

CHAPTER 520—S.F.No. 1865

An act relating to motor vehicles; clarifying penalty provisions for certain traffic violations; clarifying provisions which prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while a driver's license is revoked or suspended; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 169.141, Subdivision 2; 169.89, Subdivision 1; 171.20, Subdivision 2; and 171.24.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.141, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Upon a finding by the governor, after due consideration of available information and consultation with such federal and state officials as he deems appropriate, that it is necessary to reduce highway vehicular speeds, the commissioner of transportation, with the approval of the governor, shall, by order, designate the maximum allowable speed of vehicles using the highways of this state. The order shall be effective the day following the filing of a certified copy thereof in the office of the secretary of state, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by order of the commissioner of transportation. Any speed in excess of the designated maximum speed as contained in the order is unlawful, and the penalties provided in section 169.89 apply. ~~Any person operating a vehicle on the highways of this state in excess of the designated maximum speed is guilty of a petty misdemeanor; except that a person who violates the designated maximum speed in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, or who is convicted of a third or subsequent violation of the designated maximum speed, such violations being committed within a 12 month period, is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.89, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.89 **PENALTIES.** Subdivision 1. **VIOLATION.** Unless otherwise declared in this chapter with respect to particular offenses, it is a petty misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by this chapter: except that: (a) a violation which is committed in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property; or (b) exclusive of violations relating to the standing or parking of an unattended vehicle, a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, classified therein as a petty misdemeanor, when preceded by two or more petty misdemeanor convictions within the immediate preceding 12 months period; is a misdemeanor to which the provisions of subdivision 2 shall not apply.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 171.20, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **OPERATION AFTER REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.** Any resident or nonresident whose driver's license or right or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended, revoked, or cancelled, ~~as provided in this chapter,~~ shall not operate a motor vehicle in this state under license,

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permit, or registration certificate issued by any other jurisdiction or otherwise during such a suspension, or after such revocation until a new license is obtained ~~when and as permitted under this chapter.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 171.24, is amended to read:

171.24 VIOLATIONS, MISDEMEANORS; EXCEPTIONS. Any person whose driver's license or driving privilege has been canceled, suspended or revoked as ~~provided in this chapter~~ who disobeys such order by operating any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, upon the highways in this state while such license or privilege is canceled, suspended, or revoked is guilty of a misdemeanor.

It is a misdemeanor for any person to willfully violate any of the provisions of this chapter unless such violation is by any law declared to be a felony or a gross misdemeanor.

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* See the amendment to this chapter in Laws 1980, Chapter 618, Section 11.

CHAPTER 521—S.F.No. 2045

An act relating to state lands; providing for the conveyance of certain lands to the city of Owatonna.

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

Section 1. The governor, upon the recommendation of the commissioner of administration, shall convey in an instrument approved by the attorney general the following described real property, together with any improvements thereon, to the city of Owatonna:

The south half of the southwest quarter of section 8, township 107 north, range 20 west.

The property shall be conveyed for a consideration of \$200,000, and shall be used by the city of Owatonna for governmental and recreational purposes only. When the property ceases to be used for those purposes, the state shall be offered the first opportunity to repurchase the property for \$200,000, or a pro rata amount if less than the entire tract described herein is to revert to the state. If the state refuses to exercise its right to repurchase the property, the city of Owatonna shall have the right to use or dispose of the property in a manner that it sees fit; provided, however, that if the city sells the property for more than it has invested for land, improvements, and utilities, the excess above that amount shall be paid to the state of Minnesota for deposit in the general revenue fund.

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