

CHAPTER 168

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, TAXATION, SALE

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168.011 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subs 1 to 6, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 7. **Passenger automobile.** "Passenger automobile" means any motor vehicle designed and used for carrying not more than 15 persons including the driver. "Passenger automobile" does not include motorcycles, motor scooters, and buses described in subdivision 9, paragraph (a), clause (2). For purposes of taxation only, "passenger automobile" includes pickup trucks and vans, including those vans designed to carry passengers with a manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity of one ton, but does not include commuter vans as defined in section 168.126.

[For text of subs 8 to 35, see M.S.2000]

History: 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 28

168.012 VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM TAX OR LICENSE FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Vehicles exempt from tax, fees, or plate display.** (a) The following vehicles are exempt from the provisions of this chapter requiring payment of tax and registration fees, except as provided in subdivision 1c:

- (1) vehicles owned and used solely in the transaction of official business by the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision;
- (2) vehicles owned and used exclusively by educational institutions and used solely in the transportation of pupils to and from those institutions;
- (3) vehicles used solely in driver education programs at nonpublic high schools;
- (4) vehicles owned by nonprofit charities and used exclusively to transport disabled persons for educational purposes;
- (5) vehicles owned and used by honorary consul;
- (6) ambulances owned by ambulance services licensed under section 144E.10, the general appearance of which is unmistakable; and
- (7) vehicles owned by a commercial driving school licensed under section 171.34, or an employee of a commercial driving school licensed under section 171.34, and the vehicle is used exclusively for driver education and training.

(b) Vehicles owned by the federal government, municipal fire apparatuses including fire-suppression support vehicles, police patrols, and ambulances, the general appearance of which is unmistakable, are not required to register or display number plates.

(c) Unmarked vehicles used in general police work, liquor investigations, or arson investigations, and passenger automobiles, pickup trucks, and buses owned or operated by the department of corrections, must be registered and must display appropriate license number plates, furnished by the registrar at cost. Original and renewal applications for these license plates authorized for use in general police work and for use by the department of corrections must be accompanied by a certification signed by the appropriate chief of police if issued to a police vehicle, the appropriate sheriff if issued to a sheriff's vehicle, the commissioner of corrections if issued to a department of corrections vehicle, or the appropriate officer in charge if issued to a vehicle of any

other law enforcement agency. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicle will be used exclusively for a purpose authorized by this section.

(d) Unmarked vehicles used by the departments of revenue and labor and industry, fraud unit, in conducting seizures or criminal investigations must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification license number plates, furnished at cost by the registrar. Original and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied by a certification signed by the commissioner of revenue or the commissioner of labor and industry. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the purposes authorized by this section.

(e) Unmarked vehicles used by the division of disease prevention and control of the department of health must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification license number plates. These plates must be furnished at cost by the registrar. Original and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied by a certification signed by the commissioner of health. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the official duties of the division of disease prevention and control.

(f) Unmarked vehicles used by staff of the gambling control board in gambling investigations and reviews must be registered and must display passenger vehicle classification license number plates. These plates must be furnished at cost by the registrar. Original and renewal applications for these passenger vehicle license plates must be accompanied by a certification signed by the board chair. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and state that the vehicles will be used exclusively for the official duties of the gambling control board.

(g) All other motor vehicles must be registered and display tax-exempt number plates, furnished by the registrar at cost, except as provided in subdivision 1c. All vehicles required to display tax-exempt number plates must have the name of the state department or political subdivision, nonpublic high school operating a driver education program, or licensed commercial driving school, plainly displayed on both sides of the vehicle; except that each state hospital and institution for the mentally ill and mentally retarded may have one vehicle without the required identification on the sides of the vehicle, and county social service agencies may have vehicles used for child and vulnerable adult protective services without the required identification on the sides of the vehicle. This identification must be in a color giving contrast with that of the part of the vehicle on which it is placed and must endure throughout the term of the registration. The identification must not be on a removable plate or placard and must be kept clean and visible at all times; except that a removable plate or placard may be utilized on vehicles leased or loaned to a political subdivision or to a nonpublic high school driver education program.

[For text of subs. 1a to 4, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 5. Carrier of certain equipment. Motor vehicles, which are used primarily for the purpose of carrying sawing machines; well-drilling machines, pump hoists, and other equipment registered under chapter 103I; barn sprayers or corn shellers permanently attached to them, shall not be subject to the registration tax as herein provided, but shall be listed for taxation as personal property as provided by law. The exemption in this subdivision for well-drilling machines, pump hoists, and other equipment registered under chapter 103I applies regardless of whether the well-drilling machine, pump hoist, or other equipment is also carrying materials related to its operation.

