

In the next edition of Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall change any reference to "assault in the fourth degree" to read "assault in the fifth degree" if the reference is to section 609.224.

**Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day after final enactment and apply to all crimes committed on or after that date.

Approved May 19, 1983

**CHAPTER 170 — S.F.No. 812**

*An act relating to highway traffic regulations; clarifying certain bumper requirements; restricting the height of bumpers on certain vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 169.73.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 169.73, is amended to read:

**169.73 BUMPERS, SAFEGUARDS.**

Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this section "private passenger vehicle" means a four wheeled passenger automobile as defined in section 168.011, but does not include a collector vehicle as defined in section 168.10, a station wagon or other multipurpose vehicle or a truck ~~having a gross weight of 9,000 pounds with a manufacturer's rated capacity of 2,000 pounds~~ or less. "Suspension system" includes both the front and rear wheels and tires of a vehicle as specified in subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **BUMPER REQUIREMENT.** All private passenger vehicles shall be equipped with front and rear bumpers.

Subd. 3. **BUMPER RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall operate a passenger automobile, station wagon, jeep type automobile, or truck ~~of a gross weight of 9,000 pounds with a manufacturer's rated capacity of 2,000 pounds~~ or less that: (a) was originally equipped with bumpers as standard equipment, unless the vehicle is equipped with bumpers equal to the original equipment; or (b) has a suspension system or body so modified that the height of ~~any bumper on the vehicle or any bumpers~~ varies more than ~~three~~ six inches from the original manufactured bumper height for the vehicle.

Subd. 4. **MAXIMUM BUMPER HEIGHT.** Notwithstanding the restrictions contained in subdivision 3, bumpers required under this section shall not exceed a height of 20 inches on any passenger automobile or station wagon or

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25 inches on any four-wheel drive multipurpose type vehicle or truck having a manufacturer's rated capacity of 2,000 pounds or less. The height of the bumper shall be determined by measuring from the bottom of the bumper, excluding any bumper attachments, to the ground.

Competent evidence that a vehicle was originally manufactured with bumpers higher than prescribed in this subdivision shall be an affirmative defense in any action under this section.

Subd. ~~4~~ 5. **PENALTY.** Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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#### CHAPTER 171 — S.F.No. 948

*An act relating to metropolitan government; providing for the term of the chairman of the metropolitan airports commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 473.604, subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 473.604, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. The following persons and their respective successors shall constitute the members and governing body of the corporation, namely:

(1) All of the members and commissioners in office January 1, 1973, for the remainder of the terms for which they were appointed or otherwise selected, respectively;

(2) The mayor of each of the cities, or a qualified voter appointed by him, for his term of office as mayor;

(3) A member of the council of each of the cities, appointed by the council for a term of four years commencing in July, 1977;

(4) A member of the park board of Minneapolis appointed by that board and a second member of the council of St. Paul, appointed by it, each for a term of two years commencing in July, 1979;

(5) One additional resident of each city, who does not hold any office under the state or any of its political subdivisions except that of notary public, herein termed a "citizen commissioner," such member in St. Paul to be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the council, and in Minneapolis by the

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