

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.44, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **COLOR.** ~~After July 1, 1970,~~ Any new school bus purchased for delivery after June 1, 1973 for use in the state of Minnesota as a school bus with a seating capacity in excess of ~~12~~ 16 persons shall be of a uniform color, Minnesota national school bus golden orange glossy yellow. Any school bus substantially repainted after June 1, 1973 shall be painted national school bus glossy yellow.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.44, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **VEHICLES USED AS OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUSES.** A vehicle which is no longer used as a school bus shall not be operated on a public street or highway unless it is painted a color other than that required by law for school buses, including for purposes of this subdivision, Minnesota school bus golden orange, and all school bus related equipment and printing shall be removed from said vehicles. Violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.44, is amended by adding subdivisions to read:

Subd. 10. APPROVED FLASHING SIGNALS; SYSTEM OF OPERATION. Flashing pre-warning amber signals and flashing red signals shall be of a type approved by the commissioner of public safety. Such signals shall be a complete system meeting minimum standards as prescribed by state board of education rules and regulations.

Subd. 11. RECAPPED TIRES. Recapped tires shall not be used on the front wheels of a school bus.

Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Except for section 4 which is effective June 1, 1973, this act is effective on September 1, 1973.

Approved May 19, 1973.

CHAPTER 385—S.F.No.578

An act relating to group insurance for certain retired public officers and employees and their dependents; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 471.61, Subdivision 2a.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 471.61, Subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; RETIRED EMPLOYEES; GROUP INSURANCE.** Any county, municipal corporation, town, school district, county extension committee, other political subdivision or other body corporate and politic of this state, ~~other than a city of the first class having a population of over 400,000 or the state or any department thereof,~~ through its governing body, and any two or more subdivisions acting jointly through their governing bodies, may insure or protect its or their retired officers and retired employees entitled to benefits under any public employees retirement act and their dependents, or any class or classes thereof, under a policy or policies, or contract or contracts of group insurance or benefits covering life, health, and accident, medical and surgical benefits, or hospitalization insurance or benefits, for retired officers and retired employees and their dependents, or any one or more of such forms of insurance or protection. Any such governmental unit, including county extension committees, may pay all or any part of the premiums or charges on such insurance or protection. Any one or more of such governmental units may determine that a person is a retired officer or a retired employee if such officer or employee, when employed, received a portion of his income from such governmental subdivisions without regard to the manner of his election or appointment. The appropriate officer of such governmental unit, or those disbursing county extension funds, shall collect from each such retired officer and retired employee who elects to become insured or so protected, on such officer's or employee's written order, all or part of the retired officer's or retired employee's share of such premiums or charges and remit the same to the insurer or company issuing such policy or contract.

Any governmental unit which pays all or any part of such premiums or charges is authorized to levy and collect a tax, if necessary, in the next annual tax levy for the purpose of providing the necessary funds for the payment of such premiums or charges, and except for school districts such sums so levied and appropriated shall not, in the event such sum exceeds the maximum sum allowed by any law or the charter of a municipal corporation, be considered part of the cost of government of such governmental unit as defined in any tax levy or per capita expenditure limitation; provided at least 50 percent of the cost of benefits on dependents shall be contributed by the retired officer or retired employee or be paid by levies within existing per capita tax limitations.

The word "dependents" as used herein shall mean spouse and minor unmarried children under the age of 19 years actually dependent upon the retired officer or retired employee.

Approved May 19, 1973.

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