

Presented to the governor April 18, 1994

Signed by the governor April 20, 1994, 1:55 p.m.

CHAPTER 478—S.F.No. 1774

An act relating to traffic regulations; permitting white strobe lights on rural mail carrier vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 169.01, by adding a subdivision; and 169.64, subdivision 8; Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 169.64, subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 169.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 79. RURAL MAIL CARRIER VEHICLE. "Rural mail carrier vehicle" is a motor vehicle operated by a rural mail carrier on a rural mail route.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 169.64, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **FLASHING LIGHTS.** Flashing lights are prohibited, except on an authorized emergency vehicle, school bus, bicycle as provided in section 169.222, subdivision 6, road maintenance equipment, tow truck or towing vehicle, service vehicle, farm tractors, self-propelled farm equipment, rural mail carrier vehicle, or on any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn, or the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing. All flashing warning lights shall be of the type authorized by section 169.59, subdivision 4, unless otherwise permitted or required in this chapter.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 169.64, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **WHITE STROBE LAMPS.** (a) Notwithstanding sections 169.55, subdivision 1, 169.57, subdivision 3, clause (b), or any other law to the contrary, a vehicle may be equipped with a 360-degree flashing strobe lamp that emits a white light with a flash rate of 60 to 120 flashes a minute, and the lamp may be used as provided in this subdivision, if the vehicle is:

(1) A school bus that is subject to and complies with the color and equipment requirements of sections 169.441, subdivisions 1 and 2, and 169.442, subdivision 1. The lamp shall be permanently mounted on the longitudinal center line of the bus roof not less than five feet nor more than seven feet forward of the rear roof edge. It shall operate from a separate switch containing an indicator lamp to show when the strobe lamp is in use. The strobe lamp may be lighted only when atmospheric conditions or terrain restrict the visibility of

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school bus lamps and signals so as to require use of the bright strobe lamp to alert motorists to the presence of the school bus. A strobe lamp may not be lighted unless the school bus is actually being used as a school bus; or

(2) A road maintenance vehicle owned or under contract to the department of transportation or a road authority of a county, home rule or statutory city, or town, but the strobe lamp may only be operated while the vehicle is actually engaged in snow removal during daylight hours.

(b) Notwithstanding sections 169.55, subdivision 1; 169.57, subdivision 3, clause (b), or any other law to the contrary, a vehicle may be equipped with a 360-degree flashing strobe lamp that emits an amber light with a flash rate of 60 to 120 flashes a minute, and the lamp may be used as provided in this subdivision, if the vehicle is a rural mail carrier vehicle, provided that the strobe lamp is mounted at the highest practicable point on the vehicle. The strobe lamp may only be operated while the vehicle is actually engaged during daylight hours in the delivery of mail to residents on a rural mail route.

The (c) A strobe lamp authorized by this section shall be of a double flash type certified to the commissioner of public safety by the manufacturer as being weatherproof and having a minimum effective light output of 200 candelas as measured by the Blondel-Rey formula.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 479—H.F.No. 1835

An act relating to game and fish; agreements on taking and possession of fish taken from Ontario boundary waters; amending Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 97A.531, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 97A.531, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. BORDER WATER ENTERPRISE AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner of natural resources in consultation with the commissioner of trade and economic development, in coordination with the federal government, may negotiate and, with the approval of the legislature, enter into agreements with authorized representatives of the province of Ontario and the "first nation" governments in Canada to provide for joint resource management, promotion of tourism, or economic development with respect to lakes through which the Ontario-Minnesota border runs. When negotiating with Ontario officials on

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