. The term gross weight applied to a truck, truck-tractor or a truck used as a truck-tractor used exclusively by the owner thereof for transporting unfinished forest products or used by the owner thereof to transport agricultural, horticultural, dairy and other farm products including livestock produced or finished by the owner of the truck and any other personal property owned by the farmer to whom the license for such truck is issued, from the farm to market, and to transport property and supplies to the farm of the owner, as described in subdivision 17, shall be the actual weight of the truck, truck-tractor or truck used as a truck-tractor or the combined weight of the truck-tractor and semitrailer plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on such vehicle or combined vehicles and shall be licensed and taxed as provided by section 168.013, subdivision 1c. The term gross weight applied to a truck-tractor or a truck used as a truck-tractor used exclusively by the owner thereof for towing an equipment dolly shall be the actual weight of the truck-tractor or truck used as a truck-tractor plus the weight of such part of the equipment dolly and its load as may rest upon the

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truck-tractor or truck used as a truck-tractor, and shall be licensed separately and taxed as provided by section 168.013, subdivision 1e, and the equipment dolly shall be licensed separately and taxed as provided in section 168.013, subdivision 1d, which is applicable for the balance of the weight of the equipment dolly and the balance of the maximum load the applicant has elected to carry on such combined vehicles. The term "equipment dolly" as used in this subdivision means a heavy semitrailer used solely by the owner thereof to transport his construction machinery, equipment, implements and other objects used on a construction project, but not to be incorporated in or to become a part of a completed project. The term gross weight applied to a wrecker defined in section 169.01, subdivision 52, means the weight of the wrecker fully equipped for service, including the weight of the crane, winch and other equipment to control the movement of a towed vehicle, but does not include the weight of a wrecked or disabled vehicle towed or drawn by the wrecker.

[For text of subs 17 to 27, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 213 s 1]

168.013 Rate of tax.

[For text of subs 1 to 2, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. **Application; cancelation; excessive gross weights forbidden.** The applicant for all licenses based on gross weight shall state in writing upon oath, among other things, the unloaded weight of such vehicle or trailer and the maximum load the applicant proposes to carry thereon, the sum of which shall constitute the gross weight upon which the license tax shall be paid, but in no case shall the declared gross weight upon which the tax is paid be less than 1-1/2 times the declared unloaded weight of the vehicle or trailer to be registered, except recreational vehicles taxed under subdivision 1g, school buses taxed under subdivision 18 and wreckers defined in section 169.01, subdivision 52. The gross weight of a wrecker is the actual weight of the wrecker fully equipped, but does not include the weight of a wrecked or disabled vehicle towed or drawn by the wrecker.

The gross weight of no vehicle or trailer shall exceed the gross weight upon which the license tax has been paid by more than four percent or 1000 pounds, whichever is greater.

The gross weight of the vehicle or trailer for which such license tax is paid shall be indicated by a distinctive character on the license plate or plates except as provided in subdivision 12 and the plate or plates shall be kept clean and clearly visible at all times.

The owner, driver, or user of a vehicle or trailer upon conviction for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which it was registered or for operating a vehicle with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful axle load weight shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to increased registration or re-registration according to the following schedule:

(1) The owner, driver or user of a vehicle or trailer upon conviction for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which it is registered by more than four percent or 1000 pounds, whichever is greater, but less than 25 percent or for operating or using a vehicle or trailer with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful axle load as provided in section 169.83 by more than four percent or 1000 pounds, whichever is greater, but less than 25 percent, in addition to any penalty imposed on him for the misdemeanor shall apply to the registrar to increase the authorized gross weight to be carried on the vehicle to a weight equal to or greater than the gross weight of which the owner, driver, or user was convicted of carrying, the increase computed for the balance of the calendar year on the basis of 1/12 of the annual tax for each month remaining in the calendar year beginning with the first day of the month in which the violation occurred. If the additional registration tax computed upon that weight, plus the tax already paid, amounts to more than the regular tax for the maximum gross weight permitted for such a vehicle under section 169.83, that additional amount shall nevertheless be paid

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into the highway fund, but the additional tax thus paid shall not be deemed to permit the vehicle to be operated with a gross weight in excess of the maximum legal weight as provided by section 169.83. Unless the owner within 30 days after such a conviction shall apply to increase the authorized weight and pay the additional tax as herein provided, the registrar shall revoke the registration on the vehicle and demand the return of the registration card and plates issued by him on that registration.

