

considered as accessible for convenient use regardless of the size of such records. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, he shall permit all public records in his custody to be inspected, examined, abstracted, or copied at reasonable times and under his supervision and regulation by any person; and he shall, upon the demand of any person, furnish certified copies thereof on payment in advance of fees not to exceed the fees prescribed by law. Full convenience and comprehensive accessibility shall be allowed to researchers including historians, genealogists and other scholars to carry out extensive research and complete copying of all public records except as otherwise expressly provided by law. Access to records containing government data is governed by section 7.

Sec. 24. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 15.1641; 15.1642, Subdivision 4; and 15.169 are repealed.

Sec. 25. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 to 6, 8 to 22, and 24 are effective July 1, 1979. Sections 7 and 23 are effective January 1, 1980.

Approved June 5, 1979.

CHAPTER 329—H.F.No.810

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for taxing and registering modified vehicles manufactured prior to 1949; regulating storage of modified vehicles and requiring certain equipment; providing for use of original plates on certain vehicles; providing that private motor vehicle mileage allowances be set locally; authorizing county auditor to appoint deputy registrar without regard to registrar's county of residence; providing for revocation of dishonored instrument; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 168.10; 168.33, Subdivision 2; and 471.665, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 168.10, is amended to read:

168.10 **REGISTRATION; CLASSIC CARS.** Subdivision 1. **APPLICATION.** Except as provided in subdivisions 1a, 1b, ~~and 1c,~~ 1d and 1g, every owner of any motor vehicle in this state, not exempted by section 168.012 or 168.26, shall as soon as ownership of a motor vehicle is acquired and annually thereafter during the period November 15 to March 1 following, both dates inclusive, file with the commissioner of public safety on a blank provided by him a listing for taxation and application for the registration of such vehicle, stating the first, middle and last names, the dates of birth, and addresses of all owners thereof who are natural persons, the full names and addresses of all other owners, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, make of motor vehicle, year and number of the model, manufacturer's identification number or serial number, type of body, the weight of the vehicle in pounds, for trailers only, its rated load carrying capacity and for buses only, its seating capacity, and such other information as the commissioner may require. Any false statement wilfully and knowingly made in regard thereto shall be deemed perjury and punished accordingly. The listing and application for registration by

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dealers or manufacturers' agents within the state, of motor vehicles received for sale or use within the state shall be accepted as compliance with the requirements of this chapter, imposed upon the manufacturer.

Registration shall be refused a motor vehicle if the original identification or serial number has been destroyed, removed, altered, covered or defaced. However, if the commissioner is satisfied on the sworn statements of the owner or owners or such other persons as he may deem advisable that the applicant is the legal owner, a special identification number in the form prescribed by the commissioner shall be assigned to the motor vehicle. When it has been determined that the number had been affixed to such vehicle in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, the vehicle may thereafter be registered in the same manner as other motor vehicles. In the case of a new or rebuilt motor vehicle manufactured or assembled without an identification or serial number, the commissioner may assign an identification number to the motor vehicle in the same manner as prescribed heretofore.

Subd. 1a. **COLLECTOR'S VEHICLES, PIONEER LICENSE.** Any motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1936 and owned and operated solely as a collector's item shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the registrar is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$6 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates so issued shall bear the inscription "Pioneer," "Minnesota" and the registration number but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke said plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$2 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

Subd. 1b. **COLLECTOR'S VEHICLE, CLASSIC CAR LICENSE.** Any motor vehicle manufactured between and including the years 1925 and 1948, and designated by the registrar of motor vehicles as a classic car because of its fine design, high engineering standards, and superior workmanship, and owned and operated solely as a collector's item shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the owner, the name and address of the person from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If the registrar is satisfied

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that the affidavit is true and correct and that the motor vehicle qualifies to be classified as a classic car, and the owner pays a \$6 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates so issued shall bear the inscription "Classic Car," "Minnesota," and the registration number but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke said plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$2 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

