

preceding calendar year setting forth such information as the commissioner may reasonably require on forms prescribed by him.

(d) On March 1, the insurer shall pay any additional amount due for the preceding calendar year; if there has been an overpayment, such overpayment may be credited without interest on the estimated tax due April 15.

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CHAPTER 576—H.F.No.2408

An act relating to collection agencies; providing for the expiration of licenses granted to collection agencies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 332.33, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 332.33, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **COLLECTION AGENCIES; LICENSES; EXPIRATION.** Licenses granted by the department under sections 332.31 to 332.45 ~~shall be for a period of one year expire on June 30~~ . All renewals of licenses shall likewise ~~be for a period of one year expire on June 30~~ . Each license shall plainly state the name and business address of the licensee, and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office where the business is transacted. The fee for each license and renewal shall be \$100. If the licensee desires to carry on business in more than one place within the state, he shall procure a license for each place where the business is to be conducted.

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CHAPTER 577—H.F.No.2822

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the registration and use of snowmobiles; amending certain laws relating to snowmobile registration and

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operation; exempting snowmobiles from the motor vehicle retail installment sales; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 84.81, Subdivision 3; 84.82, Subdivisions 1, 3, 6, and adding a subdivision; 84.86, Subdivision 1; 84.87, Subdivision 1; 84.872; 84.88; 168.66, Subdivision 5; and Chapter 84, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.81, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **SNOWMOBILES; REGISTRATION AND USE.** "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice ~~or a natural terrain~~ steered by wheels, skis or runners.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.82, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.82 SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION. Subdivision 1. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall after June 30, 1969, own, operate, or transport any snowmobile within the state unless such snowmobile has been registered in accordance with the provisions of sections 84.81 to 84.88 ~~to 84.88~~, except snowmobiles in transit by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer. No person shall sell a snowmobile without furnishing the buyer a bill of sale on a form prescribed by the commissioner.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.82, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **FEES FOR REGISTRATION.** (a) The fee for registration of each snowmobile, other than those registered by a dealer or manufacturer pursuant to clauses (b) or (c) of this subdivision, shall be as follows: ~~\$8~~ \$12 for three years and ~~\$1~~ \$2 for a duplicate or transfer.

(b) The total registration fee for all snowmobiles owned by a dealer and operated for demonstration or testing purposes shall be ~~\$25~~ \$37.50 per year.

(c) The total registration fee for all snowmobiles owned by a manufacturer and operated for research, testing, experimentation, or demonstration purposes shall be ~~\$100~~ \$150 per year. Dealer and manufacturer registrations are not transferable.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.82, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

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(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. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.82, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. REGISTRATION BY PERSONS UNDER 18 PROHIBITED. No person under the age of 18 years may register a snowmobile.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 84, is amended by adding a section to read:

[84.821] REQUIREMENTS OF MAKERS OF SNOWMOBILES. Subdivision 1. All snowmobiles made after June 30, 1972, and sold in Minnesota, shall bear the maker's permanent identification number stamped in letters and numbers in the form and at a location prescribed by rule and regulation of the commissioner.

Subd. 2. All snowmobiles made after June 30, 1972, and sold in Minnesota, shall be designed and made to provide an area on which to affix the registration number. This area shall be at a location and of dimensions prescribed by rule and regulation of the commissioner.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.86, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.86 RULES AND REGULATIONS. Subdivision 1. With a view of achieving maximum use of snowmobiles consistent with protection of the environment the commissioner of natural resources shall adopt rules and regulations in the manner provided by 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 and waters under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of natural resources.

(4) Uniform signs to be used by the state, counties, cities, villages, and boroughs, which are necessary or desirable to control, direct, or regulate the operation and use of snowmobiles.

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(5) Specifications relating to snowmobile mufflers.

(6) A comprehensive snowmobile information and safety education and training program, including but not limited to the preparation and dissemination of snowmobile information and safety advice to the public, the training of snowmobile operators, and the issuance of snowmobile safety certificates to snowmobile operators who successfully complete the snowmobile safety education and training course. For the purpose of administering such program and to defray a portion of the expenses of training and certifying snowmobile operators, the commissioner shall collect a fee of not to exceed \$2 from each person who receives the training and shall deposit the fee in the general fund and the amount thereof is appropriated annually to the commissioner of natural resources for the administration of such programs. The commissioner shall cooperate with private organizations and associations, private and public corporations, and local governmental units in furtherance of the program established under this clause. The commissioner shall consult with the commissioner of highways in regard to training program subject matter and performance testing that leads to the certification of snowmobile operators.

