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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; providing for optional six-month vehicle registration
1.3 period; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.017, subdivision 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.017, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

1.10 (2) the applicant is a licensed motor vehicle lessor under section 168.27 and the
1.11 vehicle is leased or rented for periods of time of not more than 28 days, in which case the
1.12 applicant may apply for initial or renewed registration of a vehicle for a period of four
1.13 or more months, the month of expiration to be designated by the applicant at the time of
1.14 registration. However, to qualify for this exemption, the applicant must (1) present the
1.15 application to the registrar at St. Paul, or a designated deputy registrar office, and (2)
1.16 stamp in red, on the certificate of title, the phrase "The expiration month of this vehicle
1.17 is" with the blank filled in with the month of expiration as if the vehicle is being
1.18 registered for a period of 12 calendar months; or

1.19 (3) the applicant applies for initial or renewed registration for a period of six months,
1.20 in which case the applicant shall pay one-half of the calendar year registration fee
1.21 prescribed by law at the time of initial or renewed registration.

1.22 (b) In any instance except that of a licensed motor vehicle lessor, the registrar shall
1.23 not approve registering the vehicle subject to the application for a period of less than three

2.1 months, except when the registrar determines that to do otherwise will help to equalize
2.2 the registration and renewal work load of the department.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment,
2.4 and applies to any registration tax for an initial or renewal registration period that starts
2.5 on or after September 1, 2010.