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CHAPTER 205—S.F.No.922

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to parking privileges for the physically handicapped; prohibiting nonhandicapped persons from parking in spaces designated for the handicapped; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 168.021, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. [169.346] PARKING FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED; PROHIBITIONS; PENALTIES. Subdivision 1. No person shall park a motor vehicle in a parking space designated and reserved for the physically handicapped, on either private or public property, unless:

(a) That person is physically handicapped in a manner rendering it difficult, dangerous or impossible for the person to walk, or the person was operating the vehicle under the direction of a person who is physically handicapped in this manner; and

(b) The vehicle visibly displays the certificate or insignia issued to physically handicapped persons by the department of public safety pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.345, Subdivision 3, or Section 168.021.

Subd. 2. Handicapped parking spaces shall be designated and identified by the posting of signs incorporating the international symbol of access in white on blue and indicating that the parking space is reserved for the handicapped with vehicles displaying the required certificate. The posting of signs shall be in accordance with the state building code established by rule of the commissioner of administration pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 16.85, when the location of the parking spaces on public or private lands is within the purview of the state building code, and in accordance with the manual on uniform traffic control devices adopted by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.06, when the parking spaces are on streets and highways.

Subd. 3. Any person who violates the provisions of subdivision 1 shall be fined \$10. This subdivision shall be enforced in the same manner as parking ordinances or regulations are enforced in the governmental subdivision in which the violation occurs. A handicapped person charged with violating subdivision 1 because he parked in a handicapped parking space without the required certificate or insignia shall not be convicted if he produces in court or prior to the court appearance the required certificate or insignia and demonstrates that he was entitled to the certificate or insignia at the time of arrest or tagging.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 168.021, Subdivision 1, is amended to
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read:

168.021 LICENSE PLATES FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS.
 Subdivision 1. **SPECIAL PLATES; APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE.** Where a motor vehicle registered pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 168.017 with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or less is owned or primarily operated by a physically handicapped person, the owner may apply for and secure from the registrar of motor vehicles two license number plates with attached emblems, one plate to be attached to the front, and one to the rear of the vehicle. Application for issuance of these plates shall be made upon renewal for registration year 1977 and subsequent years, or where the person acquires the vehicle on or after March 1, 1976, when he first applies for its registration.

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CHAPTER 206—S.F.No.964

An act relating to labor relations; providing for the exclusion of certain positions and classes of positions in the classified and unclassified civil service of the executive branch from bargaining units; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.74, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.74, Subdivision 4, is amended to read: -

Subd. 4. **LABOR RELATIONS; CERTAIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES; BARGAINING UNITS.** The commissioner of personnel shall meet and negotiate with the exclusive representative of appropriate units in the manner prescribed by sections 179.61 to 179.77; provided, however, that the director of mediation services shall define appropriate units of state employees as all the employees under the same appointing authority except where professional, geographical or other considerations affecting employment relations clearly require appropriate units of some other composition. The positions and classes of positions in the classified and unclassified service services defined as managerial by the commissioner of personnel in accordance with the provisions of section 43.326 and so designated in the official state compensation schedules, all unclassified positions in the state university system and the community college system defined as managerial by their respective boards, all positions in the bureau of mediation services, employees who work in the personnel offices of an appointing authority in the executive branch and who have access to information subject to use by the appointing authority in meeting and negotiating or who actively participate in the meeting and negotiating on behalf of state employees, shall be excluded from any appropriate unit. Regardless of unit determination, the governor may upon the unanimous written request of exclusive representatives of units and appointing authorities direct that negotiations be conducted for one or more appointing authorities in a common proceeding.

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