SIGNS REQUIRED, Subdivision 1. All animal-drawn vehicles, implements of husbandry and other machinery, including all road construction machinery, which are designed for operation at a speed of 25 miles per hour or less shall display a triangular slow moving vehicle emblem except when being used in actual construction and maintenance work and traveling within the limits of a construction area which is marked in accordance with requirements of the manual of uniform traffic control devices, as set forth in section 169.06. Such emblem shall be mounted so as to be visible from a distance of not less than 500-600 feet to the rear. When a primary power unit towing an implement of husbandry or other machinery displays a slow moving vehicle emblem visible from a distance of 500-600 feet to the rear, it shall not be necessary to display a similar emblem on the secondary unit. After January 1, 1975 all slow moving vehicle emblems sold in this state shall be so designed that when properly mounted they are visible from a distance of not less than 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beam of head lamps on a motor vehicle. The commissioner of public safety shall adopt standards and specifications for the design and position of mounting the slow moving vehicle emblem. The standards and specifications for these emblems shall conform with those approved by the American society of agricultural engineers. Such standards and specifications shall be adopted by rule and regulation in accordance with the administrative procedure act. A violation of this section shall not be admissible evidence in any civil cause of action arising prior to January 1, 1970.

Approved February 15, 1974.

CHAPTER 58—H.F.No.2873

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An act relating to state government and its personnel department; providing for temporary rules.

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

Section 1. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT; TRANSFER OF FUNC-TIONS. To insure the orderly transfer of the powers, duties and functions of the civil service board, the director of civil service, the civil service department and the compensation review board to the personnel board, the commissioner of personnel and the department of personnel, pursuant to Laws 1973, Chapter 507, the rules and regulations of the state department of civil service, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the provisions of Laws 1973, Chapter 507, or any other law, shall continue in force and effect until June 30, 1974 or until such time as permanent personnel rules are promulgated pursuant to Laws 1973, Chapter 507, whichever occurs first.

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Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved February 15, 1974.

CHAPTER 59—S.F.No.1463 [Coded]

An act relating to municipalities: local improvements and special assessments; providing for separate sidewalk benefiting districts.

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

- Section 1. [471.572] MUNICIPALITIES; SIDEWALK IMPROVE-MENT DISTRICTS. Subdivision 1. Any municipality may, by ordinance, establish sidewalk improvement districts within a municipality, and have authority to defray all or part of the total costs of sidewalk construction and repair by district benefits and apportioning the district's cost to all of the parcels located in the district on a direct or indirect benefit basis.
- Subd. 2. The governing body of any municipality may establish sidewalk districts on the basis that all areas within each district have safe pedestrian walkways to and from schools and school bus stops, public transportation facilities, and other services to the neighborhood and community.
- Subd. 3. The total costs of sidewalk district improvements may be apportioned and assessed to all parcels or tracts of land located in the established assessment district on a uniform basis as to each classification of real estate. Where sidewalk widths are wider than the standard width of the district, the additional costs may be assessed as a direct benefit to the abutting property. An indirect district benefit assessment may involve all parcels or tracts of land located in the assessment district without regard to location of sidewalks, as it is deemed that all parcels or tracts of land within the assessment district benefit equally.
- Subd. 4. The governing body may assess the costs on all district sidewalk improvements up to a maximum of five years on equal annual installments, plus interest on the unpaid balance.
 - Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

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