
CHAPTER 379—S.F.No.1060

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; bicycle regulations; pedestrian rules; prohibiting certain soliciting; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 169.01, Subdivision 51; 169.21, Subdivision 5; 169.22; and 169.221, Subdivisions 1, 2 and 6.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.01, Subdivision 51, is amended to read:

Subd. 51. **HIGHWAYS; TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; BICYCLE REGULATIONS AND PEDESTRIAN RULES.** "Bicycle" means every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is over ~~20~~ 14 inches in diameter, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or rear wheels.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.21, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **WALK ON LEFT SIDE OF ROADWAY.** Pedestrians when walking along a roadway shall, when practicable, walk near on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder giving way to oncoming traffic. Where sidewalks are provided and usable it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.22, is amended to read:

169.22 HITCHHIKING; SOLICITATION OF BUSINESS. Subdivision 1. No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle.

Subd. 2. No person shall stand on a roadway for the purpose of soliciting employment, business, or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.221, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.221 BICYCLES. Subdivision 1. **TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY.** Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can

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have no application.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.221, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **MANNER AND NUMBER RIDING.** (a) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

(b) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except on a baby seat attached to the bicycle, provided that such seat is equipped with a harness to hold the child securely in the seat and that protection is provided against the child's feet hitting the spokes of the wheel or in a seat attached to the bicycle operator.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.221, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **LIGHTING AND BRAKE EQUIPMENT.** (a) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with, or its operator shall carry, a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the department of public safety which is visible from all distances from ~~50-100~~ feet to ~~300-600~~ feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful ~~upper~~ lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. No person may after January 1, 1976 at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead operate a bicycle unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

The reflective surfaces shall include reflective materials on each side of each pedal to indicate their presence from the front or the rear and with a minimum of 20 square inches on each side of the bicycle or its operator, of white reflective material. All reflective materials used in compliance with this subdivision shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the commissioner of public safety.

(b) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

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