

CHAPTER 475—H. F. No. 539.

An act to amend Section 2635, General Statutes, Minnesota, 1913, relating to rates of speed of motor-vehicles on public highways.

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

Section 1. New rates of speed for motor vehicles in congested districts.—That section 2635, General Statutes, Minnesota, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

2635. No person shall drive a motor-vehicle upon any public highway of this state at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the highway, or so as to endanger the life or limb or injure the property of any person. If the rate of speed of any motor-vehicle, operated on any public highway in this state, where the same passes through the closely built up portions of any incorporated city, town or village, or where the traffic is more or less congested, exceeds ten (10) miles an hour for a distance of *one-tenth* of a mile, or if the rate of speed of any motor vehicle, operated on any public highway of this state, where the same passes through the residence portions of any city, town or village, exceeds fifteen (15) miles an hour for a distance of *one-tenth* of a mile, or if the rate of speed of any motor-vehicle operated on any public highway in this state, outside the closely built up business portions, and the residence portions of any incorporated city, town or village, exceeds twenty-five (25) miles an hour for a distance of one-quarter of a mile, such rates of speed shall be *prima facie* evidence that the person operating such motor-vehicle is running at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the way, or so as to endanger the life or limb or injure the property of any person.

If the rate of speed of a motor-vehicle, operated on any public highway in this state, in going around a corner or curve in a highway, where the operator's view of the road traffic is obstructed, exceeds six (6) miles per hour, such rate of speed shall be *prima facie* evidence that the person operating such motor-vehicle is running at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and the use of the way, or so as to endanger the life or limb or injure the property of any person.

If a licensed physician shall have his motor-vehicle stopped for exceeding the speed limit, while he is in the act of responding to an emergency call, the registration number of the vehicle, and the driver's license number may be inspected and noted, and the physician shall then be allowed to proceed in the vehicle to his

destination, and subsequently such proceedings shall be taken as would have been proper had the person violating the provisions as to speed not been a physician.

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CHAPTER 476—H. F. No. 652.

An act to allow deputy clerk hire for clerks of the district court in certain counties of the State of Minnesota

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

Section 1. Deputy clerk hire in certain counties of Minnesota.—In all counties of the state of Minnesota having a population of less than forty-five thousand (45,000) inhabitants the clerks of the district court of such counties shall be allowed deputy clerk hire to be paid out of the county treasury upon the warrant of the county auditor, the clerk of the district court having first certified to the county auditor that such services have been rendered and are reasonably worth the sum charged, and no allowance for such deputy clerk hire shall be made or received in any case except for services actually rendered: provided that this section shall not apply to any county wherein deputy clerk hire is now fixed by special law.

Sec. 2. Classification of counties.—For the purpose of fixing the amount of deputy clerk hire to be allowed the clerks of the district court the several counties of the state of Minnesota having a population of less than forty-five thousand (45,000) inhabitants are hereby classed as follows:

Such counties having a population of less than seven thousand (7,000) shall be known as class "A"; those counties having a population of seven thousand (7,000) and less than twelve thousand (12,000) shall be known as class "B"; those counties having a population of twelve thousand (12,000) and less than eighteen thousand (18,000) shall be known as class "C"; those counties having a population of eighteen thousand (18,000) and less than thirty thousand (30,000) shall be known as class "D"; those counties having a population of thirty thousand (30,000) and less than forty-five thousand (45,000) inhabitants shall be known as class "E".

The county auditor in determining the population of any county for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of deputy clerk hire to be allowed to the clerk of the district court of such county as herein provided, shall take the census of the year 1910, or any census taken thereafter by the United States or by the state of Minnesota, and add two per cent to the population as shown by the census last taken for each year expiring after the year in which such census was last taken.