The following cars built between and including 1925 and 1942 are classic, with the exception of Lincoln Continentals which are considered to be classics through the year 1948:

A.C.	
Adler	
Alfa Romeo	
Alvis	Speed 20, 25, and 4.3 litre.
Amilcar	
Aston Martin	
Auburn	All 8-cylinder and 12-cylinder models.
Audi	
Austro-Daimler	
Avions Voisin 12	
Bentley	
Blackhawk	
B.M.W.	Models 327, 328, and 335 only.
Brewster (Heart-front Ford)	
Bugatti	
Cadillac	All 1925 through 1935. 1936-1942: Series 70, 72, 75, 80, 85 and 90 only.
Chrysler	1926 through 1930: Imperial 80. 1931: Imperial 8 Series CG. 1932: Series CG and CL. 1933: Series CL. 1934: Series CW. 1935: Series CW. All Newports and Thunderbolts.
Cord	

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Cunningham	
Dagmar	Model 25-70 only.
Daimler	
Delage	
Delahaye	
Doble	
Dorris	
Duesenberg	
du Pont	
Franklin	All models except 1933-34 Olympic Sixes.
Frazer Nash	
Hispano Suiza	
Horch	
Hotchkiss	
Invicta	
Isotta Fraschini	
Jaguar	
Jordan	Speedway Series 'Z' only.
Kissel	1925, 1926 and 1927: Model 8-75. 1928: Model 8-90, and 8-90 White Eagle. 1929: Model 8-126, and 8-90 White Eagle. 1930: Model 8-126. 1931: Model 8-126.
Lagonda	
Lancia	
La Salle	1927 through 1933 only.
Lincoln	All models K, L, KA, and KB. 1941: Model 168H. 1942: Model 268H.
Lincoln	
Continental	1939 through 1948.
Locomobile	All models 48 and 90. 1927: Model 8-80. 1928: Model 8-80. 1929: Models 8-80 and 8-88.
Marmon	All 16-cylinder models. 1925: Model 74. 1926: Model 74. 1927: Model 75. 1928: Model E75. 1930: Big 8 model. 1931: Model 88, and Big 8.
Maybach	
McFarlan	
Mercedes Benz	All models 2.2 litres and up.

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Mercer	
M.G.	6-cylinder models only.
Minerva	
Packard	1925 through 1934: All models. 1935 through 1942: Models 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1207, 1208, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1407, 1408, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1607, 1608, 1705, 1707, 1708, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1906, 1907, 1908, 2006, 2007, and 2008 only.
Peerless	1926 through 1928: Series 69. 1930-1931: Custom 8. 1932: Deluxe Custom 8.
Pierce Arrow	
Railton	
Renault	Grand Sport model only.
Reo	1930-1931: Royale Custom 8, and Series 8-35 and 8-52 Elite 8. 1933: Royale Custom 8.
Revere	
Roamer	1925: Series 8-88, 6-54e, and 4-75. 1926: Series 4-75e, and 8-88. 1927-1928: Series 8-88. 1929: Series 8-88, and 8-125. 1930: Series 8-125.
Rohr	
Rolls Royce	
Ruxton	
Salmson	
Squire	
Stearns Knight	
Stevens Duryea	
Steyr	
Stutz	
Sunbeam	
Talbot	
Vauxhall	Series 30-98 only.
Wills Saint Claire	

No commercial vehicles such as hearses, ambulances, or trucks are considered to be classic cars.

Subd. 1c. **COLLECTOR'S VEHICLE, COLLECTOR LICENSE.** Any motor vehicle that is at least 20 model years old and manufactured after 1935, or of a defunct make, defined as any car originally licensed as a separate identifiable make as designated by the division of motor vehicles, and owned and operated solely as a collector's vehicle,

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shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows: An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner, the make of the motor vehicle, year and number of the model, the manufacturer's identification number and that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. The owner must also prove that he or she also has one or more vehicles with regular license plates. If the registrar is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$20 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates so issued shall bear the inscription "Collector," "Minnesota" and the registration number, but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke such plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$2 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such a manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