[For text of subs. 5a to 12, see M.S.2000]

History: 2001 c 188 s 1; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 29.

168.013 VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAXES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 1a. **Passenger automobile; hearse.** (a) On passenger automobiles as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 7, and hearses, except as otherwise provided, the tax shall be \$10 plus an additional tax equal to 1.25 percent of the base value.

(b) Subject to the classification provisions herein, "base value" means the manufacturer's suggested retail price of the vehicle including destination charge using list price information published by the manufacturer or determined by the registrar if no suggested retail price exists, and shall not include the cost of each accessory or item of optional equipment separately added to the vehicle and the suggested retail price.

(c) If the manufacturer's list price information contains a single vehicle identification number followed by various descriptions and suggested retail prices, the registrar shall select from those listings only the lowest price for determining base value.

(d) If unable to determine the base value because the vehicle is specially constructed, or for any other reason, the registrar may establish such value upon the cost price to the purchaser or owner as evidenced by a certificate of cost but not including Minnesota sales or use tax or any local sales or other local tax.

(e) The registrar shall classify every vehicle in its proper base value class as follows:

FROM	TO
\$ 0	\$199.99
200	399.99

and thereafter a series of classes successively set in brackets having a spread of \$200 consisting of such number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.

(f) The base value for purposes of this section shall be the middle point between the extremes of its class.

(g) The registrar shall establish the base value, when new, of every passenger automobile and hearse registered prior to the effective date of Extra Session Laws 1971, chapter 31, using list price information published by the manufacturer or any nationally recognized firm or association compiling such data for the automotive industry. If unable to ascertain the base value of any registered vehicle in the foregoing manner, the registrar may use any other available source or method. The tax on all previously registered vehicles shall be computed upon the base value thus determined taking into account the depreciation provisions of paragraph (h).

(h) The annual additional tax computed upon the base value as provided herein, during the first and second years of vehicle life shall be computed upon 100 percent of the base value; for the third and fourth years, 90 percent of such value; for the fifth and sixth years, 75 percent of such value; for the seventh year, 60 percent of such value; for the eighth year, 40 percent of such value; for the ninth year, 30 percent of such value; for the tenth year, ten percent of such value; for the 11th and each succeeding year, the sum of \$25.

In no event shall the annual additional tax be less than \$25. The total tax under this subdivision shall not exceed \$189 for the first renewal period and shall not exceed \$99 for subsequent renewal periods. The total tax under this subdivision on any vehicle filing its initial registration in Minnesota in the second year of vehicle life shall not exceed \$189 and shall not exceed \$99 for subsequent renewal periods. The total tax under this subdivision on any vehicle filing its initial registration in Minnesota in the third or subsequent year of vehicle life shall not exceed \$99 and shall not exceed \$99 in any subsequent renewal period.

(i) As used in this subdivision and section 168.017, the following terms have the meanings given: "initial registration" means the 12 consecutive months calendar period from the day of first registration of a vehicle in Minnesota; and "renewal periods"

means the 12 consecutive calendar months periods following the initial registration period.

[For text of subs 1b and 1c, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 1d. **Trailer.** (a) On trailers registered at a gross vehicle weight of greater than 3,000 pounds, the annual tax is based on total gross weight and is 30 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed in subdivision 1e, when the gross weight is 15,000 pounds or less, and when the gross weight of a trailer is more than 15,000 pounds, the tax for the first eight years of vehicle life is 100 percent of the tax imposed in the Minnesota base rate schedule, and during the ninth and succeeding years of vehicle life the tax is 75 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed by subdivision 1e.

(b) Farm trailers with a gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds and as described in section 168.011, subdivision 17, are taxed as farm trucks as prescribed in subdivision 1c.

(c) Effective on and after July 1, 2001, trailers registered at a gross vehicle weight of 3,000 pounds or less must display a distinctive plate. The registration on the license plate is valid for the life of the trailer only if it remains registered at the same gross vehicle weight. The onetime registration tax for trailers registered for the first time in Minnesota is \$55. For trailers registered in Minnesota before July 1, 2001, and for which:

(1) registration is desired for the remaining life of the trailer, the registration tax is \$25; or

(2) permanent registration is not desired, the biennial registration tax is \$10 for the first renewal if registration is renewed between and including July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2003. These trailers must be issued permanent registration at the first renewal on or after July 1, 2003, and the registration tax is \$20.

For trailers registered at a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less before July 1, 2001, but not renewed until on or after July 1, 2003, the registration tax is \$20 and permanent registration must be issued.

