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Re: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules

Dear Governor Walz, Executive Director Yurich, Mr. Inman, and Legislators:

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, the department respectfully submits its annual report on obsolete rules. As detailed in last year's report, the department has determined that chapter 7450 governing wheelchair-safety devices is obsolete because the statutory authority to adopt the rules was

repealed in 2019 and because the existing statutes under sections 299A.11 to 299A.17 provide the needed regulatory guidance.

For the department's other rule chapters, the following obsolete rules have been identified:

- **Chapter 7400, motor-vehicle dealers.** This chapter contains obsolete statutory references under part 7400.0100, subparts 10, 11, and 18, and language that is obsolete or inconsistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 168.27. This language is found under parts 7400.0300, 7400.0400, 7400.0600 7400.1600, 7400.1700, 7400.2300, and 7400.6000.

Other obsolete language is found in the following rule parts:

- 7400.0700 requires dealer licenses to expire midnight on December 31 each year. But a dealer license is issued for a 12-month period, and not all licenses expire on December 31. Instead, licenses are issued for one year according to the application date and the temporary license issued.
- 7400.4100, subpart 5, allows the department to waive location requirements for a licensed dealer. This waiver ended July 25, 1996.
- 7400.4300 contains obsolete requirements on how a licensed dealer must notify the department if the dealer won't have staff available during the dealer's normal business hours.
- 7400.5200, subpart 4, conflicts with statute on a licensed dealer's deadline to submit to the department a title and registration application, taxes, and fees. This deadline was statutorily changed from 10 days to 20 days.
- 7400.5400 lists information required for temporary vehicle permits that is now tracked and managed through MNDRIVE, the department's system for vehicle transactions and driver services.
- **Chapter 7403, vehicle license plates.** Part 7403.0400, subpart 4, item B, on stacking characters on license plates is obsolete because the department has stopped this practice. Additionally, part 7403.1200 is obsolete because applications for personalized plates are processed in MNDRIVE.
- **Chapter 7404, driver's license agents.** Part 7404.0450 prescribes reporting requirements for driver's license agents. Some of this information is already available in MNDRIVE.
- **Chapter 7405, vehicle registration for commercial fleets.** This chapter contains obsolete references to *Minnesota Statutes 1969* in addition to obsolete dates and other information under part 7405.1000 from when the rule was first adopted.
- **Chapter 7410, driver information, licensing, and testing.** Application requirements under part 7410.0400 for an enhanced driver's license or enhanced identification card are duplicative of statutory requirements that were codified in 2024 under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.063.

- **Chapter 7416, firearms permits.** Except for part 7416.0500, the entire chapter is obsolete because it requires applicants to comply with department forms, which haven't been amended in rule since 1994. The chapter is also unnecessary because Minnesota Statutes, chapter 624, already prescribes the form and content of applications for transfer permits and permits to carry a pistol.

For all identified rules, the department is evaluating legislation for future legislative sessions to repeal the obsolete rules or for legislative authorization to use expedited rulemaking authority to repeal the obsolete rules. The department may also use the obsolete-rulemaking process to repeal the rules identified in this report. The department anticipates that any rules repealed under this process will be adopted by next year's report.

The cost to prepare this report was about \$100.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert B. Roche

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cc: Chris Steller, Legislative Reference Library