

and upon such terms and conditions as he deems proper, any excess real estate acquired under the provisions of this section, and any real estate acquired in fee for trunk highway purposes and not presently needed therefor. All rents received from the leases shall be paid into the state treasury. Seventy percent of the rents shall be credited to the trunk highway fund. The remaining thirty percent shall be paid to the city, village, borough, or township county treasurer where the real estate is located, and shall be distributed in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Approved May 23, 1973.

CHAPTER 545—S.F.No.325

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the claim of Carlton county; arising from agreement of highway department to participate in costs of improvement of county road 6; appropriating money for the payment thereof.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; CARLTON COUNTY; CLAIM FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.** There is appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury credited to the trunk highway fund, or funds accredited thereto from highway patrol fines or other sources, a sum not to exceed \$100,000 to compensate Carlton county of Minnesota, for one half of the cost, not to exceed \$100,000, of the construction and engineering for the reconstruction of county road 6 between county road 61 in village of Barnum and trunk highway 35.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect upon final enactment.

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CHAPTER 546—S.F.No.342

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to motor vehicles; definition and length of trailers and vehicle combinations; amending Minnesota Statutes

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1971, Sections 168.011, Subdivisions 13, 14, and 16; and 169.81, Subdivision 3; and Chapter 169, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.011, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **MOTOR VEHICLES; COMBINATIONS PERMITS; TRAILER.** "Trailer" means any vehicle designed for carrying property or passenger on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle but shall not include a trailer drawn by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.011, Subdivision 14, is amended to read:

Subd. 14. **SEMI-TRAILER.** "Semi-trailer" means a vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a truck-tractor that a considerable part of its own weight or that of its load rests upon and is carried by the truck-tractor and shall include a trailer drawn by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.011, Subdivision 16, is amended to read:

Subd. 16. **GROSS WEIGHT.** "Gross weight" means the actual unloaded weight of the vehicle, either a truck or tractor, or the actual unloaded combined weight of a truck-tractor and semitrailer, or of the truck-tractor, semitrailer and one additional semitrailer, fully equipped for service, plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on such vehicle or combined vehicles. The term gross weight applied to a truck occasionally used for towing a trailer means the unloaded weight of the truck, fully equipped for service, plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on such truck, but not including the weight of such part of the trailer and its load as may rest upon the truck. The term gross weight applied to school buses means the weight of the vehicle fully equipped with all fuel tanks full of fuel, plus the weight of the passengers and their baggage computed at the rate of 100 pounds per passenger seating capacity, including that for the driver. The term gross weight applied to other buses means the weight of the vehicle fully equipped with all fuel tanks full of fuel, plus the weight of passengers and their baggage computed at the rate of 150 pounds per passenger seating capacity, including that for the driver. For bus seats designed for more than one passenger, but which are not divided so as to allot individual seats for the passengers that occupy them, allow two feet of its length per passenger to determine seating capacity. The term gross weight applied to a

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truck-tractor used exclusively by the owner thereof for towing an equipment dolly shall be the actual weight of the truck-tractor alone, and the equipment dolly shall be separately licensed and taxed as a trailer, as provided in section 168.013, subdivision 1, paragraph 7. The term "equipment dolly" as used in this subdivision means a heavy semitrailer used solely by the owner thereof to transport his construction machinery, equipment, implements and other objects used on a construction project, but not to be incorporated in or to become a part of a completed project. The term gross weight applied to a truck-tractor or a truck used as a truck-tractor transporting unfinished forest products or used by the owner thereof to transport agricultural, horticultural, dairy, and other farm products, including livestock, produced or finished by the owner of the truck, and any other personal property owned by the farmer to whom the license for such truck is issued, from the farm to market, and to transport property and supplies to the farm of the owner, as described in section 168.011, subdivision 17, shall be the unloaded weight of the truck-tractor or converted truck plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry on the truck, but in no case shall this be less than 21,000 pounds, whether hauling a semitrailer or not, and the semitrailer used for such hauling in conjunction with such truck-tractor or converted truck shall be registered and taxed separately as provided by section 168.013, subdivision 1, paragraph 7.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.81, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **LENGTH OF COMBINATIONS AND SEMITRAILERS AND TRAILERS.** (a) No combination of vehicles coupled together unladen or with load, including truck trailers and semitrailers, shall ~~consist of more than two units and no such combination of vehicles shall~~ exceed a total length of 55 feet, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the transportation of telegraph poles, telephone poles, electric light and power poles, piling, or pole length pulpwood, and subject to the following further exceptions: Said length limitations shall not apply to (1) vehicles when transporting pipe, or other objects by a public utility when required for emergency or repair of public service facilities or when operated under special permits as provided in this subdivision, but in respect to night transportation every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps and marker lamps on both sides and upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load; (2) ~~house trailers or mobile homes when coupled with a motor vehicle but such combination shall not exceed 55 feet in length. Provided further that two vehicles in transit by the drive-away method in saddle.~~ Mount combinations may be drawn but such combinations may not exceed 55 feet in length. The state, as to state trunk

