

deceased soldier would have received hereunder for the period of his active service, if living. Where any soldier shall have died after being discharged from the service and has not received the full benefits provided for under the provisions of Chapter 49, Special Session Laws, 1919, or of this act, leaving neither a widow nor children as herein defined, him surviving, but leaving a father or mother, then in that case the sum to which such soldier would have been entitled for the period of his active service, if living, shall be paid to such mother, if living, and if there is no mother, to such father.

Sec. 10. **Bonus board to finish work by July 1, 1922.**—The Soldiers' Bonus Board shall conclude its duties under the provisions of this act and go out of existence June 30, 1922. All office equipment in the custody of the Board at that time shall be delivered to the Board of Control, receipt being taken therefor, and such Board is hereby authorized to allot such equipment for the use of other departments of the state. All files of the Bonus Board relating to bonus applications shall be deposited with the Adjutant General and shall become a part of his permanent records.

Sec. 11. **Application.**—*The provisions of this act shall not be construed as an amendment or modification of any of the provisions of Chapter 14, Laws 1921, or Chapter 51, Laws 1921.*

Sec. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 472—H. F. No. 1159.

An act relating to the regulation of the operation of certain vehicles upon the public highways and number plates to be displayed thereon and the registration thereof and the regulation of the lights thereon and relating to certain rules of the road and to amend Sections 2626, 2628, 2631, 2633, and 2634, General Statutes 1913, and 2632, General Statutes 1913, as amended by Chapter 391, Laws 1919, and to repeal the following sections of General Statutes, 1913, namely, Sections 2620, 2622, 2623, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 33, Laws 1915, Sections 2624, 2625, 2627, 2629, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 33, Laws 1915, Sections 2630 and 2642 as amended by Section 6, Chapter 33, Laws 1915, Section 7, Chapter 33, Laws 1915, Chapter 134, Laws 1919, Chapter 510, Laws 1919; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

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

Section 1. All motor vehicles must be registered and carry number plates.—Section 2626, General Statutes 1913, is hereby amended to read as follows :

2626. No person shall operate or drive a motor-vehicle on the public highways of this state unless such vehicle shall have been registered in accordance with *the laws of this state*, and shall have the *number plates* assigned to it by the registrar of motor-vehicles conspicuously displayed, *if a motor-cycle, motor cycle side car, trailer or semi-trailer, one only on the rear of such vehicle, if other motor vehicle, one on the rear and one on the front or dash of such vehicle, securely fastened, so as to prevent the same from swinging, and it shall be the duty of the person driving the motor-vehicle to keep said plates legible, unobscured and free from grease, dust or other blurring material, so as to be plainly visible at all times.*

No person shall display on such vehicle at the same time any number plate of more than one state.

Sec. 2. Size of plates.—Section 2628, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

2628. Such *number plates* shall be substantially of the following size and form, namely: A plate or placard of metal or enameled or other suitable material eight and one-half inches in length and five and one half inches in width for one, or two numerals; ten inches in length and five and one half inches in width for three numerals; thirteen inches in length and five and one half inches in width for four numerals, *two inches in length being added for each additional numeral, on one end of this plate, with letters running vertically from the top, there shall be the four letters, "Minn."* Each letter of this shall be approximately one inch in height, and near one end, and of approximately the same size, there shall be at least the last two numerals of the term of years in which the plate is issued; and on the body of such plate there shall be the distinctive numbers assigned to the vehicle in numerals four inches long, each stroke of which shall be at least one-half inch in width; provided that motor cycles shall be assigned plates three inches in width and of a height to permit numerals to be placed vertically; across the top of this plate, with letters running horizontally, there shall be the four letters "Minn.", and across the bottom, arranged in the same manner, there shall be at least the last two numerals of the year in which the plate is issued; except that the letters shall be in proportionate size to the small plate; provided further, that in case of a dealers' number plates there shall be, in addition to the foregoing, the letter "D" preceding the numeral or numerals for the dealer in vehicles. *The numerals herein referred to may be a combination of a letter or sign with numbers: and the said number plates shall otherwise conform to the requirements for number plates to be issued by the registrar of motor vehicles.*

