

while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on either side of the motorcycle.

(d) No person shall operate a motorcycle while carrying packages, bundles, or articles which prevent him from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

(e) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of moving or stationary vehicles headed in the same direction, nor shall any person drive a motorcycle abreast of or overtake or pass another vehicle within the same traffic lane, except that motorcycles may, with the consent of both drivers, be operated not more than two abreast in a single traffic lane.

(f) All motor vehicles including motorcycles are entitled to the full use of a traffic lane and no motor vehicle shall be driven or operated in such a manner so as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a traffic lane.

(g) Every person operating a motorcycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a motor vehicle as provided by law, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

Sec. 6. The effective date for section 3, (a) and (b), and all of section 4 shall be May 1, 1968.

Approved May 25, 1967.

CHAPTER 876—H. F. No. 2078

[Coded in Part]

An act providing for the registration of snowmobiles by the commissioner of conservation; regulating the use thereof; authorizing the commissioner of conservation to make rules and regulations; authorizing the commissioner of highways to make rules and regulations; appropriating money for the administration of this act and promotion and development of recreational facilities for snowmobiling; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 168.011, Subdivision 4; and Section 168.012, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 168.011, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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Subd. 4. **Snowmobiles; regulations; recreational facilities; definition; motor vehicle.** "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon railroad tracks and any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle and includes vehicles known as trackless trolleys which are propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not operated upon rails, *except snowmobiles.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 168.012, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Special mobile equipment *and snowmobiles* shall not be taxed as motor vehicles using the public streets and highways, and shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 3. **[84.81] Definitions.** *Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this act the terms defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them.*

Subd. 2. "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

Subd. 3. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice or a natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners.

Subd. 4. "Owner" means a person, other than a lien holder, having the property in or title to a snowmobile entitled to the use or possession thereof.

Subd. 5. "Operate" means to ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.

Subd. 6. "Operator" means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

Subd. 7. "Register" means the act of assigning a registration number to a snowmobile.

Subd. 8. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of conservation acting directly or through his authorized agent.

Subd. 9. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

Sec. 4. **[84.82] Snowmobile registration.** *Subdivision 1. General requirements. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall after September 1, 1967, operate any snowmobile upon any public owned easements, trails, accesses, lands, lakes, rivers or*

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streams unless such snowmobile has been registered in accordance with the provisions of this act.

*Subd. 2. **Application, issuance, reports.** Application for registration shall be made to the commissioner in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe, and shall state the name and address of every owner of the snowmobile and be signed by at least one owner. Upon receipt of the application and the appropriate fee as hereinafter provided, such snowmobile shall be registered and a registration number assigned which shall be affixed to the snowmobile in such manner as the commissioner shall prescribe.*

*Subd. 3. **Fees for registration.** The fee for registration of each snowmobile shall be as follows:*

- (a) \$8 for three years.*
- (b) Duplicate or transfer — \$1.*

*Subd. 4. **Renewal.** Every owner of a snowmobile shall renew his registration in such manner as the commissioner shall prescribe, upon payment of the same registration fees provided in subdivision 3 hereof.*

*Subd. 5. **Snowmobiles owned by state or political subdivision.** A registration number shall be issued without the payment of a fee for snowmobiles owned by the state of Minnesota or a political subdivision thereof upon application therefor.*

*Subd. 6. **Exemptions.** No registration hereunder shall be required for the following described snowmobiles:*

- (a) Snowmobiles owned and used by the United States, another state, or a political subdivision thereof.*
- (b) Snowmobiles registered in a country other than the United States temporarily used within this state.*
- (c) Snowmobiles covered by a valid license of another state and which have not been within this state for more than 30 consecutive days.*

Sec. 5. [84.83] Disposition of receipts. *Subdivision 1. Fees from registration of snowmobiles shall be deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of the general revenue fund.*

Subd. 2. There is hereby appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 1967, \$150,000 to the commissioner of conservation to be used for the administration of this act and for the promotion and development of recreational facilities for snowmobile users. Such money shall be appropriated from the general revenue fund.