(2) The owner or driver or user of a vehicle or trailer upon conviction for transporting a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which the vehicle or trailer was registered by 25 percent or more, or for operating or using a vehicle or trailer with an axle weight exceeding the maximum lawful axle load as provided in section 169.83 by 25 percent or more, in addition to any penalty imposed on him for the misdemeanor, shall have the reciprocity privileges on the vehicle involved if the same is being operated under reciprocity canceled by the registrar, or if the vehicle is not being operated under reciprocity, the certificate of registration on the vehicle so operated shall be canceled by the registrar and the registrar shall demand the return of the registration certificate and registration plates. The registrar may investigate any allegation of gross weight violations and demand that the operator show cause why all future operating privileges in the state should not be revoked unless the additional tax assessed be paid.

(3) When the registration on a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer has been revoked by the registrar according to provisions of this section, such vehicle shall not be again operated on the highways of the state until it is registered or re-registered, as the case may be, and new plates issued, and the registration fee therefor shall be the annual tax for the total gross weight of the vehicle at the time of violation.

[For text of subs 4 to 19, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 213 s 2]

168.021 License plates for physically handicapped persons.

Subdivision 1. **Special plates; application for issuance.** When a motor vehicle registered pursuant to section 168.017, or a self-propelled motor vehicle with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or less is owned or primarily operated by a physically handicapped person, the owner may apply for and secure from the registrar of motor vehicles two license number plates with attached emblems, one plate to be attached to the front, and one to the rear of the vehicle. Application for issuance of these plates shall be made at the time of renewal or first application for registration.

Subd. 1a. **Scope of privilege.** If any physically handicapped person parks a vehicle displaying license plates described in this section or any person parks such a vehicle while transporting a physically handicapped person, that person shall be entitled to courtesy in the parking of the vehicle and be relieved of any liability with respect to parking except as provided in sections 169.32 and 169.34; provided that any municipal governing body may, by ordinance, prohibit parking on any street or highway for the purpose of creating a fire lane, or to provide for the accommodation of heavy traffic during morning and afternoon rush hours and the privileges extended to handicapped persons shall not apply on streets or highways where and at the time parking is prohibited. The license plates specified in this section shall also serve to identify vehicles properly parked in designated handicapped parking spaces, as provided in section 169.346.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. **Unauthorized use of plate.** A person who appropriates or uses the plate provided in this section upon a motor vehicle other than as authorized by this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. This subdivision does not preclude a person who is not physically handicapped from operating a vehicle upon which these plates are displayed where he is the owner of the vehicle and permits its operation by a physically handicapped person, or where he operates the vehicle with the consent of the owner who is physically handicapped. A non-handicapped driver is not entitled to the parking privileges provided in this section and in section 169.346 unless he is transporting a physically handicapped person.

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[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 5. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, a "physically handicapped person" means a person who has sustained an amputation or material disability of either or both arms or legs, or who has been otherwise disabled in any manner, rendering it difficult and burdensome for the person to walk.

[For text of subds 6 and 7, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 225 s 1; 1979 c 277 s 1-3]

168.041 Impounding registration plates and certificates.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 2. If any person is convicted of violating any law or municipal ordinance, except parking laws or ordinances, regulating the operation of motor vehicles on the streets or highways, and the record of such person so convicted shows a previous conviction for driving after suspension or revocation of his driver's license or driving privileges, the court may direct the commissioner of public safety to suspend the driver's license of such person for not exceeding one year. The court may also require the registration plates and registration certificates of any motor vehicles owned by the violator or registered in his name to be surrendered to the court.

[For text of subds 3 to 9, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 50 s 16]

168.10 Registration; classic cars.

Subdivision 1. **Application.** Except as provided in subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d and 1g, every owner of any motor vehicle in this state, not exempted by section 168.012 or 168.26, shall as soon as ownership of a motor vehicle is acquired and annually thereafter during the period November 15 to March 1 following, both dates inclusive, file with the commissioner of public safety on a blank provided by him a listing for taxation and application for the registration of such vehicle, stating the first, middle and last names, the dates of birth, and addresses of all owners thereof who are natural persons, the full names and addresses of all other owners, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, make of motor vehicle, year and number of the model, manufacturer's identification number or serial number, type of body, the weight of the vehicle in pounds, for trailers only, its rated load carrying capacity and for buses only, its seating capacity, and such other information as the commissioner may require. Any false statement wilfully and knowingly made in regard thereto shall be deemed perjury and punished accordingly. The listing and application for registration by dealers or manufacturers' agents within the state, of motor vehicles received for sale or use within the state shall be accepted as compliance with the requirements of this chapter, imposed upon the manufacturer.

