

fails or refuses to return such property to lessor within five days after written demand for such return has been served personally in the manner provided for service of process of a civil action or sent by registered or certified mail to the last known address of the lessee, which ever shall occur later, shall be evidence of intent to violate this clause. Service by certified or registered mail shall be deemed to be complete upon deposit in the United States mail of such demand, postpaid and addressed to such person at the address for such person set forth in the lease or rental agreement, or, in the absence of such address, to such person's last known place of residence ; or

(10) Alters, removes or obliterates numbers or symbols placed on movable property for purpose of identification by the owner or person who has legal custody or right to possession thereof with the intent to prevent identification, if the person who alters, removes or obliterates the numbers or symbols is not the owner and does not have the permission of the owner to make the alteration, removal or obliteration .

Approved June 2, 1975.

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CHAPTER 245—H.F.No.982

[Coded]

*An act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the issuance of personalized license plates; prescribing additional charges therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.12, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. MOTOR VEHICLES; PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES. Any applicant may apply for personalized license plates. Upon compliance with all laws of this state relating to registration of passenger motor vehicles, and upon payment of a fee of \$50 which fee is in addition to the registration tax required by law for the passenger vehicle, the registrar shall issue to the applicant personalized license plates. In lieu of the numbers assigned as provided in subdivision 1, such personalized license plates shall have imprinted thereon a series of not to exceed any combination of six numbers and letters. When an applicant has once obtained personalized plates, he shall have a prior claim for similar personalized plates in the next succeeding year that plates are issued if he makes application for them at least 30 days prior to the first date on which his registration can be renewed. The commissioner of public safety shall adopt rules and regulations in the manner provided by chapter 15, regulating the issuance and transfer of such personalized license plates. No words or combination of letters

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placed on such personalized license plates may be of an obscene, indecent or immoral nature, or such as would offend public morals or decency.

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1 of this section, personalized license plates issued pursuant to this subdivision may be transferred to another motor vehicle upon the payment of a fee of \$5, which fee shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund. The registrar may by regulation provide a form for such notification.

The fee prescribed for personalized license plates shall be paid only in those years in which the number plate itself is issued, and shall not be payable in any year in which a year plate, tab or sticker is issued in lieu of a number plate.

All fees from the sale of personalized license plates shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective November 15, 1976, for the year 1977 and subsequent years.

Approved June 2, 1975.

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#### CHAPTER 246—H.F.No.986

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to crime victims reparations; authorizing the crime victims reparations board to limit the fees charged by an attorney representing a claimant before the board; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 299B.03, Subdivision 1; and Chapter 299B, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 299B.03, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**299B.03 CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS; ATTORNEYS FEES; ELIGIBILITY FOR REPARATIONS.** Subdivision 1. Except as provided in subdivision 2, the following persons shall be entitled to reparations upon a showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the requirements for reparations have been met:

- (a) a victim who has incurred economic loss;
- (b) a dependent who has incurred economic loss;

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