

paid to the examiners while actually engaged in making such examination. The revolving fund of the public examiner shall be credited with all collections made for any such examination.

Subd. 5. Every contract of the commission for the purchase of merchandise, materials, or supplies which requires an expenditure of \$1,000 or more shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder after notice has been published once in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the region at least ten days in advance of the last day for the *submission of bids*.

Subd. 6. The commission shall from time to time designate one or more national or state banks, or trust companies authorized to do a banking business, as official depositories for money of the commission, and thereupon shall require the treasurer to deposit all or part of such money in such bank or banks. Such designation shall be in writing and set forth all the terms and conditions upon which the deposits are made, and shall be signed by the chairman and secretary, and made a part of the minutes of the commission. Any bank or trust company so designated shall qualify as a depository by furnishing a corporate surety bond or collateral as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 118, and shall thereafter, as long as money of the commission is on deposit therein, maintain such bond or collateral and shall be required to secure any deposit, insofar as it is insured under federal law, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 118.10.

Sec. 17. **Effective date.** This act is effective on June 1, 1969.

Approved June 6, 1969.

CHAPTER 1123—H. F. No. 485

An act relating to motorcycles; licenses, safety and driving regulations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 169.974, Subdivisions 2, 3, and 5.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 169.974, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Motorcycles; licenses; regulations.** No person shall operate a motorcycle on any street or highway after September 30, 1968, unless he has a valid standard driver's license with a two-

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wheeled vehicle endorsement as provided by law. *No such two-wheeled vehicle endorsement shall be issued after July 1, 1969, unless the person applying therefor has been in possession of a valid two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit as provided herein for at least 30 days, has passed a written examination and road test administered by the department of highways for such endorsement, and, after September 1, 1970, in the case of applicants under 18 years of age, shall present a certificate or other evidence of having successfully completed a two-wheeled vehicle driver's safety course in this or another state, in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner of highways shall promulgate. A two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit shall be issued to any person over 16 years of age, who is in possession of a valid driver's license, and who has passed a written examination for such permit and has paid such fee as the commissioner of highways shall prescribe. A two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit shall be effective for 90 days, and may be renewed under rules to be prescribed by the commissioner.*

No motorcycle operator who is operating by virtue of a two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit shall carry any passenger on the streets and highways of this state on the motorcycle which he is operating unless such passenger has a valid driver's license with a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, the commissioner may, however, issue a special motorcycle permit, restricted or qualified in such manner as he shall deem proper, to any person demonstrating a need therefor and unable to qualify for a standard driver's license.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 169.974, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Vehicle equipment.** (a) No person shall operate any motorcycle equipped with handlebars; ~~no part of which is more than 15 inches in height above the uppermost portion of the operator's seat when fully depressed by the weight of the operator~~ if any part of such handlebars extend above the shoulders of the operator while seated with both feet on the ground.

(b) Any motorcycle with a seat designed or suited for use by a passenger shall be equipped with foot rests for the passenger. *No person shall operate any motorcycle on the streets and highways after January 1, 1971, unless such motorcycle is equipped with at least one rear view mirror so attached and adjusted as to reflect to the operator a view of the roadway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the motorcycle and is equipped with not less than one horn which*

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shall be audible at a distance of at least 200 feet under normal conditions.

(c) All other applicable provisions of chapter 169 pertaining to motorcycle and other motor vehicle equipment shall apply to motorcycles, except those which by their nature have no application.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 169.974, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Driving rules.** (a) An operator of a motorcycle shall ride only upon a permanent and regular seat which is attached to the vehicle for such purpose. No other person shall ride on a motorcycle; except that ~~one passenger~~ *passengers* may ride upon a permanent and regular operator's seat if designed for two persons, or upon ~~a second seat~~ *additional seats* attached to the vehicle to the rear of the operator's seat, or in a side car attached to the vehicle; *provided, however, that the operator of a motorcycle shall not carry passengers in a number in excess of the designed capacity of the motorcycle or side car attached to it.* No passenger shall be carried in a position that will interfere with the safe operation of the motorcycle or the view of the operator.

(b) No person shall ride upon any motorcycle as a passenger unless, when sitting astride his seat, he can reach the foot rests with both feet.

(c) No person, *except passengers of sidecars or three-wheeled motorcycles,* shall operate or ride upon a motorcycle except while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on either side of the motorcycle.

(d) No person shall operate a motorcycle while carrying packages, bundles, or articles which prevent him from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

(e) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of moving or stationary vehicles headed in the same direction, nor shall any person drive a motorcycle abreast of or overtake or pass another vehicle within the same traffic lane, except that motorcycles may, with the consent of both drivers, be operated *not more than two abreast* in a single traffic lane.

(f) All motor vehicles including motorcycles are entitled to the full use of a traffic lane and no motor vehicle shall be driven or operated in such a manner so as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a traffic lane.

(g) Every person operating a motorcycle upon a roadway

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shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a motor vehicle as provided by law, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

(h) Clause (e) of this subdivision shall not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.

Passed by the Senate May 26, 1969.

Approved June 9, 1969.

CHAPTER 1124—H. F. No. 1339

[Coded]

An act relating to the establishment of a metropolitan park board and defining the powers and duties of the metropolitan council and metropolitan park board for park and open space systems and programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **[473E.01] Metropolitan park board; policy and purpose.** The preservation of regional parks and open space is seriously jeopardized in the metropolitan area of the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington because of the limited resources and capability of the governmental units in its area. It is therefore necessary to establish a metropolitan park board charged with coordination, operation and maintenance of a metropolitan park and open space system in cooperation with local units of government according to priorities established by the metropolitan council park and open space plan.

Sec. 2. **[473E.02] Metropolitan park board and council.** Subdivision 1. **Establishment of park board.** A metropolitan park board is established as a public corporation. The metropolitan council and the park board shall have all powers specified in sections 2 to 4 and all powers which are necessary or convenient to carry out the policies expressed in section 1.

Subd. 2. **Composition and selection of board members.** The board shall consist of seven members who when appointed and while serving shall be residents of the respective precincts for which they are appointed and shall be selected on the basis of their knowledge, ability, and interest in and dedication to the metropolitan park and open space program.

Subd. 3. **Appointment, qualification, and terms.** Board

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