[For text of subs 1e to 20, see M.S.2000]

History: *1Sp2001 c 5 art 13 s 2; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 30*

168.017 MONTHLY SERIES REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.2000]

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, 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 present the application to the registrar at St. Paul, or at deputy registrar offices as the registrar may designate.

(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.

[For text of subs 4 and 5, see M.S.2000]

History: *1Sp2001 c 5 art 13 s 3*

168.09. REGISTRATION; REREGISTRATION.

[For text of subs 1 to 6, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 7. **Display of temporary permit; special plates.** (a) A vehicle that displays a special plate issued under section 168.021; 168.12, subdivision 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, or 2d; 168.123; 168.124; 168.125; 168.126; 168.128; or 168.129 may display a temporary permit in conjunction with expired registration if:

(1) the current registration tax and all other fees have been paid in full; and
 (2) the plate requires replacement under section 168.12, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (3).

(b) A vehicle that is registered under section 168.10 may display a temporary permit in conjunction with expired registration, with or without a registration license plate, if:

(1) the license plates have been applied for and the registration tax has been paid in full, as provided for in section 168.10; and
 (2) the vehicle is used solely as a collector vehicle while displaying the temporary permit and not used for general transportation purposes.

(c) The permit is valid for a period of 60 days. The permit must be in a form prescribed by the commissioner of public safety and whenever practicable must be posted upon the driver's side of the rear window on the inside of the vehicle. The permit is valid only for the vehicle for which it was issued to allow a reasonable time for the new license plates to be manufactured and delivered to the applicant.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 31*

168.12. LICENSE PLATES.

Subdivision 1. **Number plates; design, visibility, periods of issuance.** (a) The registrar, upon the approval and payment, shall issue to the applicant the number plates required by law, bearing the state name and the number assigned. The number assigned may be a combination of a letter or sign with figures. The color of the plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned shall be in marked contrast. The plates shall be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably indicate the registration of the vehicle according to the rules of the registrar, and when a vehicle is registered on the basis of total gross weight, the plates issued shall clearly indicate by letters or other suitable insignia the maximum gross weight for which the tax has been paid. These number plates shall be so treated as to be at least 100 times brighter than the conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, these number plates, when viewed from a vehicle equipped with standard headlights, shall be visible for a distance of not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet.

(b) The registrar shall issue these number plates for the following periods:

(1) New number plates issued pursuant to section 168.012, subdivision 1, shall be issued to a vehicle for as long as it is owned by the exempt agency and shall not be transferable from one vehicle to another but may be transferred with the vehicle from one tax-exempt agency to another.

(2) Plates issued for passenger automobiles as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 7, shall be issued for a seven-year period. All plates issued under this paragraph must be replaced if they are seven years old or older at the time of annual registration or will become so during the registration period.

(3) Number plates issued under sections 168.053 and 168.27; subdivisions 16 and 17, shall be for a seven-year period.

(4) Number plates issued under subdivisions 2c and 2d and section 168.123 shall be issued for the life of the veteran under section 169.79.

(5) Plates for any vehicle not specified in clauses (1) to (3), except for trailers as hereafter provided, shall be issued for the life of the vehicle. Beginning with number plates issued for the year 1981, plates issued for trailers with a total gross weight of

3,000 pounds or less shall be issued for the life of the trailer and shall be not more than seven inches in length and four inches in width.

(c) In a year in which plates are not issued, the registrar shall issue for each registration a tab or sticker to designate the year of registration. This tab or sticker shall show the calendar year or years for which issued, and is valid only for that period. The number plates, number tabs, or stickers issued for a motor vehicle may not be transferred to another motor vehicle during the period for which it is issued, except a motor vehicle registered under section 168.187.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, number plates issued to a vehicle which is used for behind-the-wheel instruction in a driver education course in a public school may be transferred to another vehicle used for the same purpose without payment of any additional fee. The registrar shall be notified of each transfer of number plates under this paragraph and may prescribe a form for notification.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.2000]

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 32*

168.1291 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; DESIGN.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section "special license plates" means license plates issued under sections 168.12, subdivisions 2b and 2e; 168.1235; and 168.129.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.2000]

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 33*

168.27 MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS; VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES.

