
CHAPTER 246—S.F.No.102

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An act relating to the town of Thomson in Carlton county; authorizing a special tax levy for certain purposes.

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

Section 1. TOWN OF THOMSON, CARLTON COUNTY; SPECIAL TAX LEVY. Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 275.10, 275.31 to 275.35, and 275.50 to 275.59, or any other law to the contrary, the electors of the town of Thomson in the county of Carlton at their annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, may make an annual special tax levy in an amount not to exceed five mills on the dollar on the taxable property of the town. The amount raised by the special levy shall be used for road and bridge purposes.

Subd. 2. The levy authorized in subdivision 1 is in excess of and shall be disregarded in the calculation of any levy limitation prescribed by law.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective only after its approval by a majority of the electors of the town of Thomson voting on the question at the annual town meeting or at a special town meeting called for that purpose, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 25, 1977.

CHAPTER 247—S.F.No.223

An act relating to deaf persons; providing that deaf persons with guide dogs have the same rights and protection as blind persons with guide dogs; defining as a deductible medical expense the cost, feeding and maintenance expenses of guide dogs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 256C.02; 256C.025, Subdivision 4; 256C.03; 290.09, Subdivision 10; and 327.095.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256C.02, is amended to read:

256C.02 DEAF PERSONS; GUIDE DOGS; PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS. The blind, the visually handicapped, and the otherwise physically disabled have the same right as the able-bodied to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places; and are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all common

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carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, boats, or any other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons.

Every totally or partially blind or deaf person shall have the right to be accompanied by a guide dog in any of the places listed in section 327.095; provided that he shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by such dog.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256C.025, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Every totally or partially blind or deaf person who has a guide dog, or who obtains a guide dog, shall be entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodations provided for in this section, and he shall not be required to pay extra compensation for such guide dog but shall be liable for any damage done to the premises by such guide dog.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256C.03, is amended to read:

256C.03 **BLIND OR DEAF PEDESTRIANS; CIVIL LIABILITY.** The driver of a vehicle approaching a totally or partially blind pedestrian who is carrying a cane predominantly white or metallic in color, with or without a red tip, or using a guide dog, or totally or partially deaf person with a guide dog identified with a burnt orange collar or leash, shall bring such vehicle to a stop and give the right of way at any intersection of any street, avenue, alley or other public highway to such blind or deaf pedestrian.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 290.09, Subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **MEDICAL EXPENSES.** Payments (not compensated for by insurance or otherwise) for expenses for hospital, nursing, medical, surgical, dental, and other healing services, including institutional care and treatment for the mentally ill and physically handicapped and the cost, feeding and maintenance expenses of a guide dog for a blind or deaf person, as defined in section 290.06, subdivision 3c, clauses (4) (d) and (h), and for medical supplies and ambulance hire, incurred by the taxpayer on account of sickness, mental illness, physical handicap or personal injury to himself or his dependents and premiums paid for hospitalization and medical insurance including nonprofit hospital service and nonprofit medical service plans. Payments for traveling expenses shall not be deductible under the provisions of this subdivision. Payments for hotel or similar lodging expenses shall be deductible in the same manner as payments for hospital services, if the taxpayer or his dependent is not hospitalized but is nevertheless required to remain in a medical center away from his usual place of abode, for the purpose of receiving prescribed medical treatment.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 327.095, is amended to read:

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327.095 BLIND OR DEAF PERSONS ACCOMPANIED BY DOG GUIDES; DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED. Subdivision 1. **RIGHT OF BLIND OR DEAF PERSONS TO TAKE DOG GUIDES INTO PUBLIC PLACES AND CONVEYANCES.** It is lawful for a blind or deaf person to take a dog guide into any and all public buildings, eating places, public conveyances, hotels, tourist cabins, public inns, public elevators, or similar places when the dog guide can be properly identified as being from a recognized school for seeing eye, hearing ear or guide dogs and when such dog is properly harnessed or leashed so that the blind or deaf person may maintain control of the dog.

Subd. 2. **EXTRA PAYMENTS OR CHARGES FOR GUIDE DOGS PROHIBITED.** No person shall require a blind or deaf person to make any extra payment or pay any additional charge for such a dog when taken into any of the places mentioned in subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **PENALTY.** Any person or any representative of any firm or corporation who attempts to deprive a blind or deaf person of the rights set forth in this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall be effective one day after final enactment except for section 4. Section 4 is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976.

Approved May 25, 1977.

CHAPTER 248—S.F.No.270

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to motor vehicles; increasing gross weight limitations on interstate highways and routes designated by the commissioner of transportation; increasing truck registration taxes on heaviest trucks; establishing procedures for route designation and undesignation; requiring weight enforcement reports by county sheriffs; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 168.013, Subdivisions 1c, 1e and 12; 169.79; 169.83, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 169.85; 169.86, by adding a subdivision; and Chapter 169, by adding sections.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 168.013, Subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

Subd. 1c. **MOTOR VEHICLES; WEIGHT LIMITS; FARM TRUCKS.** On farm trucks, the tax shall be based on total gross weight and shall be 30 percent of the Minnesota base rate prescribed by subdivision 1e under Schedule I during each of the first six years of vehicle life, but in no event less than \$19, and during the seventh and succeeding years of vehicle life as taken from Schedule II, but in no event less than \$11.

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