

CHAPTER 174

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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174.031 JURISDICTION STUDIES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1988]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1989 c 155 s 5; 1989 c 343 s 7]

[For text of subds 3 to 5, see M.S.1988]

174.27 PUBLIC EMPLOYER COMMUTER VAN PROGRAMS.

Any statutory or home rule charter city, county, school district, independent board or agency may acquire or lease commuter vans, enter into contracts with another public or private employer to acquire or lease such vans, or purchase such a service for the use of its employees. The governing body of any such city, county, or school district may by resolution establish a commuter van revolving fund to be used to acquire or lease commuter vans for the use of its employees. Any payments out of the fund shall be repaid to the fund out of revenues derived from the use by the employees of the city, county, or school district, of the vans so purchased or leased. For the purpose of establishing the fund any city, county, or school district is authorized to make a one time levy not to exceed 0.00242 percent of taxable market value in excess of all taxing limitations except the limitations imposed under sections 275.50 to 275.56, without affecting the amount or rate of taxes which may be levied by the city, county, or school district for other purposes or by any local governments in the area. Any city, county, or school district which establishes a commuter van acquisition program or contracts for this service is authorized to levy a tax not to exceed 0.00024 percent of taxable market value for the purpose of paying the administrative and promotional costs of the program which levy shall be in excess of all taxing limitations except the limitations imposed under sections 275.50 to 275.56. The governing body of any city, county, or school district may by resolution terminate the commuter van revolving fund and use the funds for other purposes authorized by law.

History: 1989 c 277 art 4 s 17

174.30 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1988]

Subd. 6. **Preemption of other requirements.** Notwithstanding any other law, ordinance, or resolution to the contrary, an operator of special transportation service that has been issued a current certificate of compliance under subdivision 4a for vehicles used to provide that service is not required to obtain any other state or local permit, license or certificate as a condition of operating the vehicles for that purpose. This subdivision does not exempt any vehicle from the requirements imposed on vehicles generally as a condition of using the public streets and highways.

The requirements of chapter 221 do not apply to vehicles when they are being operated under a current certificate of compliance issued by the commissioner.

[For text of subd 7, see M.S.1988]

History: 1989 c 318 s 6

174.32 TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1988]

Subd. 2. Transit assistance fund; distribution. (a) The transit assistance fund receives money distributed under section 297B.09. Eighty percent of the receipts of the fund must be placed into a metropolitan account for distribution to recipients located in the metropolitan area and 20 percent into a separate account for distribution to recipients located outside of the metropolitan area. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the regional transit board created by section 473.373 is responsible for distributing assistance from the metropolitan account, and the commissioner is responsible for distributing assistance from the other account. Money placed in the metropolitan account is available for distribution to regional railroad authorities established under chapter 398A in the metropolitan area, by the commissioner of transportation as provided in paragraph (b).

(b) The commissioner shall request applications from all eligible regional railroad authorities. The commissioner shall establish a reasonable deadline for submittal of applications. The commissioner may not distribute more than 60 percent of the available funds to a single recipient. Before distributing money to any regional railroad authority, the commissioner shall submit the applications to the regional transit board for approval. The commissioner may distribute funds only with the approval of the board. Before approving any application for funds for construction, the board shall report to the legislature on the use and planned distribution of construction funds.

[For text of subds 3 to 6, see M.S.1988]

History: 1989 c 339 s 1