

CHAPTER 843—S. F. No. 630

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 169.14, Subdivisions 2, 4, 5, and 8.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 169.14, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Highway traffic; speed limits.** Where no special hazard exists the following speeds shall be lawful, but any speeds in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful; except that the speed limit within any municipality shall be ~~an absolute speed~~ *a maximum* limit and any speed in excess thereof shall be unlawful:

- (1) 30 miles per hour in ~~any municipality~~ *an urban district*;
- (2) ~~60~~ 65 miles per hour in other locations during the daytime;
- (3) ~~50~~ 55 miles per hour in such other locations during the nighttime.

“Daytime” means from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset, except at any time when due to weather or other conditions there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of 500 feet. “Nighttime” means at any other hour or at any time when due to weather or other conditions there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of 500 feet.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 169.14, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Establishment of zones by commissioner.** When the commissioner determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any speed set forth in this section is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist on any trunk highway or upon any part thereof, he may erect appropriate signs designating a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat, which speed limit shall be effective when such signs are erected. Any speeds in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful; except that any speed limit within any municipality shall be ~~an absolute speed~~ *a maximum* limit and any speed in excess thereof shall be unlawful. *Whenever the commissioner determines upon that basis that a part of the trunk highway system outside a municipality should be a zone of maximum speed limit, he may*

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establish that part as such a zone by erecting appropriate signs showing the beginning and end of the zone, designating a reasonable and safe speed therefor, which may be different than the speed set forth in this section, and that it is a zone of maximum speed limit. The speed so designated by him within any such zone shall be a maximum speed limit, and speed in excess of such limit shall be unlawful. He may in the same manner from time to time alter the boundary of such a zone and the speed limit therein or eliminate such zone. Whenever the commissioner determines upon that basis that a part of the trunk highway system outside a municipality should be a zone of absolute speed limit he may establish that part as such a zone by erecting appropriate signs showing the beginning and end of the zone, designating a reasonable and safe speed therefor, which may be different than the speed set forth in this section, and that it is a zone of absolute speed limit. The speed so designated by him within any such zone shall be an absolute speed limit, and speed in excess of such limit shall be unlawful. He may in the same manner from time to time alter the boundary of such a zone and the speed limit therein or eliminate such zone:

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 169.14, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Zoning within local areas.** When local authorities believe that the existing speed limit upon any street or highway, or part thereof, within their respective jurisdictions and not a part of the trunk highway system is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under existing conditions, they may request the commissioner to authorize, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, the erection of appropriate signs designating what speed is reasonable and safe, and the commissioner may authorize the erection of appropriate signs designating a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat, which speed limit shall be effective when such signs are erected. Any speeds in excess of these speed limits shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful; except that any speed limit within any municipality shall be an absolute speed a *maximum* limit and any speed in excess thereof shall be unlawful. Alteration of speed limits on streets and highways shall be made only upon authority of the commissioner.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 169.14, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Minimum speeds.** Where the commissioner determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that a particular portion of the state trunk highway system is so

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constructed and that the traffic using such portion of the highway system should move at a speed in excess of a certain determined minimum he shall issue his order making such determination. The order shall specify the particular portion of highway affected, the minimum speed permissible and a determination by the commissioner that the minimum speed prescribed is reasonable and necessary to the safe use of the portion of the highway affected. Upon the issuance of such order, the commissioner shall cause such portion of highway to be appropriately posted with reasonable and adequate signs sufficient to inform the traveler of the nature of the minimum and maximum permissible speeds and the zone boundaries established by the order. Upon such posting it shall be unlawful to travel upon such portion of the highway at a speed less than the established minimum. *speed at least as great as, or in excess of, a specified and determined minimum is necessary to the reasonable and safe use of any trunk highway or portion thereof, he may erect appropriate signs specifying the minimum speed on such highway or portion thereof. The minimum speed shall be effective when such signs are erected. Any speeds less than the posted minimum speeds shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful.*

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CHAPTER 844—S. F. No. 813

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to judges and compensation and allowance for widows of district and supreme court judges; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 490.102, Subdivision 6, and adding new subdivisions to said section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 490.102, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto as follows:

Subd. 7. Judges; widows benefits. In addition to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 490.102, Subdivision 1 to 6, inclusive, and notwithstanding the limitations thereof, the widow of every judge of the District or Supreme Court who died in active service prior to May 19, 1961, who had been married to such judge for five years prior to his death and who has now attained the age of 49 years, shall be paid during her life one-half

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