

Section 1. **HENNEPIN COUNTY PARK RESERVE DISTRICT; TRAIL SYSTEM.** In addition to the authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 398, the Hennepin county park reserve district is authorized to acquire, establish, operate and maintain trail systems.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon its approval by the governing body of the Hennepin county park reserve district, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 30, 1975.

CHAPTER 67—S.F.No.286

An act relating to towns; town levy for fire protection or police protection; removing the limitation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 365.19.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 365.19, is amended to read:

365.19 TOWNS; FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION; TAX LEVY, LIMIT. Nothing in sections 365.15 to 365.18 shall be construed so as to modify, abridge, or repeal Laws 1925, Chapter 407. Any levy hereunder shall be separate and distinct from, and in addition to, the levy and the amount of tax authorized in any one year pursuant to section 88.04 ; ~~provided; that the levy of the tax authorized under sections 365.15 to 365.18 shall not exceed a total of \$6,000 in any one year, but this limit shall not apply to any town in any county having a population of 300,000 or more; to any town abutting a city of the first or second class; or for the payment of a deficit from a prior fire protection contract .~~

Sec. 2. This act is effective on the day following final enactment.

Approved April 30, 1975.

CHAPTER 68—S.F.No.312

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for bug deflectors, automobile wheel devices, and truck weighing; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 169.743; 169.85; and Chapter 169, by adding a section.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 169.743, is amended to read:

169.743 MOTOR VEHICLES; EQUIPMENT; WEIGH STATIONS; BUG DEFLECTORS. Bug deflectors shall be permitted but not required on motor vehicles. No bug deflector shall be sold, offered for sale, or used ~~which exceeds 60 square inches in area or~~ which is composed of other than non-illuminated, transparent material. No person shall operate any motor vehicle equipped with a bug deflector having more than three inches of material extending above the leading edge at the hood.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 169, is amended by adding a section to read:

[169.734] WHEEL DEVICES ON AUTOMOBILES. Every passenger automobile shall have fenders, or other devices, that are designed to prevent, as far as practicable, water, dirt, or other material being thrown up and to the rear by the wheels of the vehicle.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 169.85, is amended to read:

169.85 WEIGHING. Any police officer having reason to believe that the weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful is authorized to require the driver to stop and submit to a weighing of the same either by means of portable or stationary scales, and may require that such vehicle be driven to the nearest public scales in the event such scales are within five miles. Official traffic control devices as authorized by section 169.06 may be used to direct the driver to the nearest scale. When any weigh station upon a trunk highway or interstate highway is open and signs giving notice of that fact are posted in accordance with section 169.06 and are not posted more than one mile from the weigh station, the driver of every vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for or weighing in excess of 11,000 pounds, except buses registered in this state, shall comply with the direction of the signs and submit the vehicle to weighing and inspection at the weigh station.

When an officer, upon weighing a vehicle and load, as above provided, determines that the weight on any axle exceeds the lawful gross weight as prescribed by section 169.83, by 2,000 pounds or more, or when the weight on any group of two or more consecutive axles in cases where the distance between the centers of the first and last axles of the group under consideration is ten feet or less exceeds the lawful gross weight as prescribed by section 169.83, by 4,000 pounds or more and in all cases when the weight is unlawful on any axle or group of consecutive axles on any road restricted in accordance with section 169.87, he may require the driver to stop the vehicle in a suitable place and remain standing until such portion of the load is removed as may be necessary to reduce the gross weight of such vehicle to such limit as permitted under this chapter. All material so unloaded shall be cared for by the owner or driver of such vehicle at the risk of such

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owner or driver.

Any driver of a vehicle who fails or refuses to stop and submit the vehicle and load to a weighing as required herein, or who fails or refuses, when directed by an officer upon a weighing of the vehicle, to stop the vehicle and otherwise comply with the provisions of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved April 30, 1975.

CHAPTER 69—S.F.No.343

An act relating to the department of public welfare; requiring the boundaries of community mental health boards to be consistent with the boundaries of the economic development regions; changing the composition of community mental health boards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 245.62; 245.63; and 245.66.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 245.62, is amended to read:

245.62 PUBLIC WELFARE; COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM; BOUNDARIES; TAX LEVY. Any city, county, town, or any combination thereof, of over 50,000 population, and upon consent of the commissioner of public welfare, any city, county, town or combination thereof with less than 50,000 population, may establish a community mental health services program and may establish clinics and staff same with persons specially trained in psychiatry and related fields. Such programs and clinics may be administered by a city, county, town, or non-profit corporation or a community mental health board established pursuant to sections 245.61 to 245.69. After June 30, 1977, each community mental health services program must be contained completely within the boundaries of one Minnesota economic development region except that a community mental health board may encompass completely two Minnesota economic development regions.

In order to provide the necessary funds to establish and operate a mental health services program and to establish and maintain a clinic, the governing body of any city, county or town may levy annually upon all taxable property in such city, county or town a special tax in excess of any statutory or charter limitation but except when levied by a county, such levy shall not exceed two-thirds of one mill. The governing body of any city, county or town may make such a levy, where necessary, separate from the general levy and at any time of the year. Nothing contained herein shall in any way preclude the use of funds available for this purpose under any existing statute or charter provision relating to cities, towns or counties.

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