

CHAPTER 160—H.F.No. 974

An act relating to public safety; providing that a peace officer may operate any vehicle or combination of vehicles; making clarifying changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 171.02, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 171.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DRIVER'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS, ENDORSEMENTS, EXEMPTIONS.** (a) Drivers' licenses shall be classified according to the types of vehicles which may be driven by the holder of each type or class of license. The commissioner may, as appropriate, subdivide the classes listed in this subdivision and issue licenses classified accordingly. Except as provided in subdivision 2a, no class of license shall be valid to operate a motorcycle, school bus, tank vehicle, double-trailer or triple-trailer combination, vehicle transporting hazardous materials, or bus, unless so endorsed.

There shall be four general classes of licenses as follows:

(b) Class D; valid for:

(1) operating all farm trucks when operated by (i) the owner, (ii) an immediate family member of the owner, (iii) an employee of the owner not primarily employed to operate the farm truck, within 150 miles of the farm, or (iv) an employee of the owner employed during harvest to operate the farm truck for the first, continuous transportation of agricultural products from the production site or on-farm storage site to any other location within 50 miles of that site;

(2) operating fire trucks and emergency fire equipment, whether or not in excess of 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, when operated by a firefighter while on duty, or by a tiller operator employed by a fire department who drives the rear portion of a midmount aerial ladder truck;

(3) operating recreational equipment as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 25, that is operated for personal use;

(4) operating all single-unit vehicles except vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than 26,000 pounds, vehicles designed to carry more than 15 passengers including the driver, and vehicles that carry hazardous materials; and

(5) notwithstanding paragraph (c), operating a type A school bus without a school bus endorsement if:

(i) the bus has a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less;

(ii) the bus is designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver; and

(iii) the requirements of subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), are satisfied, as determined by the commissioner;

The holder of a class D license may also tow;

(6) operating any vehicle or combination of vehicles when operated by a licensed peace officer while on duty; and

(7) towing vehicles if the combination of vehicles has a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or less.

(c) Class C; valid for:

(1) operating class D vehicles;

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(2) with a hazardous materials endorsement, transporting hazardous materials in class D vehicles; and

(3) with a school bus endorsement, operating school buses designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver.

(d) Class B; valid for:

(1) operating all vehicles in class C, and class D vehicles, and all other single-unit vehicles including, with a passenger endorsement, buses. The holder of a class B license may tow; and

(2) towing only vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less.

(e) Class A; valid for operating any vehicle or combination of vehicles.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 31, 2005

Signed by the governor June 2, 2005, 2:10 p.m.

CHAPTER 161—H.F.No. 814

An act relating to natural resources; state lands; modifying requirements for designation of scientific and natural areas; authorizing the private sale of certain surplus state lands; authorizing the public and private sale of certain tax-forfeited lands bordering public waters; providing for an easement on state land bordering a public water; authorizing conveyance of an easement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 84.033, by adding a subdivision; 97A.093; Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 13, section 25; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.033, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.033, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. **COUNTY APPROVAL.** The commissioner must follow the procedures under section 97A.145, subdivision 2, when acquiring land for designation as a scientific and natural area under this section.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 97A.093, is amended to read:

97A.093 **HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING IN SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS.**

Except as otherwise provided by law, scientific and natural areas are closed to hunting, trapping, and fishing unless:

(1) for scientific and natural areas designated before May 15, 1992, the designating document allows hunting, trapping, or fishing; or

(2) for other scientific and natural areas, the commissioner allows hunting, trapping, or fishing in accordance with the procedure in section 86A.05, subdivision 5, paragraph (d).

Sec. 3. Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 13, section 25, is amended to read:

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