Registration shall be refused a motor vehicle if the original identification or serial number has been destroyed, removed, altered, covered or defaced. However, if the commissioner is satisfied on the sworn statements of the owner or owners or such other persons as he may deem advisable that the applicant is the legal owner, a special identification number in the form prescribed by the commissioner shall be assigned to the motor vehicle. When it has been determined that the number had been affixed to such vehicle in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, the vehicle may thereafter be registered in the same manner as other motor vehicles. In the case of a new or rebuilt motor vehicle manufactured or assembled without an identification or serial number, the commissioner may assign an identification number to the motor vehicle in the same manner as prescribed heretofore.

Subd. 1a. **Collector's vehicles, pioneer license.** Any motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1936 and owned and operated solely as a collector's item shall be listed

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for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the registrar is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$6 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates so issued shall bear the inscription "Pioneer," "Minnesota" and the registration number but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke said plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$2 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

Subd. 1b. Collector's vehicle, classic car license. Any motor vehicle manufactured between and including the years 1925 and 1948, and designated by the registrar of motor vehicles as a classic car because of its fine design, high engineering standards, and superior workmanship, and owned and operated solely as a collector's item shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the registrar is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and that the motor vehicle qualifies to be classified as a classic car, and the owner pays a \$6 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates so issued shall bear the inscription "Classic Car," "Minnesota," and the registration number but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke said plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$2 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

The following cars built between and including 1925 and 1942 are classic, with the exception of Lincoln Continentals which are considered to be classics through the year 1948:

A.C.	
Adler	
Alfa Romeo	
Alvis	Speed 20, 25, and 4.3 litre.
Amilcar	
Aston Martin	
Auburn	All 8-cylinder and 12-cylinder models.
Audi	
Austro-Daimler	
Avions Voisin 12	
Bentley	
Blackhawk	
B.M.W.	Models 327, 328, and 335 only.

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Brewster (Heart-front Ford)	
Bugatti	
Cadillac	All 1925 through 1935. 1936-1942: Series 70, 72, 75, 80, 85 and 90 only.
Chrysler	1926 through 1930: Imperial 80. 1931: Imperial 8 Series CG. 1932: Series CG and CL. 1933: Series CL. 1934: Series CW. 1935: Series CW. All Newports and Thunderbolts.
Cord	
Cunningham	
Dagmar	Model 25-70 only.
Daimler	
Delage	
Delahaye	
Doble	
Dorris	
Duesenberg	
du Pont	
Franklin	All models except 1933-34 Olympic Sixes.
Frazer Nash	
Hispano Suiza	
Horch	
Hotchkiss	
Invicta	
Isotta Fraschini	
Jaguar	
Jordan	Speedway Series 'Z' only.
Kissel	1925, 1926 and 1927: Model 8-75. 1928: Model 8-90, and 8-90 White Eagle. 1929: Model 8-126, and 8-90 White Eagle. 1930: Model 8-126. 1931: Model 8-126.
Lagonda	
Lancia	
La Salle	1927 through 1933 only.
Lincoln	All models K, L, KA, and KB. 1941: Model 168H. 1942: Model 268H.
Lincoln Continental	1939 through 1948.
Locomobile	All models 48 and 90. 1927: Model 8-80. 1928: Model 8-80. 1929: Models 8-80 and 8-88.
Marmon	All 16-cylinder models. 1925: Model 74. 1926: Model 74. 1927: Model 75. 1928: Model E75. 1930: Big 8 model. 1931: Model 88, and Big 8.
Maybach	
McFarlan	

