

residing on or actively operating the farm, and none of whose stockholders are corporations; provided that a family farm corporation shall not cease to qualify as such hereunder by reason of any devise or bequest of shares of voting stock.

(d) "Authorized farm corporation" means a corporation meeting the following standards:

- (1) Its shareholders do not exceed five in number;
- (2) All its shareholders, other than any estate are natural persons;
- (3) It does not have more than one class of shares; and
- (4) Its revenues from rent, royalties, dividends, interest and annuities does not exceed 20 percent of its gross receipts; and
- (5) A majority of the Shareholders holding a majority of the shares must be residing on the farm or actively engaging in farming.

(e) "Agricultural land" means land used for farming.

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CHAPTER 498—H.F.No. 1835

An act relating to motor vehicles; setting due dates for installment payments of motor vehicle registration taxes; extending the coroner's reporting time of deaths resulting from motor vehicle accidents; authorizing the use of accident reports by certain agencies for accident prevention purposes; requiring bumpers on certain motor vehicles; allowing cities and towns to declare segments of city streets and town roads to be urban districts and to post urban district speed limits on them; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 168.31, Subdivision 4; 169.09, Subdivisions 11 and 13; and 169.14, by adding a subdivision; 169.73, Subdivisions 1 and 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.73, Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 168.31, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **INSTALLMENTS.** If the tax for a vehicle assessed under section 168.013 amounts to more than \$300, the owner may pay such tax by installments. The owner shall tender with his application for registration one-third of the annual tax due or \$300, whichever is greater, plus any penalties or arrears. The remainder of the tax due shall be paid in two equal installments; the due date of the first installment shall be May 1 of the year the first day of the fifth month of the registration period for which the tax is assessed and the second installment shall be due on September 1 of the year the first day of the ninth month of the registration period for which the tax is assessed. The registrar shall issue no regis-

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tration certificate until the full amount of the tax has been paid. In lieu of such registration certificate, the registrar shall issue to the owner a receipt for installments paid, which receipt shall be displayed upon the windshield of the vehicle as evidence that under the provisions of this section the vehicle may be operated on the streets and highways of this state. If an owner of a vehicle fails to pay an installment within seven days after the due date thereof, the vehicle shall not use the public streets or highways in this state until the installment or installments of the tax remaining due on such vehicle shall have been paid in full for the licensed year together with penalties as hereinafter provided. If the balance of the tax due on the vehicle is not paid within seven days after the due date thereof, the owner, in addition to the balance of the tax, shall pay a penalty at the rate of fifty cents per day for the remainder of the month in which the balance of the tax becomes due and \$2 a month for each succeeding month or fraction thereof in which the balance of the tax remains unpaid. Upon the payment of the balance of the tax and the penalties, the registrar shall issue a registration certificate to the owner of the vehicle in the manner provided by law. The registrar shall deny installment payment privileges provided in this subdivision in the subsequent year to any owner on any or all vehicles of such owner who during the current year fails to pay any installment due within one month after the due date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.09, Subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **CORONER TO REPORT DEATH.** Every coroner or other official performing like functions shall report in writing to the department of public safety the death of any person within his jurisdiction as the result of an accident involving a motor vehicle and the circumstances of ~~such~~ the accident. ~~Such~~ The report shall be made within ~~five~~ 15 days after ~~such~~ the death.

In the case of drivers killed in motor vehicle accidents and of the death of pedestrians 16 years of age or older, who die within four hours after accident, the coroner or other official performing like functions shall examine the body and shall make ~~such~~ tests as are necessary to determine the presence and percentage concentration of alcohol, and drugs if feasible, in the blood of the victim. This information shall be included in each report submitted pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision and shall be tabulated on a monthly basis by the department of public safety. This information may be used only for statistical purposes which do not reveal the identity of the deceased.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.09, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **ACCIDENT REPORTS CONFIDENTIAL.** All 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, the Minnesota department of transportation, and appropriate federal, county and municipal governmental agencies 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 acci-

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dent 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 appointed pursuant to section 573.02, disclose to such the 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 the parties or may disclose identity of a person involved in an accident when such the identity is not otherwise known or when such the person denies his presence at such the 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 the 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 the reports relate. Legally qualified newspaper publications and licensed radio and television stations 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 and licensed radio and television stations 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 or broadcast of the news.

