

## CHAPTER 44 — S.F.No. 197

*An act relating to highway traffic regulations; providing for the type and placement of reflectors on certain farm equipment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 169.55, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 169.55, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. At the times when lighted lamps on vehicles are required, (1) every farm tractor and self-propelled unit of farm equipment shall be equipped with at least one lamp displaying a white or amber light to the front, and at least one lamp displaying a red light to the rear; (2) every self-propelled unit of farm equipment shall also display two red reflectors, each at least 15 square inches in area, visible to the rear; (3) every combination of a self-propelled and towed unit of farm equipment shall be equipped with at least one lamp mounted to indicate as nearly as practicable the extreme left projection of the combination and displaying a white or amber light to the front and a red light to the rear; (4) the last unit of every combination of farm equipment shall display two red reflectors, each at least 15 square inches in area, visible to the rear.

The requirements of this subdivision apply to new farm tractors and equipment described herein on and after January 1, 1960; and to all such farm tractors and equipment on and after January 1, 1962. The reflectors shall be of the type approved for use upon commercial vehicles. The reflectors shall be mounted as close as practicable to the extreme edges of the unit of farm equipment and the reflectors shall be reflex reflectors that shall be visible at night from all distances within 600 feet to 100 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps.

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## CHAPTER 45 — S.F.No. 275

*An act relating to counties; permitting escalation clauses or negotiated price changes in county contracts; clarifying advertising requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 375.21, Subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 375.21, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. ~~No~~ When required by the dollar limitations provided by section 471.345, a contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, or for the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, the estimated cost or value of which exceeds \$3,500, shall be made by a county board without first only after advertising for bids or proposals in some a qualified legal newspaper of the county. If, for the purchase of property or for work and labor, two weeks published notice that proposals will be received, stating the time and place, shall be given. If, for the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, three weeks published notice shall be given. The notice shall state the time and place of awarding the contract and contain a brief description of the work. Every such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise. An advertised standard requirement price contract for supplies or services established by competitive bids may contain an escalation clause and may provide for a negotiated price increase or decrease. The escalation or negotiated change shall be based upon a demonstrable industrywide or regional increase or decrease in the vendor's costs. Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void. In case of an emergency arising from the destruction or impassability of roads or bridges by floods, rain or snow, or other casualty, or from the breaking or damaging of any county property, where the public interests would suffer by delay, such contracts for purchase or repairs may be made without advertising for bids, but in such case the action of the board shall be recorded in its official proceedings.

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CHAPTER 46 — S.F.No. 331

*An act relating to the military; expanding the authorized uses of the military land fund to include forest management on military lands and to provide an enlisted persons service center at Camp Ripley; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 190.25, Subdivision 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 190.25, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. The adjutant general is authorized to sell in the manner provided by law any or all timber, growing crops, buildings and other improvements, if any, situated upon the lands acquired under the authority of subdivision 1 or which may hereafter comprise the Camp Ripley military field training

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