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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; establishing semiannual registration of trailers and  
1.3 tractors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 168.017, subdivision 3;  
1.4 168.018.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.017, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) The registrar shall register all vehicles subject to  
1.8 registration under the monthly series system for a period of 12 consecutive calendar  
1.9 months, unless:

1.10 (1) the application is an original rather than renewal application; ~~or~~

1.11 (2) the application is for periodic series registration under section 168.018; or

1.12 ~~(2)~~ (3) the applicant is a licensed motor vehicle lessor under section 168.27, in

1.13 which case the applicant may apply for initial or renewed registration of a vehicle for a

1.14 period of four or more months, the month of expiration to be designated by the applicant

1.15 at the time of registration. However, to qualify for this exemption, the applicant must

1.16 present the application to the registrar at St. Paul, or at deputy registrar offices as the

1.17 registrar may designate.

1.18 (b) In any instance except that of a licensed motor vehicle lessor, the registrar shall

1.19 not approve registering the vehicle subject to the application for a period of less than three

1.20 months, except when the registrar determines that to do otherwise will help to equalize

1.21 the registration and renewal work load of the department.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.018, is amended to read:

2.2 **168.018 ~~QUARTERLY PERIODIC SERIES REGISTRATION OF FARM~~**  
 2.3 **~~TRUCKS.~~**

2.4 Subdivision 1. **General requirements.** (a) The owner of an eligible vehicle may  
 2.5 apply for quarterly or semiannual registration as specified in this section. The owner may  
 2.6 not apply for registration or renewal until seven days before the next registration period or  
 2.7 concurrent periods. The expiration date of a quarterly or semiannual registration must  
 2.8 be displayed on the plate, as directed by the commissioner. No vehicle registered under  
 2.9 this section may be operated on public streets and highways more than ten days beyond  
 2.10 the end of the period for which it is registered unless the registration has been renewed  
 2.11 for another period or concurrent periods.

2.12 (b) Registration quarters for quarterly registration begin on March 1, June 1,  
 2.13 September 1, and December 1.

2.14 (c) Semiannual registration begins on the first day of the appropriate calendar month  
 2.15 and ends on the last day of the sixth month afterward.

2.16 Subd. 2. **Quarterly registration of farm trucks.** (a) The owner of (1) any farm  
 2.17 truck as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 17, or (2) a truck owned by a retailer who  
 2.18 is engaged in the intrastate transportation of fertilizer or agricultural chemicals directly to  
 2.19 a farm for on-farm use within a radius of 50 miles of the retailer's business location, may  
 2.20 elect to register and license the truck only for one or more quarters of a registration year, at  
 2.21 a tax of one-fourth of the annual tax on the vehicle plus \$5 for each quarterly registration.  
 2.22 ~~The owner may not apply for quarterly registration or renewal until seven days before~~  
 2.23 ~~the selected quarter or concurrent quarters. The expiration date of a registration shall be~~  
 2.24 ~~displayed on the license plate in such a manner as the registrar shall direct. No truck~~  
 2.25 ~~registered on a quarterly basis shall be operated on the public streets and highways more~~  
 2.26 ~~than ten days beyond the end of the quarter for which it is registered unless the registration~~  
 2.27 ~~has been renewed for another quarter or for the remainder of the registration year.~~

2.28 ~~(b) For purposes of this section registration quarters shall begin on March 1, June 1,~~  
 2.29 ~~September 1, and December 1.~~

2.30 Subd. 3. **Semiannual registration of trailers.** The owner of a trailer registered  
 2.31 at a gross weight of greater than 3,000 pounds may elect to register the trailer only for  
 2.32 one-half of a registration year at a tax of one-half of the annual tax on the trailer plus \$5  
 2.33 for each semiannual registration.

2.34 Subd. 4. **Semiannual registration of tractors.** The owner of a tractor may elect to  
 2.35 register the tractor only for one-half of a registration year at a tax of one-half of the annual  
 2.36 tax on the trailer plus \$5 for each semiannual registration.