

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved February 15, 1974.

CHAPTER 55—H.F.No.1504

An act relating to elections; providing for the hours that the registration locations must be open; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 201.091, Subdivision 6.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 201.091, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **ELECTIONS; REGISTRATION PLACES; HOURS.** Each county auditor shall determine a number of public buildings located within the county, and not less than one location per 30,000 residents, where eligible voters may register by completing a registration card and leaving it with an official within the building whose duty it shall be to transmit the cards to the appropriate county auditor. All such locations shall remain open until 9:00 P.M. on the last registration day and for at least two days not including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays immediately preceding the last registration day, and shall also remain open from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the Saturday immediately preceding the last registration day. An adequate supply of registration cards shall be maintained at the locations determined.

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CHAPTER 56—H.F.No.1617

An act relating to insurance; cancellation of automobile insurance policies; setting requirements for cancellation of collision and comprehensive coverages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 65B.14, 65B.17, and 65B.18.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 65B.14, is amended to read:

65B.14 INSURANCE; CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF AUTOMOBILE POLICIES; DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. "Policy of automobile ~~liability~~ insurance" means a policy delivered or issued for de-

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livery in this state, insuring a natural person as named insured, and any relative or relatives of the named insured who is a resident of the same household covering automobiles owned by the insured of (a) the private passenger type, including a private passenger, station wagon or jeep type automobile not used as a public or livery conveyance for passengers, nor rented to others, or (b) the utility automobile type which shall mean any other four-wheel vehicle whether having a pick-up, sedan delivery, or panel truck type body not used primarily in the occupation, profession or business of the insured other than farming or ranching; provided, however, that sections 65B.14 to 65B.21 shall not apply to any policy of automobile ~~liability~~ insurance: (1) issued under the Minnesota automobile insurance plan; (2) insuring more than four automobiles; or (3) covering garage, automobiles sales agency, repair shop, service station or public parking place operation hazards ; ~~and, provided further, that sections 65B.14 to 65B.21 shall apply only to that portion of an automobile liability policy insuring against bodily injury and property damage liability and to the provisions therein, if any, relating to medical payments, uninsured motorists coverage, accidental death, and disability coverages .~~

Subd. 2. "Renewal" or "to renew" means the issuance and delivery by an insurer of a policy superseding at the end of the policy period a policy previously issued and delivered by the same insurer, or the issuance and delivery of a certificate or notice extending the term of a policy beyond its policy period or term; provided, however, that any policy with a policy period or term of less than six months or any policy with no fixed expiration date shall for the purpose of sections 65B.14 to 65B.21 be considered as if written for successive policy periods or terms of six months.

Subd. 3. "Nonpayment of premium" means failure of the named insured to discharge when due any of his obligations in connection with the payment of premiums on a policy of automobile ~~liability~~ insurance or any installment of such premium, whether the premium is payable directly to the insurer or its agent or indirectly under any premium finance plan or extension of credit.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 65B.17, is amended to read:

65B.17 RENEWAL; NOTICE NOT TO RENEW. No insurer shall fail to renew an automobile ~~liability~~ insurance policy unless it shall mail or deliver to the named insured, at the address shown in the policy, at least 60 days advance notice of its intention not to renew. Said notice shall contain the specific underwriting or other reason or reasons for such nonrenewal. When the failure to renew is based upon a termination of the agency contract, the notice shall so state. This section shall not apply:

(a) If the insurer has manifested its willingness to renew; or

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(b) In case of nonpayment of the renewal premium;

Provided that, notwithstanding the failure of an insurer to comply with this section, the policy shall terminate on the effective date of any other automobile ~~liability~~ insurance policy procured by the insured, with respect to any automobile designated in both policies. Renewal of a policy shall not constitute a waiver or estoppel with respect to grounds for cancellation which existed before the effective date of such renewal. No insurer shall fail to renew an automobile ~~liability~~ policy solely because of the age of the insured. No insurer shall refuse to renew an automobile ~~liability~~ insurance policy for reasons which are arbitrary or capricious.

No insurer shall take any action in regard to an automobile ~~liability~~ insurance policy on the statements or charges of any person made to the insurer concerning alleged unsafe driving habits of an insured unless the insurer shall concurrently disclose to the insured the name and address of the person from which the insurer received the information.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 65B.18, is amended to read:

65B.18 PROOF OF MAILING OF NOTICE. Proof of mailing of notice of cancellation, reduction in the limits of liability of coverage, or nonrenewal of a policy and, if required herein, the reason or reasons therefor to the named insured at the address shown in the policy, shall be sufficient proof that notice required herein has been given. ~~A certificate of mailing on United States Postal Form 3817, as defined in Part 165 of the United States Postal Manual as now existing or hereafter changed by the United States Postal Department, shall constitute proof of mailing.~~

Sec. 4. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

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CHAPTER 57—H.F.No.1699

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; slow moving vehicles. signs required; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.522, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.522, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.522 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; SLOW MOVING VEHICLES,

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