

essary to carry out the purposes of this act. After a reasonable time to comply with the request, the director may make final demand for the requested information. If the information is not provided within 60 days of final demand the director may issue a subpoena to compel production of the information. The director shall exercise all necessary caution to avoid disclosure of confidential information supplied under this section.

**Sec. 10. EXAMINATION OF POLICIES.** The director together with the department of public service and any other appropriate agency shall examine state regulatory policies affecting rail service and costs to users of that service including: (a) special assessments for public improvements made adjacent to railroad rights of way with respect to benefit, if any, to the railroad therefrom; (b) the use of public funds for the cost of maintaining highway-railroad grade crossing protection devices and signals; and (c) laws and regulations that may not be appropriate to present circumstances. The tax study commission shall examine the effect of the gross earnings tax on rail service and costs to users of that service, and shall transmit its conclusions and recommendations to the director for inclusion in his report to the legislature. The director shall report the conclusions and recommendations resulting from these studies to the legislature no later than January 30, 1977.

**Sec. 11. APPROPRIATIONS.** Subdivision 1. There is appropriated from the general fund to the state planning agency for deposit in the rail service improvement account the sum of \$3,000,000, to be used exclusively for rail line rehabilitation pursuant to section 5, subdivision 4.

Subd. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to the state planning agency the sum of \$150,000 for administrative costs of the rail service improvement program, to be available until June 30, 1977.

**Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 8, 1976.

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#### CHAPTER 205—H.F.No.1895

*An act relating to highway traffic regulations; brakes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 169.67, Subdivision 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 169.67, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; TRAILERS, SEMI-TRAILERS, TANK TRAILERS.** Every trailer, semi-trailer, or other vehicle of a gross weight of 1,500 pounds or more, when drawn or pulled upon a highway, shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold such vehicle, and so designed as to be applied by the driver of a towing motor vehicle from its cab, except (a) trailers owned by farmers when transporting agricultural products produced on the owner's farm or supplies back to the farm of the owner of the trailer, (b) custom service vehicles drawn by motor vehicles equipped with brakes capable of stopping both vehicles within the distance required by law for vehicles with four-wheel brakes, (c) trailers or semi-trailers when used by retail dealers delivering implements of husbandry, (d) motor vehicles drawn by motor vehicles equipped with brakes capable of stopping the combination of vehicles within the performance requirements of this section, (e) tank trailers not exceeding 8,500 pounds gross weight used solely for transporting liquid fertilizer or gaseous fertilizer under pressure, or distributor trailers not exceeding 8,500 pounds gross weight used solely for transporting and distributing dry fertilizer, when hauled by a truck capable of stopping with loaded trailer attached in the distance specified by subdivision 5 for vehicles equipped with four-wheel brakes, providing the gross weight of such trailer or semi-trailer other than those described in clause ~~(d)~~ (e) when drawn by a pleasure vehicle shall not exceed 3,000 pounds, or when drawn by a truck or tractor shall not exceed 6,000 pounds, and except disabled vehicles towed to a place of repair.

Approved April 8, 1976.

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**CHAPTER 206—H.F.No.1913**

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the city of Waseca; authorizing lump sum firemen's service pensions.*

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

**Section 1. WASECA, CITY OF; FIREMEN'S SERVICE BENEFITS.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, Section 69.06 or any other law to the contrary, the firemen's relief association of the city of Waseca may pay to a retiring fireman upon completing at least 20 years of service and upon attaining the age of 50 years, a lump sum benefit not in excess of \$500 per year of service for the first 20 years of service, plus an amount not in excess of \$500 per year of service for each additional year of service up to a maximum of \$15,000.

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon approval by the Waseca city council and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section

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