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Mercedes Benz	All models 2.2 litres and up.
Mercer	
M.G.	6-cylinder models only.
Minerva	
Packard	1925 through 1934: All models. 1935 through 1942: Models 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1207, 1208, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1407, 1408, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1607, 1608, 1705, 1707, 1708, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1906, 1907, 1908, 2006, 2007, and 2008 only.
Peerless	1926 through 1928: Series 69. 1930-1931: Custom 8. 1932: Deluxe Custom 8.
Pierce Arrow	
Railton	
Renault	Grand Sport model only.
Reo	1930-1931: Royale Custom 8, and Series 8-35 and 8-52 Elite 8. 1933: Royale Custom 8.
Revere	
Roamer	1925: Series 8-88, 6-54e, and 4-75. 1926: Series 4-75e, and 8-88. 1927-1928: Series 8-88. 1929: Series 8-88, and 8-125. 1930: Series 8-125.
Rohr	
Rolls Royce	
Ruxton	
Salmson	
Squire	
Stearns Knight	
Stevens Duryea	
Steyr	
Stutz	
Sunbeam	
Talbot	
Vauxhall	Series 30-98 only.
Wills Saint Claire	

No commercial vehicles such as hearses, ambulances, or trucks are considered to be classic cars.

Subd. 1c. **Collector's vehicle, collector license.** Any motor vehicle that is at least 20 model years old and manufactured after 1935; or of a defunct make, defined as any car originally licensed as a separate identifiable make as designated by the division of motor vehicles, and owned and operated solely as a collector's vehicle, shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. The owner must also prove that he or she also has one or more vehicles with regular license plates. If the registrar is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$20 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates so issued shall bear the inscription "Collector," "Minnesota" and the registration number, but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke such plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

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In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$2 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such a manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

Subd. 1d. Collectors vehicles, street rod license. Any modernized motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949 or designed and manufactured to resemble such vehicle shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows:

An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner, the make of the motor vehicle, year number of model, and the manufacturer's identification number. The affidavit shall further state that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a street rod and not for general transportation purposes. The owner must also prove that he or she has one or more vehicles with regular license plates. If the registrar is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$25 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates issued shall bear the inscription "Street Rod", "Minnesota" and the registration number but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke such plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle's owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$5 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such a manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

Subd. 1e. Outdoor storage. Pioneer, classic, collector vehicles, or street rods, licensed or unlicensed, operable or inoperable, may be stored in compliance with local government zoning and ordinances on their owners' property, provided that the vehicles and any outdoor storage areas they may require are maintained in such a manner that they do not constitute a health or environmental hazard and are screened from ordinary public view by means of a fence, shrubbery, rapidly growing trees or other appropriate means. The appropriate local agency or authority may inform an owner of his failure to comply with these requirements, and may order the vehicles removed from the outdoor storage area if the owner fails to comply with these requirements within 20 days after the warning.

Subd. 1f. Equipment. Any pioneer, classic, collector vehicle or street rod shall have all equipment, in operating condition, which was specifically required by law as a condition for its first sale after manufacture.

No law requiring any particular equipment or specifying any standards to be met by motor vehicles shall apply to pioneer, classic, collector vehicles or street rods unless it specifically so states.

Subd. 1g. Original plates. A vehicle registered pursuant to subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c or 1d may in lieu of being issued number plates by the registrar display original Minnesota number plates issued in the same year as the model year of the car on which they are displayed. The number of the original plates must be provided to the registrar. The original plates must be in good condition and shall be used in pairs one to be displayed in the front of the car and one in the rear. Original Minnesota number plates shall not be used if the number on the original plate is identical to a number on any current street rod plate or any other plate in a numbering system used by the registrar. Any person currently using plates issued pursuant to subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c or 1d shall return those plates to the registrar before substituting original plates. The registrar may charge a fee for registering the number on original plates.

Subd. 2. New body; application. Upon the installation of a new body or the addition to or change of type of any body in or upon any registered motor vehicle, the owner shall file with the registrar a new application setting forth such change, together

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with the payment of any additional tax to which the motor vehicle by such change has become subject, and shall apply for a revision of the registration made.

Subd. 3. **Offenses.** It shall be unlawful for any person:

(1) To display or cause to be displayed or to have in his possession any canceled, revoked, suspended or fraudulently obtained or stolen registration plates;

(2) To lend his registration plates to any person or knowingly to permit the use thereof by another;

(3) To display or represent as one's own any registration plates not issued to him; provided, however, this shall not apply to any legal change of ownership of the motor vehicle to which the plates are attached;

(4) To fail or refuse to surrender to the department upon its lawful demand any registration plates which have been revoked, canceled, or suspended by proper authority;

(5) To use a false or fictitious name or address or description of the motor vehicle, identification number, or serial number in any application for registration of a motor vehicle or to knowingly make a false statement or to knowingly conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application;

(6) To destroy, alter, remove, cover or deface the identification or serial number of any motor vehicle or to knowingly operate any motor vehicle the identification or serial number of which has been destroyed, altered, removed, covered or defaced without first making application for assignment of a special identification number as provided by law.

