

tion adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169. If such new vehicle or new equipment does not conform to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, or to such regulations adopted by the commissioner of public safety, no person shall sell, offer for sale, or use any such new vehicle or new equipment. The commissioner of public safety is authorized to set and collect a reasonable fee from the manufacturer or distributor for the testing and approval of all new vehicles and specific types of new equipment upon which approval is required under this section. Such fee may be sufficient in amount to reimburse the department of public safety for all costs connected with such test and approval.

Subd. 3. A federal motor vehicle safety standard adopted by the commissioner of public safety which conflicts with an equipment provision of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, applicable to the same aspect of performance, shall supersede, on its effective date, the conflicting equipment provision of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, with respect to new motor vehicles.

Subd. 4. Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. [169.469] INJUNCTION. Subdivision 1. The district courts of this state have the authority to restrain or enjoin a violation or threatened violation of section 2.

Subd. 2. Whenever it appears to the satisfaction of the attorney general that any party has sold or offered for sale or is selling or offering for sale any such new motor vehicle or new item of motor vehicle equipment in violation of this section, he may, in the name of the state, seek injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction against any such violation or threatened violation.

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CHAPTER 22—S.F.No.481

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; accidents; reporting of accidents; driver's license suspension under certain circumstance by reason of accident; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 169.09, Subdivisions 3, 7, 8, and 13; and 170.25, Subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 170.33, Subdivision 5.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.09, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; ACCIDENT REPORTS; DRIVER TO GIVE INFORMATION.** The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, or damage to any vehicle which is driven or attended by any person, shall stop and give his name, address, date of birth and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving, and shall, upon request and if available, exhibit his driver's ~~or chauffeur's~~ license or permit to drive to the person struck or the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided with, and shall give such information and upon request exhibit such license or permit to any police officer at the scene of the accident or who is investigating the accident, and shall render reasonable assistance to any person injured in such accident.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.09, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **ACCIDENT REPORT TO COMMISSIONER.** The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of \$100 or more, shall ~~promptly~~ forward a written report of the accident to the commissioner of public safety within ten days thereof. If, in the opinion of the commissioner of public safety, the original report of any driver of a vehicle involved in an accident of which report must be made as provided in this section is insufficient he may require the driver to file supplementary reports.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.09, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **OFFICERS TO REPORT ACCIDENT TO THE COMMISSIONER.** Every law enforcement officer who, in the regular course of duty, investigates a motor vehicle accident of which report must be made as required in this section, either at the time of and at the scene of the accident or thereafter by interviewing participants or witnesses, shall, within 24 hours after completing such investigation ~~ten days after the date of such accident~~, forward a written report of such accident to the commissioner of public safety.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.09, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **ACCIDENT REPORTS CONFIDENTIAL.** All ~~required accident-written~~ reports and supplemental reports required to be provided to the department of public safety by this section shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting and shall be for the confidential use of the department of public safety for accident prevention purposes, except that the department of public safety or any law enforcement department of any municipality or county in this state shall, upon written request of any person involved in an accident or upon written request of the representative of his estate, his surviving spouse, or one or more of his surviving next of kin, or a trustee ap-

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pointed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 573.02, disclose to such requester, his legal counsel or a representative of his insurer any information contained therein except the parties' version of the accident as set out in the written report filed by such parties or may disclose identity of a person involved in an accident when such identity is not otherwise known or when such person denies his presence at such accident . No such report shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, except that the department of public safety shall furnish upon the demand of any person who has, or claims to have, made such a report, or, upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the department of public safety solely to prove a compliance or a failure to comply with the requirements that such report be made to the department of public safety. Disclosing any information contained in any accident report, except as provided herein, is unlawful and a misdemeanor.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any person who has made a report pursuant to this chapter from testifying in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, as to facts within his knowledge. It is intended by this subdivision to render privileged the reports required but it is not intended to prohibit proof of the facts to which such reports relate. Legally qualified newspaper publications shall upon request to a law enforcement agency be given an oral statement covering only the time and place of the accident, the names and addresses of the parties involved, and a general statement as to how the accident happened without attempting to fix liability upon anyone, but said legally qualified newspaper publications shall not be given access to the hereinbefore mentioned confidential reports, nor shall any such statements or information so orally given be used as evidence in any court proceeding, but shall merely be used for the purpose of a proper publication of the news.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 170.25, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

170.25 LICENSE, SUSPENSION; WHEN NOT APPLICABLE. Subdivision 1. The commissioner shall, within 90 days after the receipt of a report of a motor vehicle accident within this state which has resulted in bodily injury or death, or damage to the property of any one person in excess of ~~\$100~~ \$200 suspend the license of each driver and owner of each vehicle in any manner involved in such accident, and if such driver or owner is a non-resident the privilege of operating a motor vehicle within this state unless such driver or owner shall deposit security as provided in sections 170.29 and 170.30 in a sum which shall be sufficient in the judgment of the commissioner to satisfy any judgment or judgments for damages resulting from such accident as may be recovered against such driver or owner; provided notice of such suspension shall be sent by the commissioner to such driver and owner not less than ten days prior to the effective date of such suspension ~~and~~, shall state the amount required as security, and shall inform

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such driver and owner of his right to a review as provided in section 170.22

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 170.33, Subdivision 5, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 23—S.F.No.781

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; application thereof; providing certain exemptions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.03.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.03, is amended to read:

169.03 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; APPLICATION. The provisions of this chapter applicable to the drivers of vehicles upon the highways shall apply to the drivers of all vehicles owned or operated by the United States, this state, or any county, city, town, district, or any other political subdivision of the state, subject to such specific exemptions as are set forth in this chapter with reference to authorized emergency vehicles.

The driver of any authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, upon approaching a red or stop signal or any stop sign shall slow down as necessary for safety, but may proceed cautiously past such red or stop sign or signal after sounding siren and displaying red lights.

The driver of any authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to any emergency call, may enter against the run of traffic on any one-way street, or highway where there is authorized division of traffic, to facilitate traveling to the area in which an emergency has been reported; and the provisions of this section shall not affect any cause of action arising prior to its passage.

No driver of any authorized emergency vehicle shall assume any special privilege under this chapter except when such vehicle is operated in response to any emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to persons, ~~teams~~, motor vehicles, and other equipment while actually engaged in work upon the roadway of a highway, but shall apply to such persons and vehicles when traveling to or from such work, except for persons op-

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