

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 168.101, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. Motor vehicles; ownership; age. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 168.011, Subdivision 7, the term "passenger automobile" includes "station wagon" for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, Section 168.101.

Approved March 10, 1967.

CHAPTER 56—S. F. No. 144

An act licensing motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 168.012, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 168.012, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

168.012 Motor vehicles; license fees; exemptions. 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 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 busses 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 thereof in letters not less than 2½ inches high, one inch wide and of a ⅜ inch stroke. 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

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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.

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CHAPTER 57—S. F. No. 448

An act relating to making local improvements, modifying the majority required to order improvements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 429.031, Subdivisions 1 and 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 429.031, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

429.031 **Local improvements; majority required to order.** Subdivision 1. **Preparation of plans, notice of hearing.** Before the municipality awards a contract for an improvement or orders it made by day labor, or before the municipality shall have the power to assess any portion of the cost of an improvement to be made under a cooperative agreement with the state or another political subdivision for sharing the cost of making such improvement, the council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed improvement following two publications in the newspaper of a notice stating the time and place of the hearing, the general nature of the improvement, the estimated cost, and the area proposed to be assessed. The two publications shall be a week apart and the hearing shall be at least three days after the last publication. Not less than 10 days before the hearing, notice thereof shall also be mailed to the owner of each parcel within the area proposed to be assessed, but failure to give mailed notice or any defects in the notice shall not invalidate the proceedings. For the purpose of giving mailed notice, owners shall be those shown to be such on the records of the county auditor or, in any county where tax statements are mailed by the county treasurer, on the records of the county treasurer; but other appropriate records may be used for this purpose. However, as to properties which are tax exempt or subject to taxation on a gross earnings

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