Subd. 1d. COLLECTORS VEHICLES, STREET ROD LICENSE. Any modernized motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949 or designed and manufactured to resemble such vehicle shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows:

An affidavit shall be executed stating the name and address of the person from whom purchased and of the new owner, the make of the motor vehicle, year number of model, and the manufacturer's identification number. The affidavit shall further state that the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a street rod and not for general transportation purposes. The owner must also prove that he or she has one or more vehicles with regular license plates. If the registrar is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner pays a \$25 tax, the registrar shall list such vehicle for taxation and registration and shall issue number plates.

The number plates issued shall bear the inscription "Street Rod", "Minnesota" and the registration number but no date. The number plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and shall be issued for the applicant's use only for such vehicle. The registrar has the power to revoke such plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

In the event of the defacement, loss or destruction of such number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle's owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$5 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such a manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

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Subd. ~~4d~~ 1e. **OUTDOOR STORAGE.** Pioneer, classic ~~or~~ , collector vehicles, or street rods, licensed or unlicensed, operable or inoperable, may be stored in compliance with local government zoning and ordinances on their owners' property, provided that the vehicles and any outdoor storage areas they may require are maintained in such a manner that they do not constitute a health or environmental hazard and are screened from ordinary public view by means of a fence, shrubbery, rapidly growing trees or other appropriate means. The appropriate local agency or authority may inform an owner of his failure to comply with these requirements, and may order the vehicles removed from the outdoor storage area if the owner fails to comply with these requirements within 20 days after the warning.

Subd. ~~4e~~ 1f. **EQUIPMENT.** Any pioneer, classic ~~or~~ , collector vehicle or street rod shall have all equipment, in operating condition, which was specifically required by law as a condition for its first sale after manufacture.

No law requiring any particular equipment or specifying any standards to be met by motor vehicles shall apply to pioneer, classic ~~or~~ , collector vehicles or street rods unless it specifically so states.

Subd. 1g. **ORIGINAL PLATES.** A vehicle registered pursuant to subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c or 1d may in lieu of being issued number plates by the registrar display original Minnesota number plates issued in the same year as the model year of the car on which they are displayed. The number of the original plates must be provided to the registrar. The original plates must be in good condition and shall be used in pairs one to be displayed in the front of the car and one in the rear. Original Minnesota number plates shall not be used if the number on the original plate is identical to a number on any current street rod plate or any other plate in a numbering system used by the registrar. Any person currently using plates issued pursuant to subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c or 1d shall return those plates to the registrar before substituting original plates. The registrar may charge a fee for registering the number on original plates.

Subd. 2. **NEW BODY; APPLICATION.** Upon the installation of a new body or the addition to or change of type of any body in or upon any registered motor vehicle, the owner shall file with the registrar a new application setting forth such change, together with the payment of any additional tax to which the motor vehicle by such change has become subject, and shall apply for a revision of the registration made.

Subd. 3. **OFFENSES.** It shall be unlawful for any person:

(1) To display or cause to be displayed or to have in his possession any canceled, revoked, suspended or fraudulently obtained or stolen registration plates;

(2) To lend his registration plates to any person or knowingly to permit the use thereof by another;

(3) To display or represent as one's own any registration plates not issued to him; provided, however, this shall not apply to any legal change of ownership of the motor vehicle to which the plates are attached;

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(4) To fail or refuse to surrender to the department upon its lawful demand any registration plates which have been revoked, canceled, or suspended by proper authority;

(5) To use a false or fictitious name or address or description of the motor vehicle, identification number, or serial number in any application for registration of a motor vehicle or to knowingly make a false statement or to knowingly conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application;

(6) To destroy, alter, remove, cover or deface the identification or serial number of any motor vehicle or to knowingly operate any motor vehicle the identification or serial number of which has been destroyed, altered, removed, covered or defaced without first making application for assignment of a special identification number as provided by law.