[For text of subs 1 to 9, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 10. **Place of business.** (a) All licensees under this section shall have an established place of business which shall include as a minimum:

(1) For a new motor vehicle dealer, the following:

(i) a commercial building 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. Dealership business hours must be conspicuously posted on the place of doing business and readily viewable by the public;

(ii) a bona fide contract or franchise (1) in effect with a manufacturer or distributor of the new motor vehicles the dealer proposes to sell, broker, wholesale, or auction, or (2) in effect with the first-stage manufacturer or distributor of new motor vehicles purchased from a van converter or modifier which the dealer proposes to sell, broker, wholesale, or auction, or (3) in effect with the final stage manufacturer of the new type A, B, or C motor homes which the dealer proposes to sell, broker, wholesale, or auction;

(iii) a facility for the repair and servicing of motor vehicles and the storage of parts and accessories, not to exceed ten miles distance from the principal place of business. Such service may be provided through contract with bona fide operators actually engaged in such services;

(iv) an area either indoors or outdoors to display motor vehicles which is owned or under lease by the licensee; and

(v) a sign clearly identifying the dealership by name which is readily viewable by the public.

(2) For a used motor vehicle dealer, the following:

(i) a commercial building 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 automatic telephone answering service during normal business hours. Dealership business hours must be conspicuously posted on the place of doing business and readily viewable by the public;

(ii) an area either indoors or outdoors to display motor vehicles which is owned or under lease by the licensee; and

(iii) a sign clearly identifying the dealership by name which is readily viewable by the public.

(3) For a motor vehicle lessor, the following: a commercial 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. Business hours must be conspicuously posted on the place of doing business and readily viewable by the public. The office space must be owned or under lease for a minimum term of one year by the licensee.

(4) For a motor vehicle wholesaler, the following: a commercial 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. The office space must be owned or under lease for a minimum term of one year by the licensee.

(5) 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.

(6) For a motor vehicle broker, the following: a commercial office space where books, records, and files necessary to conduct business are kept and maintained with personnel available during normal business hours, or an automatic telephone answering service available during normal business hours. A sign, clearly identifying the motor vehicle broker by name and listing the broker's business hours, must be posted in a location and manner readily viewable by a member of the public visiting the office space. The office space must be owned or under lease for a minimum term of one year by the licensee.

(b) 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.

(c) If a motor vehicle lessor, wholesaler, auctioneer, or motor vehicle broker 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. If a lessor proposes to sell previously leased or rented vehicles or if a broker proposes to establish an office at a location outside the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, other than cities of the first class, the lessor or broker must obtain a license for each nonmetropolitan area county in which the lessor's sales are to take place or where the broker proposes to locate an office.

(d) If a motor vehicle dealer, lessor, wholesaler, or motor vehicle broker does not have direct access to a public road or street, any privately owned roadway providing access to a public road or street must be clearly identified and adequately maintained.

(e) A new or used motor vehicle dealer may establish a temporary place of business outside the county where it maintains its licensed location to sell horse trailers exclusively without obtaining an additional license.

(f) A new or used motor vehicle dealer may establish a temporary place of business outside the county where it maintains its licensed location to sell recreational equipment exclusively without obtaining an additional license if:

(1) the dealer establishes a temporary place of business for the sale of recreational equipment not more than four times during any calendar year;

(2) each temporary place of business other than an official county fair or the Minnesota state fair within the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, is established jointly with at least four other recreational equipment dealers;

(3) each temporary place of business other than an official county fair outside the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, is established jointly with at least one other recreational equipment dealer;

(4) each establishment of a temporary place of business for the sale of recreational equipment is for no more than 12 consecutive days; and

(5) the dealer notifies the registrar of motor vehicles of each temporary place of business for the sale of recreational equipment.

[For text of subds 11 and 12, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 12a. **Grounds for cancellation; notice required.** (a) A license may be canceled by the registrar after notice to the dealer, upon satisfactory proof that the dealer (1) has failed to provide or maintain the required surety bond, (2) has failed to provide or maintain the insurance required under chapter 65B, or (3) is no longer operating at the dealer's licensed location.

(b) Surety companies and insurers providing required coverages shall promptly notify the registrar upon canceling any surety bond or required insurance. The registrar shall notify the dealer of the reason or reasons for cancellation before the cancellation occurs:

[For text of subds 13 to 19a, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 20. **Application to sale of other vehicles.** (a) This section does not apply:

(1) to any person, copartnership, or corporation engaged in the business of selling vehicles designed to operate exclusively over snow, motor scooters, motorized wheelchairs, utility trailers, farm wagons, farm trailers, or farm tractors or other farm implements, whether self-propelled or not and even though a vehicle listed in this clause may be equipped with a trailer hitch; or

(2) to any person licensed as a real estate broker or salesperson pursuant to chapter 82, who engages in the business of selling, who offers to sell, or who solicits or advertises the sale of manufactured homes affixed to land.

(b) However, this section does apply to a person, copartnership, or corporation described in paragraph (a) who is also engaged in the business of selling other motor vehicles or manufactured homes within the provisions of this section.

