

an admissions policy providing for free admission to the Minnesota zoological garden for all visitors on certain days distributed throughout each year.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 85A.02, Subdivision 8, is repealed.

Approved May 11, 1973.

CHAPTER 208—H.F.No.723

An act relating to motor vehicles; registration and taxation; vehicles exempt from license fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.012, Subdivision 1.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.012, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

168.012 MOTOR VEHICLES; VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM LICENSE FEES. Subdivision 1. Vehicles owned and used solely in the transaction of official business by representatives of foreign powers, by the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or vehicles owned and used exclusively by educational institutions and used solely in the transportation of pupils to and from such institutions, shall be exempt from the provision of this chapter requiring payment of tax or registration fees, ~~but all such vehicles except those.~~ Vehicles owned by the federal government, municipal fire apparatus, police patrols and ambulances, the general appearance of which is unmistakable, shall ~~be registered as herein required and display tax exempt number plates furnished by the registrar at cost.~~ In the case of vehicles used in general police work the passenger vehicle classification license number plates shall be displayed and furnished by the registrar at cost; but the exemption herein provided shall not apply to any vehicles, except such vehicles used in general police work, and buses owned and used by the state hospitals and institutions for the mentally ill and mentally retarded or epileptic, unless the name of the state department or political subdivision owning such vehicle shall be plainly printed on both sides not be required to register or display number plates. Vehicles used in general police work shall be registered and shall display passenger vehicle classification license number plates which shall be furnished by the

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registrar at cost. All other motor vehicles shall be registered and display tax exempt number plates which shall be furnished by the registrar at cost. All vehicles required to display tax exempt number plates shall have the name of the state department or public subdivision on the vehicle plainly printed on both sides thereof in letters not less than 2½ inches high, one inch wide and of a ⅜ inch stroke; except that each state hospital and institution for the mentally ill and mentally retarded may have one vehicle without the required printing on the sides of the vehicle. Such printing shall be in a color giving a marked contrast with that of the part of the vehicle on which it is placed and shall be done with a good quality of paint that will endure throughout the term of the registration. The printing must be on a part of the vehicle itself and not on a removable plate or placard of any kind and shall be kept clean and visible at all times. The owner of any such vehicle desiring to come under the foregoing exemption provisions shall first notify the chief of the state trunk highway patrol who shall provide suitable seals and cause the same to be affixed to any such vehicle.

Approved May 11, 1973.

CHAPTER 209—H.F.No.864

[Not Coded]

An act relating to transportation; appropriating money to the public service commission for the purpose of contracting for railroad passenger service.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **RAILROADS; CONTRACTS FOR PASSENGER SERVICE; APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated to the public service commission from the general fund the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be required for the purpose of contracting with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for the provision of railroad passenger service within the state pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 216A.10 to 216A.13, during the biennium beginning July 1, 1973.

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