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highways, and any city, village, borough or town, as to roads or streets located therein, may issue permits authorizing the transportation of combinations of vehicles exceeding the limitations herein contained over highways, roads or streets within their boundaries.

(b) No single semitrailer or trailer shall have an overall length, inclusive of rear bumper, in excess of 40 feet, provided any semitrailer or trailer especially constructed and used to transport livestock or any unenclosed semitrailer or trailer especially constructed and used to transport boats or motor vehicles may exceed the length limitation set forth in this paragraph by not more than five feet. Any single semitrailer or trailer registered in this state which exceeded the length limitations set forth in this paragraph as of April 1, 1967, shall be entitled to a permit authorizing its operation within this state provided application therefor is made within 120 days from April 22, 1967. The state, as to state trunk highways, and any city, village, borough, or town, as to roads or streets located therein may issue such permits for highways, roads or streets within their jurisdictions.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 169, is amended by adding a section to read:

[169.861] PERMITS FOR CERTAIN COMBINATIONS. Subdivision 1. APPLICATIONS. The commissioner shall issue an annual permit to enable a combination of vehicles between 55 and 65 feet in length to operate on the public highways. The permit shall entitle the combination of vehicles to operate only on divided highways having four or more lanes of travel, and on such other highways as may be designated by the commissioner of highways subject to Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.87, Subdivision 1, and subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction over such highway, for the purpose of providing access between such divided highways of four or more lanes of travel and truck terminals and marshalling yards or for the purpose of providing continuity of route. All vehicles operated under the provisions of this section shall conform to the standards for such vehicles as prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety, and as may be amended.

Subd. 2. DISPLAY. The permit issued under this section shall be displayed on the left side of the truck-tractor of the combination of vehicles, in the immediate vicinity of the painted, printed, stenciled, or decalcomanic, numbering showing the gross registered weight of the combination of vehicles.

Subd. 3. FEES. The commissioner is authorized to charge a fee of \$75 for an annual permit for each combination exceeding 55 but not more than 60 feet in length; and \$200 for each combina-

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tion exceeding 60 but not more than 65 feet in length. All such fees for permits issued by the commissioner shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund. This fee may be prorated in the same manner as registration fees are prorated pursuant to section 168.187 and for those vehicles not covered by section 168.187, a trip fee of \$10 for combinations exceeding 55 but not more than 60 feet in length and \$20 for combinations exceeding 60 but not more than 65 feet in length.

Sec. 6. This act is effective July 1, 1973.

Approved May 23, 1973.

CHAPTER 547—S.F.No.471

[Coded]

An act relating to health; prohibiting the performance of abortions by persons who are not licensed medical doctors; providing a penalty.

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

Section 1. **[147.101] ABORTIONS; REQUIREMENT OF MEDICAL LICENSE; OFFENSES.** Any person who performs an abortion upon another, whether or not for a fee, practices medicine within the terms of Minnesota Statutes, Section 147.10, and is subject to the criminal and other provisions thereof.

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective the day next following final enactment.

Approved May 23, 1973.

CHAPTER 548—S.F.No.488

An act relating to wild animals; authorizing the confiscation of wild rice, other aquatic vegetation, and wild rice harvesting equipment, in the event of violation of certain laws; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 97.50, Subdivision 5.

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