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CHAPTER 141-H.F.No. 622

An act relating to metropolitan government; providing long-term protection of agricultural land in the metropolitan area; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 473H.11; and 473H.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473H.11, is amended to read:

473H.11 LIMITATION ON CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS.

Notwithstanding chapter 429, construction projects for public sanitary sewer systems and public water systems benefiting land or buildings in agricultural preserves shall be prohibited. New connections between land or buildings in agricultural preserves and sanitary sewers or water systems shall be prohibited. Public sanitary sewer or systems, public storm water sewer systems, public water systems, public roads, and other public improvements built on, adjacent to, or in the vicinity of agricultural preserves after the effective date of this act are deemed of no benefit to the land and buildings in agricultural preserves.

For purposes of this section, "public storm water sewer systems" means any wholly or partially piped system which is owned, operated, and maintained by the authority, that is designed to carry storm water runoff, surface water, or other drainage primarily for the benefit of land which is not in agricultural preserves.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473H.12, is amended to read:

473H.12 PROTECTION FOR NORMAL FARM PRACTICES.

Local governments and counties shall be prohibited from enacting <u>or</u> <u>enforcing</u> ordinances or regulations within an agricultural preserve which would, <u>as adopted or applied</u>, unreasonably restrict or regulate normal farm structures or farm practices in contravention of the purpose of sections 473H.02 to 473H.17 unless the restriction or regulation bears a direct relationship to <u>an</u> <u>immediate</u> and <u>substantial threat</u> to the public health and safety. This section shall apply to the operation of farm vehicles and machinery in the planting, maintenance and harvesting of crops and in the care and feeding of farm animals, the type of farming, and the design of farm structures, exclusive of residences.

Sec. 3. APPLICATION.

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This act applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

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Signed by the governor May 13, 1993, 2:50 p.m.

CHAPTER 142-H.F.No. 854

An act relating to drivers' licenses; clarifying requirement of endorsement for special transportation service drivers within the metropolitan area; abolishing examination requirement and certain fees for special transportation service drivers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 171.02, subdivision 2; 171.10, subdivision 2; and 171.13, subdivision 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 171.01, subdivision 24; and 171.323.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 171.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. DRIVER'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS, ENDORSE-MENTS, EXEMPTIONS. Drivers' licenses shall be classified according to the types of vehicles which may be driven by the holder of each type or class of license. The commissioner may, as appropriate, subdivide the classes listed in this subdivision and issue licenses classified accordingly. No class of license shall be valid to operate a motorcycle, school bus, special transportation service vehiele, tank vehicle, double-trailer or triple-trailer combination, vehicle transporting hazardous materials, or bus, unless so endorsed.

There shall be four general classes of licenses as follows:

(a) Class C; valid for:

(1) all farm trucks operated by (i) the owner, (ii) an immediate family member of the owner, (iii) an employee of the owner not primarily employed to operate the farm truck, within 150 miles of the farm, or (iv) an employee of the owner employed during harvest to operate the farm truck for the first, continuous transportation of agricultural products from the production site or on-farm storage site to any other location within 50 miles of that site;

(2) fire trucks and emergency fire equipment, whether or not in excess of 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, operated by a firefighter while on duty, or a tiller operator employed by a fire department who drives the rear portion of a midmount aerial ladder truck;

(3) recreational equipment as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 25, that is operated for personal use; and

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