Subd. 4. **Violations.** It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter unless such violation is by this chapter or other laws of this state declared to be a felony or gross misdemeanor.

[1979 c 329 s 1]

168.33 Commissioner of public safety to be registrar.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 2. **Powers.** The registrar shall have the power to appoint, hire and discharge and fix the compensation of the necessary employees, in the manner provided by law, as may be required to enable him to properly carry out the duties imposed upon him by the provisions of this chapter. As of April 14, 1976, the registrar may appoint, and for cause discontinue, a deputy registrar for any city as the public interest and convenience may require, without regard to whether the county auditor of the county in which the city is situated has been appointed as the deputy registrar for the county or has been discontinued as the deputy registrar for the county, and without regard to whether the county in which the city is situated has established a county license bureau which issues motor vehicle licenses as provided in section 373.32.

Effective August 1, 1976, the registrar may appoint, and for cause discontinue, a deputy registrar for any city as the public interest and convenience may require, if the auditor for the county in which the city is situated chooses not to accept appointment as the deputy registrar for the county or is discontinued as a deputy registrar, or if the county in which the city is situated has not established a county license bureau which issues motor vehicle license as provided in section 373.32. Any person appointed by the registrar as a deputy registrar for any city shall be a resident of the county in which the city is situated.

The registrar may appoint, and for cause discontinue, the county auditor of each county as a deputy registrar. The auditor, with the approval of the director of motor vehicles, may appoint, and for cause discontinue, the clerk or equivalent officer of each city or any other person as a deputy registrar as public interest and convenience may require, regardless of his county of residence. Notwithstanding any other provision, a person other than a county auditor or a director of a county license bureau, who was appointed by the registrar before August 1, 1976, as a deputy registrar for any city, may continue to serve as deputy registrar and may be discontinued for cause only by the registrar. The county auditor shall be responsible for the acts of deputy registrars appointed

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by him. Each such deputy, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully discharge his duties and to uphold the laws of the state. If a deputy registrar appointed hereunder is not an officer or employee of a county or city, such deputy shall in addition give bond to the state in the sum of \$10,000, or such larger sum as may be required by the registrar, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties as deputy registrar. Each deputy registrar appointed hereunder shall keep and maintain, in a convenient public place within the place for which he is appointed, a registration and motor vehicle tax collection bureau, to be approved by the registrar, for the registration of motor vehicles and the collection of motor vehicle taxes thereon. He shall keep such records and make such reports to the registrar as that officer, from time to time, may require. Such records shall be maintained at the facility of the deputy registrar. The records and facilities of the deputy registrar shall at all times be open to the inspection of the registrar or his agents. He shall report daily to the registrar all registrations made and taxes and fees collected by him. The filing fee imposed pursuant to subdivision 7 shall be deposited in the treasury of the place for which he is appointed, or if such deputy is not a public official, he shall retain the filing fee, but the registration tax and any additional fees for delayed registration he has collected he shall deposit each day in an approved state depository to the credit of the state through the state treasurer. The place for which the deputy registrar is appointed through its governing body shall provide the deputy registrar with facilities and personnel to carry out the duties imposed by this subdivision if such deputy is a public official. In all other cases, the deputy shall maintain a suitable facility for serving the public.

[For text of subds 2a to 7, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 329 s 3]

168.54 Motor vehicles, transfer of ownership.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1979 c 333 s 108]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1979 c 333 s 108]

Subd. 4. A fee of \$2 is imposed upon every transfer of ownership by the commissioner of public safety of any motor vehicle for which a registration certificate has heretofore been issued under this chapter, except vehicles sold for the purposes of salvage or dismantling or permanent removal from the state.

Subd. 5. The proceeds of the fee imposed under the provisions of this section shall be collected by the commissioner of public safety and paid into the general fund.

[For text of subd 6, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 333 s 86,87]

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Subd. 18. "Secured party" means a secured party as defined in section 336.9-105 (1) (m) having a security interest in a vehicle.

Subd. 19. "Security agreement" means a security agreement as defined in section 336.9-105 (1) (l).

[For text of subds 20 to 24, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 50 s 17,18]