Sec. 3. Bids for plates to be called for—Notice.—Section 2631, General Statutes 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2631. All number plates required by law shall be se-

cured by the *registrar of motor-vehicles* pursuant to notice and call for bids therefor, such notice to state the quality of material desired in such *plates*, the specifications thereof and the amount or number desired, and such notice shall be published for three successive days each in a daily newspaper published in St. Paul and Minneapolis, the first publication to be not less than twenty days prior to the time of opening bids. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check on a state or national bank of this state for *one thousand dollars or such less sum as is equal to ten per cent of the amount of the bid*, payable to the state treasurer, the amount of such check to be forfeited to the state in case successful bidder fails to enter into contract and furnish bond within ten days after awarding contract. The lowest and best bid shall be accepted by the *state printing commission* and it shall enter into a contract with the successful bidder in accordance with such notice and such plans and such bids, *provided that the said commission may reject any and all bids. Whenever any penal institution, reformatory or training school of the State of Minnesota shall, through its Board of Control or other body having charge thereof, show to the said printing commission that it is ready and equipped to manufacture for the state any number plates of the type and within the time required and for a cost not in excess of the lowest bid obtainable therefor such commission may reject all bids and enter into an agreement with such Board of Control or other body, in lieu of the contract herein provided, for the furnishing of such plates, and may waive the provisions hereof for deposit of certified check and for giving bond; otherwise such successful bidder shall within ten days file with the Secretary of State a bond for the amount of such bid, payable to the state and to be approved as to form by the Attorney General, sureties to be approved by the secretary of state and conditioned for the faithful fulfillment of the terms of such contract by such successful bidder.*

Sec. 4. *Lights—Mufflers—Road rules.*—Section 2632, General Statutes 1913, as amended by Chapter 391, Laws 1919, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

2632. Every motor vehicle operated upon a public highway of this state shall be provided with adequate brakes sufficient to control the vehicle at all times, and a suitable adequate bell, horn, or other device for signalling, and shall, during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, display at least two lighted lamps of not to exceed 32 candle power each visible from the front, and one in the rear of such vehicle, to the left of the axis thereof, which shall also display a red light, visible from the rear. *The rear vehicle of two or more joined vehicles shall likewise display a rear lamp.* The white rays of such rear lamp shall shine upon the number plate carried on the rear of such vehicle, in such manner as to make said plate clearly discernible. Provided, that reflex mirrors capable of receiving the headlight rays of an approaching car and

reflecting the same in red colors may be used in addition to a red light in the rear of any vehicle, operated or driven, or parked upon any street or highway. The light of the front lamp shall be sufficient to render clearly discernible on a level road a person, vehicle or other substantial object at least two hundred feet in the direction in which the motor is proceeding. No person shall use or cause to be used after July 1st, 1921, on any motor vehicle operated on any public street, or highway any headlights equipped with a reflector unless the reflector or glass in front of such light be so etched, ground, moulded or constructed that the lighted filament shall appear blurred or all light emitted therefrom and projected above the level of the lighted filament shall be free from brilliant luster. No so-called spotlight or searchlight shall be used upon vehicles traveling public highways, except when such spotlights or searchlights are of such construction as to make it impossible to make the center of the beam of light strike the level highway at a greater distance than 100 feet in front of the motor vehicle; except that when the beam of light is swung 30 degrees to the right or to the left of the straight ahead position, no limitation is placed on the height to which the beam is raised. All motor vehicles of five tons or over rated carrying or hauling capacity and all motor vehicle trucks, trailers or semi-trailers for which the minimum tax provided for the class of such vehicles has been paid shall after July 1st, 1921, have printed on the left side thereof near the driver's seat in letters at least one inch high, clearly discernible from a passing vehicle the rated load carrying or hauling capacity for which the tax was paid. No such motor vehicle shall be permitted to remain standing upon any public street, highway, or other public way unattended in this state, at any time with the motor running.

Every such motor vehicle using gasoline or motive power shall use a "muffler", so-called, and the same shall not be cut out or disconnected within the limits of any city or village, within the state, or at the time of passing any horse or animal being led, ridden or driven.

