

"Sec. 1. *The executive council upon the written recommendation of the comptroller, shall have authority to cancel any uncollectible drafts or accounts due to the state.*

Sec. 2. As soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year the *comptroller shall certify to the council a list of uncollectible auditor's drafts and uncollectible accounts due to the state which have accumulated during the preceding year or years.*

Sec. 3. Whenever any drafts or accounts are cancelled under this act the *executive secretary shall make a certified list thereof to the auditor and treasurer whose duty it shall be to cancel the record thereof in their office.*

Sec. 4. No draft or account for a sum in excess of \$25.00 shall be cancelled until more than six years after the issuance of such draft or the due date of such account, and nothing in this act shall be construed as a cancellation or abandonment of the state's claim against the person or corporation against whom the cancelled draft was drawn or account held, but the state shall nevertheless have authority to make collection thereof."

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#### CHAPTER 407—H. F. No. 1271

*An act to amend the uniform highway traffic act, being General Laws 1927, Chapter 412.*

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

Section 1. **Definitions.**—That subdivision (v) Section 1, Chapter 412, General Laws 1927 be amended so as to read as follows:

"Subdivision (v) "truck." Any motor vehicle designed and used principally for carrying things other than passengers and includes a motor vehicle to which has been added a cabinet box, platform rack or other equipment for the purpose of carrying merchandise other than the person or effects of the passenger.

Sec. 2. **Size of loads.**—That subdivision (c) of Section 35, Chapter 412, General Laws 1927 be amended so as to read as follows:

*"No vehicle other than semi-trailer shall exceed a length of 35 feet and no combination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of 75 feet. Provided that present operating equipment which conforms to the requirements of Chapter 412, General Laws of 1927, shall be permitted to operate until November 30th, 1930."*

Sec. 3. Trailers.—That Section 42, Chapter 412, General Laws 1927 be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

*"Subdivision (c). Whenever trailers are drawn upon any highway said trailers shall be so constructed and hitched together that they will track on turns and not whip at any time.*

*Subdivision (d). Whenever any vehicle or combination of vehicles drawn upon any highway exceeds 40 feet in length such vehicles shall have the sides thereof equipped with and illuminated by the use of lights conforming to the provisions of subdivision (d) of Section 49 of this act."*

Sec. 4. Horse drawn vehicles to carry light.—General Laws 1927, Chapter 412, is hereby amended by adding at the end of Section 48 thereof a new subdivision reading as follows:

*"(g) Every horse-drawn vehicle using the public highways shall, during the period from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, carry at the rear thereof a reflex mirror or lighted lamp exhibiting a yellow or red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle. Provided, that the failure to equip any horse-drawn vehicle with such lamp or mirror, as herein set forth shall not of itself constitute negligence as a matter of law."*

Sec. 5. Spot lamps.—That subdivision (c) of Section 49, Chapter 412, General Laws 1927 be amended so as to read as follows:

*"Subdivision (c). Whenever a motor vehicle is equipped with a signal lamp to comply with the provisions of Section 17, the signal lamp shall be so constructed and located on the vehicle as to give a signal yellow or red in color which shall be plainly visible in normal sunlight from a distance of 100 feet to the rear of the vehicle, but shall not project a glaring or dazzling light."*

Sec. 6. Commissioner to approve lamps.—That subdivision (a) of Section 52, Chapter 412, General Laws 1927, be amended to read as follows:

"Subdivision (a). It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale, either separately or as a part of the equipment of a motor vehicle, or to use upon a motor vehicle upon a highway, any electric head lamp or any auxiliary driving lamp, *spot lamp*, rear lamp or signal lamp, unless of a type which has been submitted to the Commissioner for test and for which a certificate of approval has been obtained from the Commissioner as hereinafter provided."

Sec. 7. Commissioner to approve lamps.—That subdivision (c) of Section 52, Chapter 412, General Laws 1927, be amended so as to read as follows:

"(c) Any person, firm or corporation desiring approval of a device shall submit to the Commissioner two sets of each type of device upon which approval is desired, together with a fee fixed by the Commissioner not to exceed \$75.00 for each type of head lamp and auxiliary driving lamp and a fee not to exceed \$25.00 for each type of rear lamp or signal lamp submitted. Within 30 days the Commissioner shall, upon notice to the applicant submit such device to the United States Bureau of Standards or to such other recognized testing laboratory as he may elect for a report as to the compliance of such type of device with the standard specifications and the provisions of this act as to lighting performance.

The Commissioner is authorized and required to accept the certificate of the United States Bureau of Standards or of some other recognized testing laboratory as to compliance with the specifications and requirements; provided, however, that in cases of dispute as to the findings of such other laboratory appeal may be made to the United States Bureau of Standards; and provided, also, that the Commissioner is authorized to refuse approval of any device, certified as complying with the specifications and requirements, which the Commissioner determines will be in actual use unsafe or impracticable or would fail to comply with the provisions of this act. If the certificate of the United States Bureau of Standards or of some other recognized testing laboratory as to compliance within the specifications and requirements specified in Section 50 be submitted with the application for approval of the lighting devices submitted to the Commissioner, then no fee in excess of \$10.00 shall be required by the Commissioner to be paid by any applicant for approval of any lighting device as specified in this subdivision."

Sec. 8. Parked motor vehicles must have lights.—That Section 54, Chapter 412, General Laws 1927, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 54. Whenever a *motor* vehicle is parked or stopped upon a highway whether attended or unattended during the times mentioned in Section 48 there shall be displayed upon such *motor* vehicle one or more lamps projecting a white light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such *motor* vehicle and projecting a yellow or red light visible under like conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, except that municipalities may provide by ordinance that no lights need be displayed upon any such *motor* vehicle when parked in accordance with local ordinances upon a highway where there is sufficient light to reveal any person within a distance of two hundred feet upon such highway."

Sec. 9. Certain acts to be gross misdemeanor.—That Section 62, Chapter 412, General Laws 1927, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 62. Subdivision (a). The driver of any motor vehicle involved in any accident resulting in injury or death to any person who violates the provisions of Section 29 of this Act shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(b). The driver of any motor vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage property who violates the provisions of Section 29 of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

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#### CHAPTER 408—H. F. No. 1332

*An act to amend Section 211, General Statutes 1923, as amended by Chapter 337, General Laws 1927, as amended by Chapter 211, General Laws 1929, relating to the retirement of judges of the District Court and judges of the Supreme Court and commissioners of the Supreme Court, and providing compensation for such judges and commissioners.*

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

Section 1. Retirement of District Court judges.—That Section 211, General Statutes 1923, as amended by Chapter 337, General Laws 1927, as amended by Chapter 211, General Laws 1929, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows: