

(h) Emergency vehicles such as ambulances, tow trucks, and hearses when carrying proper and legal warning devices.

(i) *Any person engaged in delivery or spreading of agricultural lime.*

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CHAPTER 871—H. F. No. 1371

An act relating to chauffeurs' and drivers' licenses; limiting records of foreign convictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 168.44 and 171.12, Subdivision 2.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 168.44, is amended to read:

168.44 **Chauffeurs' and drivers' licenses; licenses, revocation, limited licenses.** For sufficient cause upon complaint and after hearing, or upon report of conviction by any court in this state of violation of any provision of the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, or a municipal traffic ordinance, or upon report of conviction of any offense in any other state or in any Province of the Dominion of Canada, which, if committed in this state, would be cause for revocation, the secretary of state may revoke the license of any chauffeur who, in the judgment of the secretary of state, should not be permitted to continue as a licensed chauffeur. *No record shall be maintained of a conviction of a chauffeur in any other state or province unless such state or province is one with which Minnesota engages in reciprocal reporting of convictions.* If a licensed chauffeur is convicted in this state of a major offense, revocation by the secretary of state of his chauffeur's license shall be mandatory. For the purposes of this section, the term "major offense" shall be used to refer to any of the following offenses:

(a) Manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle;

(b) Driving a motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a chauffeur's license, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug;

(c) Any crime punishable as a felony under the motor vehi-

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cle laws of this state or any other felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used;

(d) Forfeiture of bail upon three charges of reckless driving all within the preceding 12 months;

(e) Failure of a driver of a motor vehicle involved in an accident to stop and disclose his identity at the scene of an accident resulting in the death or injury of a person.

Whenever a person is brought before any court charged with a "major offense," whether the charge be under state law or municipal ordinance, the court shall, before accepting a plea of guilty or entertaining a judgment of conviction pursuant thereto, inform the defendant that upon conviction not only will he be liable to a penalty, but the chauffeur's license that he may have must be revoked. Whenever in any court a licensed chauffeur is convicted of any violation of the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, or a municipal traffic ordinance, the court shall promptly report such conviction to the secretary of state together with any recommendations that the court may wish to make with reference to the chauffeur's license. Whenever the offense of which the licensed chauffeur is convicted is a "major offense" the court shall, as a part of the penalty, order the convicted chauffeur to return his chauffeur's license promptly to the secretary of state. Failure on the part of a chauffeur to return the license promptly to the secretary of state as ordered by the court shall constitute "contempt of court." The revocation of a chauffeur's license upon his conviction of a "major offense" shall be for a period of one, three, six, nine, or twelve months, the length of the period to be in each particular case as recommended by the court on the basis of the seriousness of the offense and the interest of public safety and welfare.

When at least one month of a period for which a chauffeur's license has been revoked has elapsed, and if the chauffeur's livelihood depends upon his employment as a licensed chauffeur, the secretary of state may, upon recommendation by the court in which the chauffeur was convicted, issue a limited license to such chauffeur on condition that proof of financial responsibility covering the vehicle or vehicles to be operated shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Act. The secretary of state in issuing such limited license may impose such condition and limitation as in his judgment are necessary in the interest of public safety and welfare, including re-examination as to the chauffeur's qualifications. Such license may be limited to the operation of particular vehicles, to particular classes of operation, and to particular conditions of traffic.

The limited license issued by the secretary of state shall clearly

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indicate the limitations imposed and the chauffeur operating under such limited license shall have such license in his immediate possession at all times when operating as a chauffeur. Such a limited chauffeur's license may also be issued by the secretary of state when in his judgment the privileges of a chauffeur should be limited in that manner because of convictions of other than major offenses against the traffic laws or ordinances or other conditions pertaining to the chauffeur's qualifications.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 171.12, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Accident reports and abstracts of court records of conviction filed.** The department shall file all accident reports and abstracts of court records of convictions received by it under the laws of this state and its political subdivisions, and in connection therewith maintain convenient records or make suitable notations in order that an individual record of each licensee showing the convictions of such licensee and the traffic accidents in which he has been involved shall be readily ascertainable and available for the consideration of the department upon any application for renewal of license and the revocation, suspension, or limitation of licenses. *No record shall be maintained of a conviction of any Minnesota resident for an offense committed while operating a vehicle as a chauffeur in any other state or Canadian province unless such state or province is one with which Minnesota engages in reciprocal reporting of convictions.*

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CHAPTER 872—H. F. No. 1425

An act relating to education; acceptance of federal aid to education by the state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 124.62, Subdivision 1.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 124.62, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

124.62. **Education; acceptance of federal aid.** Subdivision 1. In the event that the United States enacts legislation providing educational assistance to the states for the purpose of

(1) General improvement of public elementary and secondary schools,

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