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**CHAPTER 134—S.F.No.465**

*An act relating to transportation; prohibiting motorcyclists with instruction permits from driving on interstate highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 169.974, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 169.974, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **HIGHWAY TRAFFIC; MOTORCYCLES; DRIVING ON INTERSTATE; LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.** No person shall operate a motorcycle on any street or highway unless he has a valid standard driver's license with a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement as provided by law. No such two-wheeled vehicle endorsement shall be issued unless the person applying therefor has in possession a valid two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit as provided herein, has passed a written examination and road test administered by the department of public safety for such endorsement, and, in the case of applicants under 18 years of age, shall present a certificate or other evidence of having successfully completed an approved two-wheeled vehicle driver's safety course in this or another state, in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner of public safety shall promulgate. A two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit shall be issued to any person over 16 years of age, who is in possession of a valid driver's license, who is enrolled in an approved two-wheeled vehicle driver's safety course, and who has passed a written examination for such permit and has paid such fee as the commissioner of public safety shall prescribe. A two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit shall be effective for 45 days, and may be renewed under rules to be prescribed by the commissioner of public safety.

No person who is operating by virtue of a two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit shall:

(a) Carry any passengers on the streets and highways of this state on the motorcycle which he is operating;

(b) Drive the motorcycle at night time;

(c) Drive the motorcycle on a ~~freeway~~ any highway marked by the commissioner as an interstate highway pursuant to Title 23 of the United States Code.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, the commissioner of public safety may, however, issue a special motorcycle permit, restricted or qualified in such manner as he shall deem proper, to any person demonstrating a need therefor and unable to qualify for a standard driver's license.

Approved May 19, 1977.

Changes or additions indicated by underline deletions by ~~strikeout~~