

hicle, trailer, or semitrailer, having any metal tire in contact with the roadway, except in case of emergency.

Except as provided in this section no tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall have on its periphery any block, stud, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberances of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire. It shall be permissible to use any of the following on highways: Farm machinery with tires having protuberances which will not injure the highway; tire chains of reasonable proportions upon any vehicle when required for safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid; and in the years 1965 through ~~1969~~ 1971; between the dates of October 15 of one year and May 1 of the following year, pneumatic tires with metal type studs not exceeding 5/16 of an inch in diameter inclusive of the stud casing with an average protrusion beyond the tread surface of not more than 7/64 of an inch, and in which the number of studs in a tire shall not exceed two percent of the total net contact area.

The commissioner and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may, in their discretion, issue special permits authorizing the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of such movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm machinery, the operation of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this chapter.

The commissioner of highways is directed to conduct an in-depth study of the damage, if any, caused to the public roadways of this state which results from the use of metal tire studs, salt de-icing materials, and other materials of a chemical or physical nature used upon said highways. Further, the commissioner is directed to evaluate whether or not changes in asphalts, concrete aggregates, or other highway surface materials could be made to reduce the damage, if any, caused by metal tire studs and de-icing materials. The commissioner shall evaluate the effects, if any, that discontinuing the use of studded tires will have on highway safety. The commissioner is directed to conduct the study herein prescribed and to report his findings to the 1971 session of the state legislature.

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CHAPTER 246—H. F. No. 321

An act relating to unclaimed and unredeemed animals, and the

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minimum holding period for animals seized by governmental authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 35.71, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 35.71, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Livestock; unclaimed animals; establishment defined, powers, stray animals, seizure. "Establishment" shall include any public or private agency, person, society or corporation having custody of animals which are seized under the authority of the state or any political subdivision of the state. All animals seized by public authority shall be held for redemption by the owner for a period not less than five ~~days~~ *or for such other minimum regular business days of the impounding agency, or for such longer period of time as may be specified by municipal ordinance. For the purpose of this subdivision, the term "regular business day" means any day during which the establishment having custody of an animal is open to the public not less than four consecutive hours between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.* At the end of this period all animals which remain unclaimed and unredeemed by their owners or by any other person entitled to do so shall be made available to any institution licensed hereunder which has submitted a prior request therefor in such numbers as the institution requests. If a request is made by a licensed institution to such establishment for a larger number of animals than are available at the time of such request, the establishment shall withhold thereafter from destruction, all unclaimed and unredeemed animals until the request has been filled, provided that the actual expense of holding animals beyond the time of notice to such institution of their availability, shall be borne by the institution receiving them. Any establishment which fails or refuses to comply with these provisions shall become immediately ineligible for any further public funds from any county or municipality. Upon receipt of a sworn statement by an authorized officer or employee of any institution licensed hereunder of noncompliance by any establishment with these provisions, it shall be unlawful for the treasurer of any municipality or other political subdivision of the state to pay any public funds to such establishment until the complainant withdraws its statement of noncompliance or until the state livestock sanitary board shall either determine that the complaint of noncompliance was without foundation or that the establishment has given adequate assurance of future compliance, and the treasurer of such municipality or other political subdivision has been notified of such determination in writing. If it appears upon the complaint of any person that any officer, agent, or employee of such establishment is violating or failing to

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carry out the provisions of this section, the attorney general or county attorney of the county in which the establishment is located, in addition to any other remedies, may bring an action in the name of the state of Minnesota against any such establishment, officer, agent or employee thereof to enjoin compliance with this section.

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CHAPTER 247—H. F. No. 642

An act relating to municipalities; making poor persons and their estates liable to municipalities for care given at the University of Minnesota hospitals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 261.04, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 261.04, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

261.04 **University of Minnesota hospitals; liability of estate.** Subdivision 1. **Support, maintenance, care, or burial.** When any person is furnished or provided with support, maintenance, care, *including care at the University of Minnesota hospitals*, or burial as a poor person by any county, city, town, village, or borough the municipality so furnishing such ~~support, maintenance, care, or burial aid~~ shall have a claim therefor against the person or his estate for the reasonable value thereof, which claim may be presented and prosecuted by such municipality at its option upon discovery of any property belonging to the poor person or to his estate.

Approved April 30, 1969.

CHAPTER 248—H. F. No. 669

An act relating to the crime of escape; providing the penalty for such crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 609.485, Subdivision 4.

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

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