

CHAPTER 91—H. F. No. 717

An act regulating and licensing persons operating motor vehicles upon the streets and public highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 171.05.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 171.05, is amended to read as follows :

171.05. **Permits.** Any person who, except for his lack of instruction in operating a motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a driver's license under this chapter, may apply for an instruction permit and the department shall issue such permit entitling the applicant, while having such permit in his immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a period of *four months*, but such person must be accompanied by a licensed driver or chauffeur who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver.

Approved March 7, 1949.

CHAPTER 92—H. F. No. 718

An act for the promotion of safety of travel, minimizing of accidents on public highways, and relating to the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and drivers of motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 170.25, Subdivision 3, and Section 170.26.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 170.25, Subdivision 3, is amended to read as follows :

170.25. **Suspension of license.** Subd. 3. No such policy or bond shall be effective under this section unless issued by an insurance carrier or surety company authorized to do business in this state, except that if such motor vehicle was not registered in this state, or was a motor vehicle which was registered elsewhere than in this state at the effective date of the policy or bond, or the most recent renewal thereof, such policy or

bond shall not be effective under this section unless the insurance carrier or surety company, if not authorized to do business in this state, shall execute a power of attorney authorizing the commissioner to accept service, on its behalf, of notice or process in any action upon such policy or bond arising out of such accident; provided, every such policy or bond is subject, if the accident has resulted in bodily injury or death, to a limit, exclusive of interest and costs, of not less than \$5,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident and, subject to said limit for one person, to a limit of not less than \$10,000 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and, if the accident has resulted in injury to or destruction of property, to a limit of not less than \$1,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident. *Upon receipt of a report of an accident and information that a motor vehicle liability policy or surety bond was in effect at the time of the accident, the commissioner shall forward by the United States mail to the insurance carrier or surety company copy of such information and shall assume that such policy or bond was in effect and provided coverage to both the owner and the driver unless the insurance carrier or surety company shall notify the commissioner otherwise within 30 days from the mailing of the notice to the insurance carrier; provided that if the commissioner shall later ascertain that a policy or bond was not in effect and did not provide coverage for both the owner and the driver, he shall at such time take such action as he is otherwise authorized to do under this chapter.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 170.26, is amended to read as follows:

170.26. Requirement as to security and suspension not to apply. The requirements as to security and suspension in section 170.25 shall not apply:

(1) To the driver or the owner of a motor vehicle involved in an accident wherein no injury or damage was caused to the person or property of any one other than such driver or owner;

(2) To the driver or the owner of a motor vehicle if at the time of the accident the vehicle was stopped, standing or parked and whether attended or unattended, except that the requirements of this chapter shall apply in the event the commissioner determines that any such stopping, standing or park-

ing of the vehicle was illegal or that the vehicle was not equipped with lighted lamps or illuminating devices when and as required by the laws of this state and that any such violation contributed to the accident;

(3) To the owner of a motor vehicle if at the time of the accident the vehicle was being operated without his permission, express or implied, or was parked by a person who had been operating such motor vehicle without such permission;

(4) *To the driver or the owner of a motor vehicle involved in an accident when it appears to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the driver or owner is not liable for any damages resulting from the accident;*

(5) If, prior to the date that the commissioner would otherwise suspend license or non-resident's operating privilege under section 170.25, there shall be filed with the commissioner evidence satisfactory to him that the person who would otherwise have to file security has been *paid for his damages by or on behalf of some other person involved in the accident or has been released from liability or been finally adjudicated not to be liable or has executed a confession of judgment, payable when and in such instalments as the parties have agreed to, or has executed a duly acknowledged written agreement providing for the payment of an agreed amount in instalments, with respect to all claims for injuries or damages resulting from the accident.*

Approved March 7, 1949.

CHAPTER 93—H. F. No. 121

[Coded as Section 144.60, Subd. 2]

An act relating to the registration of superintendents and administrative heads of hospitals and sanatoriums; amending Laws 1947, Chapter 240, Section 2, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Laws 1947, Chapter 240, Section 2, Subdivision 2, is amended to read :