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**CHAPTER 185—H.F.No.898**

*An act relating to traffic regulation; authorizing establishment of senior citizen crossing in conformance with uniform specifications adopted by the commissioner of transportation; allowing an authorized emergency vehicle to use an oscillating white light; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.55, Subdivision 1; and Chapter 169, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 169, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[169.215] SENIOR CITIZEN AND HANDICAPPED CROSSINGS.** Subdivision 1. DESIGNATION OF CROSSINGS. Local authorities may designate a senior citizen or handicapped crossing on any street or highway in the vicinity of a senior citizen housing project, senior citizen nursing home, or residential care facility for handicapped persons on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation prescribed by the commissioner and subject to the uniform specifications adopted pursuant to subdivision 2. Designation of a senior citizen or handicapped crossing on a trunk highway is subject to the written consent of the commissioner.

Subd. 2. UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS. The commissioner shall adopt uniform specifications for senior citizen or handicapped crossings. The specifications shall include criteria for determining the need for a crossing and the type and design of traffic control devices or signals that may be used at the crossing. The specifications shall be incorporated as a part of the manual of uniform traffic control devices required pursuant to section 169.06.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.55, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**169.55 LIGHTS ON ALL VEHICLES.** Subdivision 1. At the times when lighted lamps on vehicles are required each vehicle including an animal-drawn vehicle and any vehicle specifically excepted in sections 169.47 to 169.79, with respect to equipment and not hereinbefore specifically required to be equipped with lamps, shall be equipped with one or more lighted lamps or lanterns projecting a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and with a lamp or lantern exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear, except that reflectors meeting the maximum requirements of this chapter may be used in lieu of the lights required in this subdivision. It shall be unlawful except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, to project a white light to the rear of any such vehicle while traveling on any street or highway, unless such vehicle is moving in reverse. An authorized emergency vehicle may display an oscillating, alternating, or rotating white light used in connection with an oscillating, alternating or rotating red light when responding to emergency calls.

Approved May 24, 1979.

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