

(3) reasonable costs and attorney fees; and

(4) injunctive or other equitable relief as the court may deem appropriate.

Presented to the governor May 17, 2001

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CHAPTER 155—S.F.No. 1552

An act relating to crimes; defining the level of negligence required for the crime of causing negligent fires; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 609.576, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 609.576, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **NEGLIGENT FIRE RESULTING IN INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.** Whoever is culpably grossly negligent in causing a fire to burn or get out of control thereby causing damage or injury to another, and as a result thereof:

(a) a human being is injured and great bodily harm incurred, is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced to imprisonment of not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both; or

(b) property of another is injured, thereby, is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as follows:

(1) to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$700, or both, if the value of the property damage is under \$300;

(2) to imprisonment for not more than one year, or to payment of a fine of \$3,000, or both, if the value of the property damaged is at least \$300 but is less than \$2,500;

(3) to imprisonment for not more than three years, or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both, if the value of the property damaged is \$2,500 or more.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective August 1, 2001, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

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CHAPTER 156—S.F.No. 174

An act relating to traffic regulations; allowing gross weight seasonal increase for transporting carrots; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 169.825, subdivision 11.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 169.825, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **GROSS WEIGHT SEASONAL INCREASES.** (a) The limitations provided in this section are increased:

(1) by ten percent from January 1 to March 7 each winter, statewide;

(2) by ten percent from December 1 through December 31 each winter in the zone bounded as follows: beginning at Pigeon River in the northeast corner of Minnesota; thence in a southwesterly direction along the north shore of Lake Superior along trunk highway No. 61 to the junction with trunk highway No. 210; thence westerly along trunk highway No. 210 to the junction with trunk highway No. 10; thence northwesterly along trunk highway No. 10 to the Minnesota-North Dakota border; thence northerly along that border to the Minnesota-Canadian Border; thence easterly along said Border to Lake Superior; and

(3) by ten percent from the beginning of harvest to November 30 each year for the movement of sugar beets, carrots, and potatoes ~~within an area having a 75-mile radius from the field of harvest to the point of the first unloading. Transfer of the product from a farm vehicle or small farm trailer, within the meaning of chapter 168, to another vehicle is not considered to be the first unloading.~~ The commissioner shall not issue permits under this clause if to do so will result in a loss of federal highway funding to the state.

(b) The duration of a ten percent increase in load limits is subject to limitation by order of the commissioner, subject to implementation of springtime load restrictions, or March 7.

(c) When the ten percent increase is in effect, a permit is required for a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer combination that has a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds, an axle group weight in excess of that prescribed in subdivision 10, or a single axle weight in excess of 20,000 pounds and which travels on interstate routes.

(d) In cases where gross weights in an amount less than that set forth in this section are fixed, limited, or restricted on a highway or bridge by or under another section of this chapter, the lesser gross weight as fixed, limited, or restricted may not be exceeded and must control instead of the gross weights set forth in this section.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, no vehicle may exceed a total gross vehicle weight of 80,000 pounds on routes which have not been designated by the commissioner under section 169.832, subdivision 11.

(f) The commissioner may, after determining the ability of the highway structure and frost condition to support additional loads, grant a permit extending seasonal increases for vehicles using portions of routes falling within two miles of the southern boundary of the zone described under paragraph (a), clause (2).

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CHAPTER 157—S.F.No. 172

An act relating to crime prevention; limiting the number of offenses that are juvenile petty offenses; modifying juvenile petty offense dispositions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 260B.007, subdivision 16; 260B.235, subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 260B.007, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

Subd. 16. **JUVENILE PETTY OFFENDER; JUVENILE PETTY OFFENSE.**
(a) "Juvenile petty offense" includes a juvenile alcohol offense, a juvenile controlled substance offense, a violation of section 609.685, or a violation of a local ordinance, which by its terms prohibits conduct by a child under the age of 18 years which would be lawful conduct if committed by an adult.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), "juvenile petty offense" also includes an offense that would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult.

(c) "Juvenile petty offense" does not include any of the following:

(1) a misdemeanor-level violation of section 518B.01, 588.20, 609.224, 609.2242, 609.324, 609.563, 609.576, 609.66, 609.746, 609.748, 609.79, or 617.23;

(2) a major traffic offense or an adult court traffic offense, as described in section 260B.225;

(3) a misdemeanor-level offense committed by a child whom the juvenile court previously has found to have committed a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony offense; or

(4) a misdemeanor-level offense committed by a child whom the juvenile court has found to have committed a misdemeanor-level juvenile petty offense on two or more prior occasions, unless the county attorney designates the child on the petition as a juvenile petty offender notwithstanding this prior record. As used in this clause, "misdemeanor-level juvenile petty offense" includes a misdemeanor-level offense that would have been a juvenile petty offense if it had been committed on or after July 1, 1995.

(d) A child who commits a juvenile petty offense is a "juvenile petty offender."

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 260B.235, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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