

## CHAPTER 364—H.F.No. 2110

*An act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the identification of certain tax exempt vehicles by use of removable plates or placards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 168.012, Subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 168.012, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

168.012 **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. Vehicles owned by the federal government, municipal fire apparatus, police patrols and ambulances, the general appearance of which is unmistakable, shall not be required to register or display number plates. Vehicles used in general police work and passenger vehicles, station wagons, and buses owned or operated by the department of corrections shall be registered and shall display passenger vehicle classification license number plates which shall be furnished by the 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 2 1/2 inches high, one inch wide and of a 3/8 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; except that a removable plate or placard may be utilized on vehicles leased or loaned to a school district for driver education purposes. 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.

Sec. 2. This act is effective on the day following final enactment.

Approved March 24, 1980

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