

The commissioner's authority to acquire tree planting stock under this subdivision is limited to not more than five tree species per year. The minimum quantity he may acquire of any species is 20,000 trees.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 19, 1983

CHAPTER 197 — H.F.No. 1147

An act relating to local government; permitting the cities of Richfield and Bloomington to implement an energy conservation program; authorizing the financing of a residential energy conservation program; requiring a report to the legislature.

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

Section 1. **RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM.**

Sections 1 to 4 may apply to the cities of Richfield and Bloomington. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law or charter a city may develop and administer a program or programs to make or purchase energy improvement or energy rehabilitation loans with respect to housing located anywhere within the city on terms and conditions as set forth in this act and a resolution adopted by the city council. At least 75 percent of the proceeds of each energy improvement or energy rehabilitation loan shall be used for housing repairs and improvements,

(1) which the city determines are (a) used or useful to conserve energy or (b) to convert or refit an existing structure to use an energy source which does not depend on nuclear or nonrenewable petroleum-based resources, and

(2) which, when installed or completed, will with respect to each housing unit directly result in a cost effective reduction of energy use from nuclear or nonrenewable petroleum-based resources.

The resolution establishing the program shall establish the manner of determining whether the housing repairs and improvements will directly result in the required cost effective reduction of energy use. Loans may be made without regard to income level of the loan recipient, shall bear interest at a rate or rates established by the city, shall be for a term of not to exceed 20 years, and may be secured by a mortgage or other security interest. The powers granted to the city by sections 1 to 4 are supplemental and in addition to those granted by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462C or other law or charter provision.

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Sec. 2. **LIMITATIONS.**

A program may be established pursuant to this act only after the city determines that:

(1) There is a continued need to reduce consumption of energy from nonrenewable petroleum-based resources.

(2) There are housing units within the jurisdiction of the city which are in need of energy improvements and energy rehabilitation;

(3) Private sources of financing are not reasonably available to provide the needed loans for energy improvements and energy rehabilitation; and

(4) The types of energy improvements and energy rehabilitation will reduce the consumption of energy from nonrenewable petroleum-based resources or from nuclear sources.

Findings made by the city pursuant to this section are conclusive and final.

Sec. 3. **REVENUE BONDS.**

Subdivision 1. RESOLUTION. To finance the program or programs authorized by sections 1 to 4, the city council may, by resolution, authorize, issue, and sell revenue bonds or obligations, payable from the revenues of the program or programs authorized by sections 1 to 4. The cities may expend any municipal funds properly available to them or to the housing and redevelopment authorities of those cities acting pursuant to section 4 to finance any program authorized by this act.

Subd. 2. BONDING AND FINANCIAL AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of charter or other law, and in addition to the authority contained in any other law, the city may exercise any of the powers in relation to making or purchasing loans or other securities and issuing revenue bonds or obligations in furtherance of the programs authorized by sections 1 to 4 that the Minnesota housing finance agency may exercise under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A. The revenue bonds or obligations shall be payable from revenues from the program and other city housing programs. The revenue bonds or obligations may be payable from other sources of city revenue which are derived from federal sources other than general revenue sharing, or private grant sources. The city shall not levy or pledge to levy any ad valorem tax upon real property to pay principal of or interest on revenue bonds or obligations.

Sec. 4. **EXERCISE OF POWERS.**

The city may by resolution authorize the housing and redevelopment authority for the city to exercise any powers granted to the city by this act, in which event the sources of city revenue that may be pledged to the payment of

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revenue bonds or obligations shall include any revenues of the housing and redevelopment authority.

Sec. 5. **REPORT.**

By January 1, 1984, the city shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the implementation of the program or programs created pursuant to sections 1 to 5. The report shall include but is not limited to information on the amount of bonds issued and the number and types of dwelling units served, whether single family, multifamily, of four units or less, or multifamily of more than four units.

Sec. 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 6 are effective separately for each of the cities of Richfield and Bloomington the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Approved May 19, 1983

CHAPTER 198 — S.F.No. 883

An act relating to transportation; modifying the definition of truck-tractor to include the power unit of automobile carriers; adjusting the motor vehicle registration tax on certain trailers; requiring proof of payment of the federal heavy use tax on heavy trucks; increasing the maximum allowable width on vehicles from 8 to 8-1/2 feet; allowing special permits for the transport of manufactured home frames; modifying vehicle length requirements to allow longer semitrailers and vehicle combinations; modifying the gross weight seasonal increase to include all axle combinations; modifying the distance a peace officer may require a vehicle to travel to a scale and defining a suitable place for unloading an overweight vehicle; modifying the civil penalty for overweight vehicles; increasing width requirement on loads of baled hay before flashing amber lights are required; requiring the commissioner to comply with criteria for the addition of federal qualifying highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 168.011, subdivision 12; 168.013, subdivision 1d, and by adding a subdivision; 169.01, subdivision 7; 169.80, subdivision 2; 169.81, subdivisions 2 and 3; 169.825, subdivision 11; 169.85; 169.86, by adding a subdivision; 169.862; and 169.871, subdivision 1, and by adding a subdivision; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 169.80, subdivision 2a; and 169.81, subdivisions 3a, 3b, and 7.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 168.011, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **TRUCK-TRACTOR.** "Truck-tractor" means any:

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