

CHAPTER 458—S. F. No. 356

[Coded]

An act relating to traffic regulations, authorizing the commissioner of highways to use a percentage of specially marked highway patrol cars in traffic law enforcement; amending Laws 1959, Chapter 554, Section 1.

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

Section 1. Laws 1959, Chapter 554, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. [169.98] **Police patrol vehicles, markings and colors.** [Subdivision 1.] *Except as provided in this section, All all motor vehicles which are primarily used in the enforcement of highway traffic regulations by any police department, highway patrol, or peace officer shall have uniform colors and markings as provided herein. The commissioner of highways by rule or regulation shall establish uniform colorings and markings for such motor vehicles which colors and markings shall be both distinctive and contrasting in appearance so as to distinguish such motor vehicles from other motor vehicles and make them easily identifiable. The commissioner of highways may authorize the use of specially marked highway patrol vehicles, that have only a marking composed of a shield on the right door with the words inscribed thereon "Minnesota Highway Patrol" for primary use in the enforcement of highway traffic regulations when in his judgment the use of specially marked highway patrol vehicles will contribute to the safety of the traveling public. The number of such specially marked highway patrol vehicles used in the enforcement of highway traffic regulations shall not exceed 10 percent of the total number of highway patrol vehicles used in traffic law enforcement. All specially marked highway patrol vehicles shall be operated by uniformed members of the highway patrol and so equipped and operated as to clearly indicate to the driver of a car which is signaled to stop that the specially marked highway patrol vehicle is being operated by the highway patrol.*

Approved April 20, 1961.

Changes or additions indicated by *italics*, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.