

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 396—H. F. No. 1158.

An act to prohibit the operation of vehicles of more than certain width and weights or equipped with "mud hooks" upon the public highways without a permit and of vehicles with chains, lugs or other hard protuberances upon the bearing surface of the wheels except under certain conditions.

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

Section 1. Vehicles of certain width prohibited.—No motor vehicle shall be operated on the highways of this state whose width, including load, is greater than ninety-six inches, except traction engines whose width shall not exceed one hundred and eight inches, a greater height than twelve feet six inches or a greater length than thirty feet, and no combination of vehicles coupled together shall be so operated whose total length, including load, shall be greater than eighty-five feet, provided that in special cases vehicles whose dimensions exceed the foregoing may be operated under permits granted as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Weight of load limited.—No vehicle of four wheels or less, whose gross weight, including load is more than twenty-eight thousand pounds; no vehicle having a greater weight than twenty-two thousand and four hundred pounds on one axle, and no vehicle having a load of over eight hundred pounds per inch width of tire upon any wheel concentrated upon the surface of the highway (said width in the case of rubber tires to be measured between the flanges of the rim) shall be operated on the highways of the State of Minnesota; provided that in special cases vehicles whose weight, including loads, exceed those herein prescribed may be operated under special permits granted as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. Permit—Where secured.—The Special Permit required by Sections No. 1 and 2 of this act, for the operation of a vehicle whose size or weight with load exceeds the limits prescribed in this act, shall be in writing and be issued at the discretion of the Commissioner of Highways or of those local authorities who have charge of the highways and bridges over which such vehicle is to operate. Such permit may be issued for a single trip or for a definite period not beyond the date of expiration of the vehicle registration, and may designate the highways and bridges to be used. No motor vehicle or traction engine equipped with so-called "mud-hooks" shall be operated upon any public highway and no motor vehicle or traction engine

shall be operated upon any public highway with lugs, or other hard protuberances upon the bearing surface of the wheels, except in particular places where and at times when the same are necessary.

Sec. 4. **Violation a misdemeanor.**—Any person who shall operate a vehicle on the highways of the State of Minnesota in violation of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. **Commissioner of highways and municipalities to have authority to restrict use of roads.**—The Commissioner of Highways, or the governing board of any municipality having jurisdiction of roads therein shall have the authority to restrict the character and weight of motor traffic upon earth or gravel roads under their jurisdiction when weather or soil conditions would, in their judgment, result in such traffic destroying or excessively damaging such roads. When such Commissioner or board find it necessary to place restrictions on the kind and weight of motor traffic on such roads, the road shall be posted with plainly printed notices at both ends of such section of roads on which traffic is to be restricted, also at the points where such roads leave the nearest town, and when practicable, proper notices shall be published in the local newspapers. All such notices shall state the loads and kind of vehicles prohibited from using such roads.

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CHAPTER 397—H. F. No. 356.

An act to provide for the maintenance of school libraries.

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

Section 1. **Schools may provide libraries.**—Maintenance—Every school district may provide library facilities as part of its school equipment, according to the standards of the State Board of Education.

Sec. 2. **School board to vote funds.**—The school board of any school district may vote sufficient funds for the maintenance of the school library, appoint a librarian, and make rules for the use and management of the library.

Sec. 3. **Cities and villages may maintain libraries.**—In cities and villages of less than two thousand people, not levying a tax for public library purposes, the school board may maintain a public library for the use of all residents of the district, and provide ample and suitable rooms for its use in the school building.

Sec. 4. **State department of education to furnish list of books.**—The State Department of Education shall from time to time prepare and amend a list of books suitable for school libraries, including dictionaries and other books of reference, histories and