

# ONE OR TWO LICENSE PLATES

**Carry this in your glove compartment – This is the bill that provides for one or two license plates on collector and similar vehicles at the owners discretion.**

## Minnesota 2000 Statutes

### 169.79 Vehicle registration.

(a) No person shall operate, drive or park a motor vehicle on any highway unless the vehicle is registered in accordance with the laws of this state and has the number plates for the current year only, except as provided in sections 168.10 and 168.12, subdivision 2f, as assigned to it by the commissioner of public safety, conspicuously displayed thereon in a manner that the view of any plate is not obstructed.

(b) If the vehicle is a semitrailer, the number plate displayed must be assigned to the registered owner and correlate to the certificate of title documentation on file with the department and shall not display a year indicator.

(c) If the vehicle is a motorcycle, motor scooter, motorized bicycle, motorcycle sidecar, trailer, semitrailer, or vehicle displaying a dealer plate, one plate shall be displayed on the rear thereof.

(d) If the vehicle is (1) a collector's vehicle with a pioneer, classic car, collector, or street rod license; (2) a vehicle that meets the requirements of a pioneer, classic, or street rod vehicle except that the vehicle is used for general transportation purposes; or (3) a vehicle that is of model year 1972 or earlier, not registered under section 168.10, subdivision 1c, and is used for general transportation purposes, one plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle, or one plate on the front and one on the rear, at the discretion of the owner.

(e) If the vehicle is a truck-tractor, road-tractor or farm truck, as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 17, but excluding from that definition semitrailers and trailers, one plate shall be displayed on the front thereof.

(f) If the motor vehicle is any kind of motor vehicle other than those provided for in paragraphs (b) to (d), one plate shall be displayed on the front and one on the rear thereof.

(g) All plates shall be securely fastened so as to prevent them from swinging. The person driving the motor vehicle shall keep the plate legible and unobstructed and free from grease, dust, or other blurring material so that the lettering shall be plainly visible at all times. It is unlawful to cover any assigned letters and numbers or the name of the state of origin of a license plate with any material whatever, including any clear or colorless material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity.

(h) License plates issued to vehicles registered under section 168.017 must display the month of expiration in the lower left corner as viewed facing the plate and the year of expiration in the lower right corner as viewed facing the plate. License plates issued to vehicles registered under section 168.127 must display either fleet registration validation stickers in the lower right corner as viewed facing the plates or distinctive license plates, issued by the registrar, with "FLEET REG" embossed on the bottom center portion of the plate.

HIST: (2720-268) 1937 c 464 s 118; 1961 c 622 s 1; 1967 c 464 s 2; 1977 c 248 s 4; 1981 c 357 s 62; 1981 c 363 s 27; 1985 c 291 s 18; 1995 c 120 s 4; 1995 c 145 s 2; 1997 c 240 s 5; 1997 c 250 s 6; 2000 c 280 s 1

# **BLUE DOT LEGISLATION**

**Carry this in your glove compartment – This is the bill that allows collector vehicles to display a blue dot as part of the brake light.  
The effective date was 3/29/00.**

## **Minnesota 2000 Statutes**

### **169.64 Prohibited lights; exceptions.**

Subd. 4. **Blue light.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) to (d), blue lights are prohibited on all vehicles except road maintenance equipment and snow removal equipment operated by or under contract to the state or a political subdivision thereof.

(b) Authorized emergency vehicles may display flashing blue lights to the rear of the vehicle as a warning signal in combination with other lights permitted or required by this chapter.

(c) A motorcycle may display a blue light of up to one inch diameter as part of the motorcycle's rear brake light.

(d) A motor vehicle may display a blue light of up to one inch diameter as part of the vehicle's rear brake light if:

(1) the vehicle is a collector vehicle, as described in section 168.10; or

(2) the vehicle is eligible to display a collector plate under section 168.10.