

Upon application by the complaining party to the district court at a special term thereof and in such circumstances as the court may deem just, the court may appoint an attorney for such person and may authorize the commencement of the action without payment of fees, costs, or security.

Upon timely application, the court may, in its discretion, permit the department to intervene in a civil action brought pursuant to this section upon certification that the case is of general public importance.

Upon request, the court may, in its discretion, stay further proceedings for not more than 60 days pending further efforts of the department to obtain voluntary compliance.

Subd. 2. DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION. Any action brought pursuant to this section shall be filed in the district court of the county wherein the unlawful discriminatory practice is alleged to have been committed or where the respondent resides or has his principal place of business.

Any action brought pursuant to this chapter shall be heard and determined by a judge sitting without a jury.

If the court finds that the respondent has engaged in an unfair discriminatory practice, it shall issue an order directing such relief as it deems appropriate and which effectuates the purpose of this chapter. Such relief shall be limited to that permitted by section 363.071, subdivision 2.

Subd. 3. ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS. In any action or proceeding brought pursuant to this section the court, in its discretion, may allow the prevailing party, other than the department, a reasonable attorney's fee as part of the costs.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 730—H.F.No.437

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; unsafe equipment; prohibiting design modifications of certain vehicles without approval of the commissioner of public safety; prescribing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.47.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.47, is amended to read:

169.47 HIGHWAYS; TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS; UNSAFE EQUIPMENT. Subdivision 1. MISDEMEANOR. It is unlawful and punishable as hereinafter provided for any person to drive or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person, or which does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with such lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required in this chapter, or which is equipped in any manner in violation of this chapter, or for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required under this chapter.

The provisions of this chapter with respect to equipment on vehicles shall not apply to implements of husbandry, road machinery, road rollers, or farm tractors, except as herein made applicable. For purposes of this section, a specialized vehicle resembling a low-slung two wheel trailer having a short bed or platform shall be deemed to be an implement of husbandry when such vehicle is used exclusively to transport implements of husbandry, provided, however, that no such vehicle shall operate on the highway before sunrise or after sunset unless proper lighting is affixed to the implement being drawn.

Subd. 2. VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS. It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or operated on any highway any motor vehicle, passenger automobile, motor scooter or station wagon as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 168.011, or motorcycle as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.01, Subdivision 4 in which road clearance, center of gravity, braking, or steering has been altered or modified in any manner which has been prohibited by rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner of public safety.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective on January 1, 1974.

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CHAPTER 731—H.F.No.458

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An act relating to education; reorganization of school districts; exempting certain unorganized territories from inclusion within

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