This subdivision shall supersede other state law relating to data privacy or confidentiality with regard to accident reports. When these reports are released for accident prevention purposes the identity of any involved person shall not be revealed. Data contained in these reports shall only be used for accident prevention purposes, except as otherwise provided by this subdivision. Accident reports and data contained therein which may be in the possession or control of departments or agencies other than the department of public safety shall not be discoverable under any provision of law or rule of court.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5b. SEGMENTS IN URBAN DISTRICTS. When any segment of at least a quarter-mile in distance of any city street, municipal state aid street or town road on which a speed limit in excess of 30 miles per hour has been established pursuant to an engineering and traffic investigation by the commissioner meets the definition of "urban district" as defined in section 169.01, subdivision

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59, the governing body of the city or town may by resolution declare the segment to be an urban district and may establish on the segment the speed limit for urban districts prescribed in subdivision 2. The speed limit so established shall be effective upon the erection of appropriate signs designating the speed and indicating the beginning and end of the segment on which the speed limit is established, and any speed in excess of such posted limits shall be unlawful. A copy of the resolution shall be transmitted to the commissioner at least ten days prior to the erection of the signs.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.73, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.73 BUMPERS, SAFEGUARDS. Subdivision 1. As used in this section "private passenger automobile vehicle" means a four wheeled motor vehicle designed principally for carrying passengers not for hire on public streets and highways, and not designed principally as a dwelling or for carrying passenger automobile, station wagon, or truck of a gross vehicle weight of 9,000 pounds or less, as those terms are defined in section 168.011, or a jeep type automobile, but does not include any collector vehicle as defined in section 168.10.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.73, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. All motor private passenger vehicles shall be equipped with front and rear bumpers or with front bumpers and with rear reflectors, as herein provided, and all trailers and semi-trailers weighing more than 1,500 pounds shall be equipped with rear bumpers or with rear reflectors, as herein provided. Such ~~The~~ bumpers shall be securely attached to the frame thereof, and shall extend beyond the extreme front and rear points, respectively, of such the vehicles. The center point of such the bumpers shall be not more than 20, nor less than 44 16, inches from the ground when the vehicle is unloaded, provided that two rigid cross-bars may be attached to any bumper to extend it so that it will reach into a point within the required height from the ground; ~~provided further, however, that bumpers on all private passenger automobiles manufactured and sold after August 1, 1973, shall be of substantial construction, and that the center point of such bumpers shall be 14 to 20 inches from the ground when the vehicle is unloaded and the vertical measurement of such bumpers shall not be less than six inches. All trucks and trailers manufactured and sold after July 1, 1955, having a rear platform or tailboard more than 20 inches above the ground, except public utility trailers used for hauling reels of cable or wire, pole trucks, dump trucks, and farm trucks as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 17, and trucks and semi-trailers transporting logs, pulpwood and other raw and unfinished forest products from the place of production to an assembly yard or rail head when such transportation constitutes the first haul thereof, are required when operating upon the highways of this state, to have rigid rear safeguards, so constructed as to prevent any part of another motor vehicle from penetrating the area immediately below such rear platform or tailboard, when such tailboard is in a vertical position.~~

Sec. 7. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.73, Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 are repealed.

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Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

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CHAPTER 499—H.F.No. 1841

An act relating to state government; providing for certain historical memorials; providing an appropriation.

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

Section 1. A commission of five members composed of the director of the Minnesota historical society, a representative of the St. Paul Arts and Science Museum, a representative of the St. Paul city council, a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and a senator appointed by the subcommittee on committees of the senate committee on rules and administration shall design and erect appropriate memorials to commemorate:

- (a) The first two state capitol buildings;
- (b) The meeting places of the territorial government located in public buildings in St. Paul known as Rice's Hall and Central House; and
- (c) The meeting place of the state constitutional convention in St. Paul in 1857.

The memorials shall be installed by July 1, 1981. No compensation shall be paid to commission members.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated to the Minnesota historical society for the use of the commission the sum of \$7,500 from the general fund in the state treasury for the purposes of section 1.

Sec. 3. This act expires July 1, 1981.

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CHAPTER 500—H.F.No. 1884

An act relating to education; modifying certain rule making procedures and the tuition exemption authority of the state university board; allowing a change in the placement service registration fee at state universities; eliminating a reporting duty of state university presidents; eliminating a provision governing state university rules which conflict with the provisions of certain collective bargaining contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 136.11, Subdivisions 1 and 8; and 136.14; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 136.148 and 136.15.

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