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Sec. 6. **[84.84] Transfer or termination of snowmobile ownership.** *Within 15 days after the transfer of ownership, or any part thereof, other than a security interest, or the destruction or abandonment of any snowmobile, written notice thereof shall be given to the commissioner in such form as he shall prescribe. Every owner or part owner of a snowmobile shall, upon failure to give such notice, be subject to the penalties imposed by this act.*

Sec. 7. **[84.85] Licensing by political subdivisions.** *No political subdivision of this state shall require licensing or registration of snowmobiles covered by the provisions of this act.*

Sec. 8. **[84.86] Rules and regulations.** *Subdivision 1. With a view of achieving maximum use of snowmobiles the commissioner of conservation shall adopt rules and regulations in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes 1965, Chapter 15, for the following purposes:*

(1) *Registration of snowmobiles and display of registration numbers.*

(2) *Use of snowmobiles insofar as game and fish resources are affected.*

(3) *Use of snowmobiles on public lands under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of conservation.*

Subd. 2. The commissioner of highways may adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes 1965, Chapter 15, regulating the use of snowmobiles on streets and highways.

Sec. 9. **[84.87] Operation.** *Subdivision 1. Operation on streets and highways. (a) No person shall operate a snowmobile upon the roadway, shoulder, or inside bank or slope of any trunk or county state aid highway in this state except as provided in this act. No person shall operate a snowmobile within the right of way of any trunk or county state-aid highway between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. No snowmobile shall be operated at any time within the right of way of any interstate highway or freeway within this state.*

(b) *A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a street or highway provided:*

(1) *The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing; and*

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(2) *The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the highway; and*

(3) *The driver yields the right of way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard; and*

(4) *In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such highway with another public street or highway.*

(c) *No snowmobile shall be operated upon a public street or highway unless it is equipped with at least one head lamp and one tail lamp, and with brakes which conform to standards prescribed by rule of the commissioner of highways pursuant to the authority vested in him by section 8.*

(d) *A snowmobile may be operated upon a public street or highway other than as provided by clause (b) in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.*

(e) *All provisions of chapter 169 shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles upon streets and highways, except for those relating to required equipment, and except those which by their nature have no application.*

Subd. 2. Operation generally. *It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in the following unsafe or harassing ways:*

(a) *At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all the surrounding circumstances;*

(b) *In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto;*

(c) *While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit forming drugs;*

(d) *Without a lighted head and tail light when required for safety;*

(e) *In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock.*

Subd. 3. *This section shall not supersede or limit the jurisdiction of municipalities and counties over public lands and property under their jurisdiction and control.*

Sec. 10. [84.88] Penalties. *Any person who shall vio-*

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late any provision of this act or any regulation of the commissioner of conservation or of the commissioner of highways promulgated pursuant to this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

Sec. 11. **Effective date.** *This act takes effect on the date of its enactment.*

Approved May 25, 1967.

CHAPTER 877—H. F. No. 2197

An act relating to the legislature; providing certain retirement allowances to members of the legislature and survivorship benefits to their dependents; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 3A.02, Subdivision 2, and by adding a new subdivision; 3A.04, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 3A.09 and 3A.10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 3A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

*Subd. 1a. **Legislature; retirement before age 65.** A member of the legislature who meets the requirements of clauses (1), (3), and (4) of section 3A.02, subdivision 1, may elect to receive a retirement allowance after reaching the age of 60 and before reaching the age of 65 by making application therefor to the state auditor. A retirement allowance to a member of the legislature in accordance with this subdivision shall be discounted at the rate of one-half of one percent per month for each month below the age of 65.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 3A.02, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Payment for past service. Any member of the legislature who is a member on July 1, 1965 or thereafter, may, notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, clause (1), receive credit for service rendered as a member of the legislature prior to July 1, 1965, and the pension based thereon provided that he pays to the state treasurer for credit to his account an amount equal to seven percent of all salary received by him for all periods of service rendered by him as a member of the legislature, even if such periods are not continuous and exceed ten years in duration. Such payment may be made at any time within six months after July 1, ~~1965~~

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