

CHAPTER 216A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE,
ORGANIZATION

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[For text of subds. 1 and 2, see M.S.1971]

Subd. 3. Officers and employees. The commission may employ such other assistants as may be necessary to carry out its functions, including hearing officers and reporters, within the funds provided therefor from time to time. The commissioners individually may act as hearing officers.

Hearing reporters may provide transcripts of proceedings before the commission to persons requesting transcripts who pay a reasonable charge therefor to the reporter. The amount of the charge shall be fixed by the commission and retained by the reporter, any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

[1973 c 35 s 44]

CHAPTER 219. COMMON CARRIERS; RAILROADS;
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219.551 Locomotives; water and toilet facilities

[For text of subds. 1 to 4, see M.S.1971]

Subd. 5. Each operating unit or a switch engine used as a single unit when put into service from an initial terminal shall be provided with paper cups and potable water in an amount of not less than one gallon to be supplied by a water cooler, the same shall be in a sanitary, clean and operating condition.

[1973 c 113 s 1]

Subd. 6. Each operating unit purchased new, and not reconditioned, put into service from an initial terminal shall be equipped with a dry hopper, gas or electric incinerator or other suitable toilet facility, if such operating unit is used for a road operation of 50 miles or more away from the initial terminal. After July 1, 1972, each consist used in road operations of 50 miles or more away from the initial terminal shall have at least one operating unit equipped with a dry hopper, gas or electric incinerator or other suitable toilet facility; provided, however, in the case of transfer or switching service or emergency or emergency need for additional diesel power equipment, this requirement shall not apply. When put into service from an initial terminal, all diesel toilet facilities shall be in a sanitary, clean and operating condition. Unless otherwise actually required by operating conditions or emergency, the operating unit having the toilet facilities shall be positioned at the head end of a consist.

[1973 c 113 s 2]

Subd. 6a. The diesel toilet facilities and water cooler facilities required by this section shall be kept in a sanitary, clean and operating condition. In the event of a failure of the required equipment and standards of maintenance occurs after a locomotive has commenced to move in service, the railroad operating that locomotive shall not be deemed in violation of this section if said failure of equipment or standards of maintenance is corrected at the next initial terminal.

[1973 c 113 s 3]

[For text of subd. 7, see M.S.1971]

219.56 RAILROADS; REGULATIONS, LIABILITIES

219.56 Caboose cars

It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or company operating any railroad in the state to require or permit the use of any caboose cars unless the caboose cars be at least 24 feet in length, exclusive of platforms, and be provided with a door at each end thereof, and with dry hopper, gas or electric incinerator or other suitable toilet facilities, cupolas, or bay windows, platforms, guard rails, grab irons, and steps for the safety of persons in alighting or getting on the caboose cars and the caboose cars shall be equipped with at least two four-wheeled trucks. Shatter-proof glass shall be used in the door or doors of the caboose when the present glass in the door or doors is replaced. Each caboose, when placed in service, shall be provided with paper cups and potable water in an amount of not less than one gallon to be supplied by a water cooler, the same to be kept in a sanitary, clean and operating condition. In the event a failure of the required equipment or standards of maintenance occurs after a caboose has commenced to move in service, the railroad operating that caboose shall not be deemed in violation of this section if said failure of equipment or standards of maintenance is corrected at the next initial terminal as defined in section 219.551, subdivision 2. All caboose cars built or purchased after January 1, 1968, shall have the underframing and superstructure thereof, constructed of steel or a material of equivalent strength and, after January 1, 1972, shall also be equipped with a cushioned underframe or cushioned draft gears and shatter-proof glass in all doors and windows, and when said caboose cars are operated at the rear of a train, shall be equipped with a marker or markers which may consist of flags, lamps, flashing lights or reflectorized devices.

[1973 c 115 s 1]

219.562 Motor vehicles designed for highway use; equipment

Subdivision 1. Any motor vehicle designed for highway use and used by any railroad company operating in this state for transporting employees, tools and supplies shall be equipped so as to provide:

- (a) Adequate heating in all kinds of inclement weather;
- (b) Adequate safe seating facilities so that each employee so transported may be seated;
- (c) A communication system between the cab and the rear compartment;
- (d) Suitable and adequate containers or boxes to hold tools, equipment and supplies, so located and attached to the vehicle that the containers or boxes and the tools, equipment or supplies will not shift, topple or roll.

Subd. 2. This section shall not apply to motor vehicles when such vehicles are used within three miles of their regular crew assembly point or in case of bona fide emergency.

Subd. 3. Should any dispute arise as to the adequacy of the facilities provided for in subdivision 1, it may be submitted for final determination to the public service commission after notice of the hearing to affected parties.

Subd. 4. Any railroad company, or officer or agent thereof, violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

[1973 c 64 s 1-4]