

ment program based on the recommendations contained in the final report.

Sec. 5. This act is effective on the date following its final enactment.

Approved April 11, 1974.

CHAPTER 574—S.F.No.2885
[Coded]

An act relating to metropolitan transportation; directing the metropolitan transit commission to promote the use of car pools and employer vans; requiring freeways constructed after a certain date to include provision for exclusive lanes for vans and other multipassenger vehicles; authorizing tax levies.

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

Section 1. [473A.21] METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION; PROMOTION OF USE OF CAR POOLS AND EMPLOYER VANS. The metropolitan transit commission shall promote the use of car pools and employer vans in the metropolitan area. The commission's goal shall be to provide employees and employers with incentives to achieve by January 1, 1980, in the metropolitan area between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. an increase of the proportion of persons riding rather than driving in motor vehicles from the 37 percent figure of 1970 to 50 percent.

Sec. 2. [473A.22] DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. "Metropolitan area" means the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 473B.02.

Subd. 2. "Transit taxing district" means the metropolitan transit taxing district as designed in Minnesota Statutes, Section 473A.111.

Sec. 3. [473A.23] POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION. Subdivision 1. The commission shall promote the use of car pooling and encourage employers, public and private, within the transit taxing district to purchase or lease vans for the employer vans acquisition program.

Subd. 2. The commission may contract for space in parking facilities within the transit taxing district, and make the space available to vehicles carrying more than three persons at a cost which it deems provides incentive for motor vehicle drivers to join car pools or participate in an employer van program.

Subd. 3. The commission may cooperate with employers in the
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transit taxing district in developing staggered work schedules. The schedules shall be designed so a substantial number of employees are involved in each scheduled arrival and departure time.

Subd. 4. Upon proper application by an employer, as the commission shall prescribe by rule or regulation, the commission may certify an employer's van if it is to be used for the transportation of employees to and from work and a van so certified may use the exclusive bus freeway entrance ramps.

Subd. 5. The commission shall make a study of ways in which private taxi service could be better coordinated with the operation of other forms of transportation within the metropolitan area. The commission shall complete the study and make a report to the legislature by January 1, 1975.

Subd. 6. The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for implementation of the authority of this act.

Subd. 7. The commission shall contract with the commissioner of highways for performance of the duties enumerated in subdivisions 1, 2, and 4 of this section.

Subd. 8. The commission shall make a study of the integration of school bus transportation and bus service in the metropolitan area. The commission shall complete the study and make a report to the legislature by January 1, 1975.

Subd. 9. The commission shall call upon the affected school districts and school bus companies for participation in the study.

Sec. 4. [473A.24] EMPLOYER VANS ACQUISITION PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. It is the purpose of the employer vans acquisition program to encourage the transportation of employees to and from work where the metropolitan transit commission finds that the employees reside in the transit taxing district and are not adequately served by the bus system.

Subd. 2. The commission shall encourage the acquisition of vans capable of handling more than ten passengers, for the purpose of transporting employees to and from work, where the employer will (a) pay the operating and maintenance costs of the van either directly as an expense of operating his business or through assessment of the employees who use the van service and (b) pay additional compensation to the driver of a van if he is a regular employee and has not been hired for the sole purpose of driving the van.

Subd. 3. Any city, county, school district, independent board or agency, or agency of the state located within the metropolitan area may establish an employer vans acquisition program as described in this act.

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Sec. 5. **[473A.25] REPORTS.** The commission shall submit reports to the legislature not later than November 15 of each year which shall indicate progress toward increasing the proportion of passengers over drivers, including progress in achieving the January, 1980 driver and passenger ratio goal and any additional legislation necessary to aid in achieving that goal.

Sec. 6. **[473A.26] EMPLOYER VANS REVOLVING FUND.** Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT.** The governing body of any city, county, or school district may by resolution establish an employer vans revolving fund to be used to purchase vans for the employer vans acquisition program described in section 4 of this act. Any payments out of the fund shall be repaid to the fund out of revenues derived from the use by the employees of the city, county, or school district, of the vans so purchased.

Subd. 2. **LEVY.** Any city, county, or school district is authorized for the purposes of this section, to make a one time levy in excess of all taxing limitations, without affecting the amount or rate of taxes which may be levied by the city, county, or school district for other purposes or by any local governments in the area. The city, county, or school district may make the one time levy of a tax, not to exceed one tenth of a mill, in one of the following years: 1974, 1975, 1976 or 1977; the tax to be payable in the year following the year of the levy.

Subd. 3. **TERMINATION OF THE FUND.** The governing body of any city, county, or school district may by resolution terminate the employer vans revolving fund and use the funds for other purposes authorized by law.

Sec. 7. **[473A.27] FREEWAY EXCLUSIVE LANES.** Subdivision 1. For the purpose of this section, "freeway" means a completely controlled access highway where ingress and egress is allowed only at certain designated points as determined by the road authority having jurisdiction over the highway.

Subd. 2. The metropolitan council in consultation with the metropolitan transit commission may require that any freeway constructed in the metropolitan area on which actual construction has not been commenced by the effective date of this act shall include provisions for exclusive lanes for buses and, as the council may determine, other forms of multipassenger transit. The council, in making its determination, must demonstrate that the exclusive lanes are necessary to implement the transportation policy plan of the development guide.

Sec. 8. **[473A.28] FINANCING; TAX LEVIES.** Any city, county, or school district which establishes an employer vans acquisition program is authorized, upon resolution of its governing body, to levy a tax for the purpose of covering the administrative costs of the program and in addition to any other tax the city, county, or school district is authorized to levy and in excess of all taxing limitations, without af-

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fecting the amount or rate of taxes which must be levied by the city, county, or school district for other purposes or by a local government in the area, the city, county, or school district may levy a tax not to exceed 1/100 mill.

Sec. 9. This act is effective on the date following its final enactment.

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CHAPTER 575—S.F.No.2964
[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the organization, operation and financing of the state government; appropriating and reappropriating money for various programs relating to public welfare including supplementary aids; authorizing the establishment of alcohol and drug abuse programs for native Americans; providing for venereal disease treatment centers; prescribing fees for boarding prisoners; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 144, by adding a section; Sections 256.73, by adding a subdivision; 641.11; Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Sections 254A.02, by adding a subdivision; 254A.03; and 254A.07, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 254A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. STATE GOVERNMENT; ORGANIZATION, OPERATION AND FINANCING. "Native American" means a person of one quarter or more Indian blood.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 254A.03, is amended to read:

254A.03 STATE AUTHORITY ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE. Subdivision 1. There is hereby created an alcohol and other drug abuse section in the department of public welfare. This section shall be headed by a director who shall be in the unclassified service. The section shall:

(a) conduct and foster basic research relating to the cause, prevention and methods of diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholic and other drug dependent persons;

(b) coordinate all activities and programs of all the various state departments as they relate to alcohol and other drug dependency and abuse problems;

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