

lowing the counties to forego preadmission screenings for all applicants for admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility if the individual is being released from an in-patient hospital into a nursing facility and a physician certifies that the stay in the nursing facility is expected to be 30 days' duration or less, remains in effect until June 30, 2003. This subdivision expires June 30, 1999 2003.

Presented to the governor April 8, 1999

Signed by the governor April 12, 1999, 2:20 p.m.

CHAPTER 42—S.F.No. 1888

An act relating to highways; designating Otter Tail Veterans Memorial Drive; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 161.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 44. **OTTER TAIL VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE.** That portion of marked trunk highway No. 59 from its intersection with Otter Tail county highway No. 3 to its intersection with Otter Tail county highway No. 4, is designated "Otter Tail Veterans Memorial Drive." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to the provisions of section 161.139.

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CHAPTER 43—S.F.No. 794

An act relating to utilities; modifying provisions of the one call excavation notice system; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216D.06, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216D.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **NOTICE; REPAIR.** (a) If any damage occurs to an underground facility or its protective covering, the excavator shall notify the operator as soon as reasonably possible promptly. When the operator receives a damage notice, the operator shall promptly dispatch personnel to the damage area to investigate. If the damage results in the escape of any flammable, toxic, or corrosive gas or liquid or endangers life, health, or property, the excavator responsible for the work shall immediately notify the operator and the 911 public safety answering point, as defined in section 403.02, subdivision 5,

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and take immediate action to protect the public and property and. The excavator shall also attempt to minimize the hazard until arrival of the operator's personnel or until emergency responders have arrived and taken charge of the damaged area completed their assessment. The 911 public safety answering point shall maintain a response plan for notifications generated by this section.

(b) An excavator shall delay backfilling in the immediate area of the damaged underground facilities until the damage has been investigated by the operator, unless the operator authorizes otherwise. The repair of damage must be performed by the operator or by qualified personnel authorized by the operator.

(c) An excavator who knowingly damages an underground facility, and who does not notify the operator as soon as reasonably possible or who backfills in violation of paragraph (b), is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 44—S.F.No. 1150

An act relating to traffic regulations; fixing speed limit in rural residential districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 169.14, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 169.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **SPEED LIMITS.** (a) Where no special hazard exists the following speeds shall be lawful, but any speeds in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful; except that the speed limit within any municipality shall be a maximum limit and any speed in excess thereof shall be unlawful:

(1) 30 miles per hour in an urban district or on a town road in a rural residential district;

(2) 65 miles per hour on non-Interstate freeways and expressways, as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 16;

(3) 55 miles per hour in locations other than those specified in this section;

(4) 70 miles per hour on Interstate highways outside the limits of any urbanized area with a population of greater than 50,000 as defined by order of the commissioner of transportation;

(5) 65 miles per hour on Interstate highways inside the limits of any urbanized area with a population of greater than 50,000 as defined by order of the commissioner of transportation;

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