

exceed nine feet in width except that a low bed trailer or equipment dolly with a total outside width, including the load, in excess of 102 inches may not be operated on any interstate highway without first having obtained a permit for the operation under section 169.86. The vehicle must display 12-inch square red flags as markers at the front and rear of the left side of the vehicle.

(d) The total outside width of a ~~trackless trolley car~~ or passenger motor bus, operated exclusively in a city or contiguous cities in this state, may not exceed nine feet.

**Sec. 5. REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 169.01, subdivision 18; 169.38; and 169.901, are repealed.

Presented to the governor April 11, 2001

Signed by the governor April 13, 2001, 1:55 p.m.

**CHAPTER 25—H.F.No. 57**

*An act relating to drivers' licenses; including certain crimes against children as disqualifying offenses for purposes of school bus endorsements on drivers' licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 171.3215, subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 171.3215, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(b) "School bus driver" means a person possessing a school bus driver's endorsement on a valid Minnesota driver's license or a person possessing a valid Minnesota driver's license who drives a vehicle with a seating capacity of ten or less persons used as a school bus.

(c) "Disqualifying offense" includes (1) any felony offense, (2) any misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony violation of chapter 152, ~~or~~ (3) any violation under section 609.3451, 609.746, subdivision 1, ~~or~~ 617.23, 617.246, 617.247, or 617.293, or (4) while driving, operating, or being in physical control of a school bus or a Head Start bus, a violation of section 169A.20 or a similar statute or ordinance from another state.

(d) "Head Start bus driver" means a person possessing a valid Minnesota driver's license:

- (1) with a passenger endorsement, who drives a Head Start bus;
- (2) with a school bus driver's endorsement, who drives a Head Start bus; or

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(3) who drives a vehicle with a seating capacity of ten or fewer persons used as a Head Start bus.

**Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.**

Section 1 is effective June 1, 2001, and applies to offenses committed before, on, or after that date.

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**CHAPTER 26—S.F.No. 225**

*An act relating to civil commitment; modifying the prohibition on the use of restraints; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 253B.03, subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 253B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **RESTRAINTS.** (a) A patient has the right to be free from restraints. Restraints shall not be applied to a patient in a treatment facility unless the head of the treatment facility ~~or~~, a member of the medical staff, or a licensed peace officer who has custody of the patient determines that they are necessary for the safety of the patient or others.

(b) Restraints shall not be applied to patients with mental retardation except as permitted under section 245.825 and rules of the commissioner of human services. Consent must be obtained from the person or person's guardian except for emergency procedures as permitted under rules of the commissioner adopted under section 245.825.

(c) Each use of a restraint and reason for it shall be made part of the clinical record of the patient under the signature of the head of the treatment facility.

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**CHAPTER 27—S.F.No. 702**

*An act relating to natural resources; modifying requirements for the Blufflands trail system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 85.015, subdivision 7.*

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