

Subd. 2a. **COUNTIES; HIGHWAY ENGINEER; SHORT TERM REAPPOINTMENT PENDING RETIREMENT.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 2 as to the term of office of the county highway engineer, the county board of any county may reappoint a county highway engineer for a term of office less than four years ~~or until the age of mandatory retirement in effect for county employees in the county is reached, whichever term is less~~ when such county highway engineer to be reappointed will reach the age of mandatory retirement within the normal four year term provided for in subdivision 2.

Approved March 7, 1973.

CHAPTER 16—H.F.No.20

An act relating to drivers' licenses, classifications thereof; providing that a class C license is valid for the operation of fire trucks and emergency fire equipment by volunteer firemen; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 171.02, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 171.02, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DRIVERS' LICENSES; VOLUNTEER FIREMEN; TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT.** Drivers' licenses shall be classified according to the types of vehicles which may be driven by the holder of each type or class of license. The commissioner may, as appropriate, subdivide the classes listed in this subdivision and issue licenses classified accordingly. No class of license shall be valid to operate a motorcycle or school bus unless so endorsed. There shall be three general classes of licenses as follows:

a. Class C; valid for all farm trucks as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 17, operated by the owner or an immediate member of his family or an employee not primarily employed for the purpose of operating the farm truck, fire trucks and emergency fire equipment, regardless of the number of axles, and whether or not in excess of 24,000 pounds GVW, driven or operated by volunteer firemen while on duty, and all single unit two axle vehicles not in excess of 24,000 pounds GVW including vehicles with a temporary auxiliary axle as defined in section 169.67,

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subdivision 4. Holder may also tow trailers under 10,000 pounds GVW including house trailers. Buses as defined under this chapter may not be driven by a holder of a Class C license.

b. Class B; valid for all vehicles in Class C and all other single unit vehicles including buses.

c. Class A; valid for any vehicle or combination thereof.

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective upon the day next following enactment.

Approved March 9, 1973.

CHAPTER 17—H.F.No.112

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; authorizing increased combinations of vehicles transporting milk; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.81, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.81, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; TRANSPORTATION OF MILK; LENGTH OF COMBINATIONS AND SEMITRAILERS AND TRAILERS.** (a) No combination of vehicles coupled together unladen or with load, including truck ~~trailers~~ tractor and semitrailers, shall consist of more than two units and no such combination of vehicles shall exceed a total length of 55 feet, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the transportation of telegraph poles, telephone poles, electric light and power poles, piling, or pole length pulpwood, and subject to the following further exceptions: Said length limitations shall not apply to (1) vehicles when transporting pipe, or other objects by a public utility when required for emergency or repair of public service facilities or when operated under special permits as provided in this subdivision, but in respect to night transportation every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps and marker lamps on both sides and upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load; (2) house trailers or mobile homes when coupled with a motor vehicle but such combination shall not exceed 55 feet in length.

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