(7) The operator of any snowmobile involved in an accident resulting in injury requiring medical attention or hospitalization to or death of any person or total damage to an extent of \$100 or more, shall promptly forward a written report of the accident to the commissioner on such form as he shall prescribe.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.87, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.87 OPERATION; REGULATIONS BY MUNICIPALITIES.
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, county state aid, or county highway in this state and, in the case of a divided trunk or county highway, on the right of way between the opposing lanes of traffic, except as provided in this act. No person shall operate a snowmobile within the right of way of any trunk, county state aid, or county highway between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except on the right hand side of such right of way and in the same direction as the highway traffic on the nearest lane of the roadway adjacent thereto. 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 at any hour of the day provided:

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(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

(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; and

(5) If the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility, only if both front and rear lights are on.

(c) No snowmobile shall be operated upon a public street or highway unless it is equipped with at least one head lamp, one tail lamp, each of minimum candlepower as prescribed by regulations of the commissioner, reflector material of a minimum area of 16 square inches mounted on each side forward of the handle bars, and with brakes each of which shall conform to standards prescribed by rule of the commissioner pursuant to the authority vested in him by section 84.86, and each of which shall be subject to approval of the commissioner of highways.

(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.

(f) Any sled, trailer, or other device being towed by a snowmobile must be equipped with reflective materials as required by rule and regulation of the commissioner.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.872, is amended to read:

84.872 YOUTHFUL SNOWMOBILE OPERATORS; PROHIBITIONS. Notwithstanding anything in section 84.87 to the contrary, no person under 14 years of age shall make a direct crossing of a trunk, county state aid, or county highway as the operator of a snowmobile, or operate a snowmobile upon a street or highway within a municipality. A person 14 years of age or older, but less

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than 18 years of age, may make a direct crossing of a trunk, county state aid, or county highway only if he has in his immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the commissioner. No person under the age of 14 years shall operate a snowmobile on any public land or water under the jurisdiction of the commissioner unless accompanied by one of the following listed persons on the same or an accompanying snowmobile, or on a device towed by the same or an accompanying snowmobile: his parent, legal guardian, or other person 18 years of age or older. However, a person 12 years of age or older may operate a snowmobile on public lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the commissioner if he has in his immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the commissioner.

It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit the snowmobile to be operated contrary to the provisions of this section.

When the judge of a juvenile court, or any of its duly authorized agents, shall determine that any person, while less than 18 years of age, has violated the provisions of sections 84.81 to 84.88, or any other state or local law or ordinance regulating the operation of snowmobiles, the judge, or duly authorized agent, shall immediately report such determination to the commissioner and may recommend the suspension of the person's snowmobile safety certificate. The commissioner is hereby authorized to suspend the certificate, without a hearing.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.88, is amended to read:

84.88 PENALTIES. Subdivision 1. Any person who shall violate any provision of ~~Laws 1967, Chapter 876~~ sections 84.81 to 84.88 or any regulation of the commissioner of natural resources or of the commissioner of highways promulgated pursuant to ~~Laws 1967, Chapter 876~~ law 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.

Subd. 2. A person registered as owner of a snowmobile may be fined not to exceed \$300 if a snowmobile bearing his registration number is operated contrary to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 84.81 to 84.88, 100.26, Subdivision 1, or 100.29, Subdivisions 28 or 29. The registered owner may not be so fined if (a) the snowmobile was reported as stolen to the commissioner or a law enforcement agency at the time of the alleged unlawful act, or if (b) the registered owner demonstrates that the snowmobile either was stolen or was not in use at the time of the alleged unlawful act, or if (c) the registered owner furnishes to law enforcement officers upon request the identity of the person in actual physical control of the snowmobile at the time of such violation. The provisions of this

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subdivision do not apply to any person who rents or leases a snowmobile if such person keeps a record of the name and address of the person or persons renting or leasing such snowmobile, the registration number thereof, the departure date and time, and expected time of return thereof. Such record shall be preserved for at least six months and shall be prima facie evidence that the person named therein was the operator thereof at the time it was operated contrary to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 84.81 to 84.88, 100.26, Subdivision 1, or 100.29, Subdivisions 28 or 29. The provisions of this subdivision do not prohibit or limit the prosecution of a snowmobile operator for violating any of the sections referred to in this subdivision.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 168.66, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. "Motor vehicle" means any device propelled or drawn by any power other than muscular power, in, upon, or by which any person or property is, or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting building and road construction equipment not subject to motor vehicle registration fees, snowmobiles, farm tractors, and agricultural machinery not designed primarily for highway transportation, but which may incidentally transport persons or property on a public highway.

Sec. 12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective July 1, 1971.

Approved May 27, 1971.

CHAPTER 578—H.F.No.3014

An act relating to the city of St. Paul bureau of health pension fund; increasing the tax levy therefor; providing for increased deductions from members wages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 425.06.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 425.06, is amended to read:

425.06 ST. PAUL, CITY OF; BUREAU OF HEALTH; PENSION FUND; TAX LEVY. The association, through its officers, shall have full charge, management and control of the health department

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