(c) As used in this subdivision, "utility trailer" means a motorless vehicle, other than a boat trailer or snowmobile trailer, equipped with one or two wheels, having a gross vehicle weight of 4,000 pounds or less, and used for carrying property on its own structure while being drawn by a motor vehicle.

[For text of subds 22 to 26, see M.S.2000]

History: 2001 c 151 s 1; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 34,35

168.33 REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES; DEPUTY REGISTRARS.

[For text of subds 1 to 6, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 7. **Filing fee.** (a) In addition to all other statutory fees and taxes, a filing fee of:

(i) \$4.50 is imposed on every motor vehicle registration renewal, excluding pro rate transactions; and

(ii) \$7 is imposed on every other type of vehicle transaction, including pro rate transactions;

except that a filing fee may not be charged for a document returned for a refund or for a correction of an error made by the department of public safety, a licensed auto dealer, or a deputy registrar. The filing fee must be shown as a separate item on all registration renewal notices sent out by the department. No filing fee or other fee may be charged for the permanent surrender of a certificate of title and license plates for a motor vehicle.

(b) Filing fees collected under this subdivision by the department must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund, except fees for registrations of motor vehicles. Filing fees collected for registrations of motor vehicles in conjunction with a title transfer or first application in this state must be paid into the state treasury with 50 percent of the money credited to the general fund and 50 percent credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

(c) A motor vehicle dealer shall retain \$2.50 of each filing fee imposed under this subdivision for a completed transaction involving the sale of a motor vehicle to or by a licensed dealer, if the dealer electronically transmits the transaction to the department or deputy registrar. The department shall develop procedures to implement this subdivision in consultation with the Minnesota Deputy Registrar Association and the Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association. Deputy registrars shall not be prohibited from receiving and processing required documents supporting an electronic transaction.

[For text of subd 8, see M.S.2000]

History: 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 36

168.381 MANUFACTURE OF VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; APPROPRIATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Correctional facilities; other manufacturers.** (a) License number plates required by law may be manufactured by the Minnesota correctional facility-St. Cloud, the Minnesota correctional facility-Stillwater, or other facility established by law for the confinement of persons convicted of felony, upon order from the registrar of motor vehicles. The order must state the quality of material desired in the plates, the plate specifications, and the amount or number desired.

(b) Should the commissioner of corrections decide not to supply the required quantity of license plates, or discontinue the manufacture of plates, the commissioner of public safety is authorized to seek other suppliers on a competitive basis.

Subd. 2. **Laboratory testing; costs.** (a) Materials purchased to be used in the manufacture of motor vehicle number plates must be tested as to conformance with specifications established by the commissioner of public safety in a privately operated laboratory service to be designated by the commissioner. The cost of the laboratory must be included in the cost of materials purchased.

(b) The cost of delivery of number plates to the commissioner of public safety at places designated by the commissioner must be included in the expenses incurred in their manufacture.

Subd. 3. **Specifications.** The commissioner of public safety shall establish new or revised specifications for the material and equipment used in the manufacture of number plates ordered for manufacture after August 1, 1975, and may from time to time revise the specifications; provided that the specifications conform to the requirements of section 168.12. In establishing new or revised specifications, the commissioner shall consult with and give consideration to the advice and recommendations of representatives of the Minnesota state patrol, local police officers' associations, and the county sheriffs' association.

Subd. 4. **Appropriations.** (a) Money appropriated to the department of public safety to procure the plates for any fiscal year or years are available for allotment, encumbrance, and expenditure from and after the date of the enactment of the appropriation. Materials and equipment used in the manufacture of number plates are subject only to the approval of the commissioner of public safety.

(b) This section contemplates that money to be appropriated to the department of public safety in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this section will be appropriated by the legislature from the highway user tax distribution fund.

(c) A sum sufficient is appropriated annually from the highway user tax distribution fund to the commissioner of public safety to pay the costs of purchasing, delivering, and mailing motor vehicle license number plates, license plate registration tabs or stickers, and license plate registration notices.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 37*

168.54 MOTOR VEHICLES, TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.

[For text of subds 4 and 5, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 2001 c 7 s 91]

168.61 INTERCITY BUS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** The term "intercity bus" as used in sections 168.61 to 168.65 means a motor bus as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 9, which is owned or operated by either a resident or nonresident of Minnesota in interstate commerce under authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission or in combined interstate and intrastate commerce under authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the department of transportation of Minnesota, as a result of which operation such bus operates both within and without the territorial limits of the state of Minnesota.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2000]

History: *1Sp2001 c 4 art 6 s 23*