

A bill for an act

relating to traffic regulations; modifying provision exempting road equipment preparing for winter storm from certain highway restrictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.035, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.035, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Working on highway.** (a) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to persons, motor vehicles, and other equipment while actually engaged in work upon the highway, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c).

(b) This chapter shall apply to those persons and vehicles when traveling to or from such work, except that persons operating equipment owned, rented or hired by road authorities shall be exempt from the width, height and length provisions of sections 169.80 and 169.81 and shall be exempt from the weight limitations of this chapter while performing the following actions on behalf of the state or a local governmental unit:

(1) within 48 hours of the period forecasted to receive snow or ice, while loading, readying, or moving the equipment in preparation for combating anticipated slippery road conditions or removing snow or ice;

(2) while actually engaged in snow or ice removal and; or

(3) while engaged in flood control operations ~~on behalf of the state or a local governmental unit.~~

(c) Chapter 169A and section 169.444 apply to persons while actually engaged in work upon the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.