Subd. 4. **VIOLATIONS.** It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter unless such violation is by this chapter or other laws of this state declared to be a felony or gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 471.665, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

471.665 **MILEAGE ALLOWANCES.** Subdivision 1. ~~Except as provided in subdivision 3,~~ The maximum amount which shall be paid by any county, home rule charter or statutory city, town, or school district, to any officer or employee as compensation or reimbursement for the use by the officer or employee of his own automobile in the performance of his duties shall ~~not exceed 15 cents a mile be set by the town board or other governing body of the unit in an amount not exceeding that provided by the commissioner of personnel for state officers and employees.~~

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 168.33, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **POWERS.** The registrar shall have the power to appoint, hire and discharge and fix the compensation of the necessary employees, in the manner provided by law, as may be required to enable him to properly carry out the duties imposed upon him by the provisions of this chapter. As of April 14, 1976, the registrar may appoint, and for cause discontinue, a deputy registrar for any city as the public interest and convenience may require, without regard to whether the county auditor of the county in which the city is situated has been appointed as the deputy registrar for the county or has been discontinued as the deputy registrar for the county, and without regard to whether the county in which the city is situated has established a county license bureau which issues motor vehicle licenses as provided in section 373.32.

Effective August 1, 1976, the registrar may appoint, and for cause discontinue, a deputy registrar for any city as the public interest and convenience may require, if the auditor for the county in which the city is situated chooses not to accept appointment as the deputy registrar for the county or is discontinued as a deputy registrar, or if the county in which the city is situated has not established a county license bureau which issues motor vehicle license as provided in section 373.32. Any person appointed by the registrar as a deputy registrar for any city shall be a resident of the county in which the

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city is situated.

The registrar may appoint, and for cause discontinue, the county auditor of each county as a deputy registrar. The auditor, with the approval of the director of motor vehicles, may appoint, and for cause discontinue, the clerk or equivalent officer of each city or any other person as a deputy registrar as public interest and convenience may require, regardless of his county of residence. Notwithstanding any other provision, a person other than a county auditor or a director of a county license bureau, who was appointed by the registrar before August 1, 1976, as a deputy registrar for any city, may continue to serve as deputy registrar and may be discontinued for cause only by the registrar. The county auditor shall be responsible for the acts of deputy registrars appointed by him. Each such deputy, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully discharge his duties and to uphold the laws of the state. If a deputy registrar appointed hereunder is not an officer or employee of a county or city, such deputy shall in addition give bond to the state in the sum of \$10,000, or such larger sum as may be required by the registrar, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties as deputy registrar. Each deputy registrar appointed hereunder shall keep and maintain, in a convenient public place within the place for which he is appointed, a registration and motor vehicle tax collection bureau, to be approved by the registrar, for the registration of motor vehicles and the collection of motor vehicle taxes thereon. He shall keep such records and make such reports to the registrar as that officer, from time to time, may require. Such records shall be maintained at the facility of the deputy registrar. The records and facilities of the deputy registrar shall at all times be open to the inspection of the registrar or his agents. He shall report daily to the registrar all registrations made and taxes and fees collected by him. The filing fee imposed pursuant to subdivision 7 shall be deposited in the treasury of the place for which he is appointed, or if such deputy is not a public official, he shall retain the filing fee, but the registration tax and any additional fees for delayed registration he has collected he shall deposit each day in an approved state depository to the credit of the state through the state treasurer. The place for which the deputy registrar is appointed through its governing body shall provide the deputy registrar with facilities and personnel to carry out the duties imposed by this subdivision if such deputy is a public official. In all other cases, the deputy shall maintain a suitable facility for serving the public.

Approved June 5, 1979.

CHAPTER 330—H.F.No.842

An act relating to local government; providing for certain local improvements and special assessments; providing for appointment of home rule charter commission members; providing for the preparation of financial reports by certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 410.05, Subdivision 2; 429.011, by adding a subdivision; 429.021, Subdivision 1; 471.697, Subdivision 1; and 471.698, Subdivision 1.

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

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