A person operating or driving a motor-vehicle, shall, on signal by raising the hand, or by request, from a person riding, leading or driving a horse, or horses, or other draft animals, bring such motor-vehicle immediately to a stop, and, if traveling in the opposite direction, remain stationary so long as may be reasonable to allow such horse or animal to pass, and, if traveling in the same direction, use reasonable caution in thereafter passing such horse or animal; provided that in case such horse or animal appears badly frightened, or the person operating such motor-vehicle is so signalled or requested to do, such person shall cause the motor of such vehicle to cease running so long as shall be reasonably necessary to prevent accident and insure the safety of others. The driver of a motor-vehicle, when passing a car of a street railway running in the same

direction, shall pass only to the right thereof and in approaching or passing a car of a street railway, which has been stopped to allow passengers to alight or embark, the operator of every motor-vehicle shall bring said vehicle to a full stop not less than ten feet behind said street car; *provided that said operator may pass such street car where a safety zone is established by the proper authorities, and provided further that he shall have slowed down and proceeds cautiously.* Upon approaching a pedestrian, who is upon the traveled part of any highway, and not upon a sidewalk, and upon approaching a bridge, an intersecting highway, or a curve or a corner in a highway where the operator's view is obstructed, every person operating a motor-vehicle shall slow down and give a timely signal with his bell, horn or other device for signalling; provided, however, that no person shall unreasonably obstruct or impede the right of travel upon the public highways of a driver of a motor-vehicle, or of a horse, and any one so doing shall be held amenable under this act.

Sec. 5. Driver to sound horn when.—Section 2633, General Statutes 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

2633. Every person operating or driving a motor-vehicle on the public highways of this state shall, when approaching a steep descent, a cross road outside the limits of a city or incorporated village, or points on the highway where the view ahead is not clear, slow down the speed of same, and shall sound his bell, horn or other device for signalling in such manner as to give notice and warning of his approach.

Sec. 6. Parking and driving rules.—Section 2634, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

2634. *All vehicles not in motion shall be placed with their right side as near the right hand side of the highway as practicable, except on city streets where traffic is obliged to move in one direction only.* Whenever a person riding, driving or leading a horse or other animal, or driving or operating a motor or other vehicle on any public highway, shall meet another person thus riding, driving or leading a horse or other animal or thus driving or operating a motor or other vehicle, if such persons are moving in opposite directions, each shall slacken his pace, if necessary, and reasonably turn to the right so as to give half of the travel road, if practicable, and a fair and equal opportunity to pass, to the other; or, if they are moving in the same direction, the person overtaking shall pass on the left side of the person overtaken and the person overtaken shall, promptly turn to the right so as to give half of the traveled road to the other.

The operator of a motor-vehicle, upon meeting or overtaking any horse, or other draft animal, driven or in charge of a woman, child or aged person, shall not pass said animal at a rate of speed greater than four miles per hour; provided, that in case said animal exhibits any signs of fright, the operator shall bring his machine

to a stop, and, upon request or raising of the hand of the person in charge of said animal, or in case said animal continues to exhibit signs of fright, or in case the person riding, driving or leading said animal cannot control the same, the said operator shall stop the motor of such vehicle, so long as shall be reasonably necessary to prevent damage to property, or life or limb of such person or animal. *An operator in rounding curves shall reduce speed and shall keep his vehicle as far to the right on the highway as reasonably possible.* Any person shall, at the intersection of public highways, keep to the right of the intersection of the centers of such highways, when turning to the right, and pass to the right of such intersection when turning to the left. *An operator intending to turn his vehicle to the left shall drive along the center of the roadway, extend his arm in a horizontal position and slow down. An indicator in the shape of an arrow or the semblance of a human forearm which shall extend when horizontal at least 18 inches from the outer side of the vehicle and which shall be so situated on the vehicle beside the operator as to be clearly visible from a following or approaching vehicle, may be used in lieu of the operator's arm. A vehicle shall have the right of way over another vehicle who is approaching from the left in an intersecting highway, and shall give the right of way to an operator of a vehicle approaching from the right on an intersecting highway.* In cities or villages, or any place where traffic is large, or on streets usually congested with traffic of horse drawn vehicles or street cars, slow moving vehicles must keep near the right curb, allowing those moving rapidly to keep nearer the center of the street. All vehicles, however, must keep to the right of the center of the street.

Sec. 7. *Laws repealed.*—That the following sections of General Statutes, 1913, namely, Sections 2620, 2622, 2623, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 33, Laws 1915, Sections 2624, 2625, 2627, 2629 as amended by Section 3, Chapter 33, Laws 1915. Sections 2630 and 2642 as amended by Section 6, Chapter 33, Laws 1915, and also Section 7, Chapter 33, Laws 1915, Chapter 134, Laws 1919, Chapter 510, Laws 1919, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 473—H. F. No. 1179.

An act to appropriate money for the state educational institutions and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. *Appropriations for state educational institutions, etc.*—The sums hereinafter named, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purposes specified in