

trailers and rear-end dump trucks, shall be provided with wheel flaps or other suitable protection above and behind the rearmost wheels of the vehicle or combination of vehicles to prevent, as far as practicable, such wheels from throwing dirt, water, or other materials on the windshields of vehicles which follow. Such flaps or protectors shall have a ground clearance of not more than one-fifth of the horizontal distance from the center of the rearmost axle to the flap under any conditions of loading or operation of the motor vehicle and shall be at least as wide as the tires they are protecting.

If the motor vehicle is so designed and constructed that the above requirements are accomplished by means of body construction or other means of enclosure, then no such protectors or flaps shall be required.

If the rear wheels are not covered at the top by fenders, body or other parts of the vehicle, the flap or other protective means shall be extended at least to a point directly above the center of the rearmost axle.

Lamps or wiring shall not be attached to fender flaps.
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CHAPTER 620—S. F. No. 1712

[Not Coded]

An act relating to borrowing funds by certain counties having more than 300,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants.

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

Section 1. Ramsey county, emergency borrowing. Each county having more than 350,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants in which the mayor of a city of the first class therein is ex-officio chairman of the board of commissioners is hereby granted authority to borrow funds and pledge the credit of such county to meet emergencies arising within such county and to make such loans either from the State of Minnesota, the federal government, or from private sources in an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000.

Sec 2. Bonds, approval of voters not required. Bonds or other evidences of indebtedness may be issued pursuant to the authority granted and for the purposes specified herein by following the regular statutory procedure applicable to such county; provided, however, that any county now required by statute to submit the question of the issuance of bonds or other

evidences of indebtedness to a referendum vote, is hereby authorized to issue and sell such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness without submitting the question of such issue to a referendum vote, by following the procedure hereinafter outlined.

Before any such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness may be issued hereunder by such a county without submitting the proposal to make such issue to a referendum vote of the electors of such political subdivision, a resolution shall first be adopted by an unanimous vote of all the members of the board of county commissioners of such county, declaring an emergency to exist making it necessary to borrow in the specified amount without submitting the question of issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to a vote of the electors of said political subdivision.

Sec. 3. Bonds; sale, limitations; levy. Upon the passage of such resolution, the board of commissioners of any such county may proceed to issue and sell its bonds or other evidences of indebtedness covering such loans, in the manner prescribed by Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 475.15, and they shall be valid legal obligations of the county without the referendum vote of the electors. Such bonds or evidences of indebtedness shall become due and payable in not more than five years from the date of issue.

The bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued pursuant to this act shall be subject to the provisions of such laws of the state as govern the said county in making loans in regard to the levy of a tax for interest and principal and for the payment thereof. No provision of any act passed during the present session of the Legislature, limiting the tax which may be levied in such county shall in any way limit the tax to be levied for the payment of the principal or interest of bonds, issued pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. Laws suspended. All laws or parts of law inconsistent herewith are hereby suspended during the operation of this act; provided, however, that this action shall not be construed as repealing or suspending any other law authorizing counties coming within the provisions of this act to issue bonds.

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CHAPTER 621—S. F. No. 1718

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An act relating to a county sanatorium commission in any county in this state now or hereafter having a population