

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

**H. F. No. 782**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

03/18/2021 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended  
Read for the Second Time

05/17/2021 Pursuant to Rule 4.20, returned to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; modifying school bus inspection criteria; repealing school

1.3 bus inspection rules; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.451,

1.4 subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Rules, parts 7470.0300;

1.5 7470.0400; 7470.0500; 7470.0600; 7470.0700.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.451, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. ~~Rules of commissioner~~ Inspection criteria. ~~(a) The commissioner of public~~

1.9 ~~safety shall provide by rule for the issuance and display of distinctive inspection certificates.~~

1.10 ~~(b) The commissioner of public safety shall provide by rule a point system for evaluating~~

1.11 ~~the effect on safety operation of any variance from law detected during inspections conducted~~

1.12 ~~pursuant to subdivision 1.~~

1.13 (a) The commissioner of public safety must inspect school buses in accordance with the

1.14 School Bus Inspection Manual as prescribed in section 169.4501, subdivision 3. Upon

1.15 completion of an inspection, the commissioner must provide a printed or electronic vehicle

1.16 examination report to the carrier or school district.

1.17 (b) A school bus displaying a defect as defined in the "School Bus Recommended

1.18 Out-of-Service Criteria" in the most recent edition of the "National School Transportation

1.19 Specification and Procedures" adopted by the National Congress on School Transportation

1.20 is deemed unsafe for student transportation. A member of the State Patrol must affix a

1.21 rejection sticker to the lower left corner of the windshield. A person may remove the rejection

1.22 sticker only upon authorization from a member of the State Patrol who has determined that

1.23 all defects have been corrected. Pending reinspection and certification of the vehicle by a

2.1 member of the State Patrol, a bus bearing a rejection sticker may be used to transport students  
2.2 if the defects have been corrected and the vehicle examination report is signed by the owner  
2.3 or a designee certifying that all defects have been corrected. The signed report must be  
2.4 carried in the first aid kit on the bus.

2.5 (c) A school bus that has had an inspection completed in which no out-of-service defects  
2.6 were identified has passed the inspection and a member of the State Patrol must affix an  
2.7 inspection certificate to the lower left corner of the windshield. All defects identified must  
2.8 be repaired within 14 days of the inspection. The person completing the repairs must sign  
2.9 and date the inspection report indicating the repairs were made. The inspection report must  
2.10 be retained at the principle place of business of the carrier or school district for 12 months  
2.11 following the inspection and must be available for review by a representative of the  
2.12 commissioner of public safety.

2.13 (d) A defect discovered during an inspection that was identified by a member of the  
2.14 State Patrol during a previous inspection but has not been corrected results in a failed  
2.15 inspection. A member of the State Patrol must affix a rejection sticker to the lower left  
2.16 corner of the windshield.

2.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.451, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.18 read:

2.19 Subd. 6. **Member of the State Patrol.** For purposes of this section, a member of the  
2.20 State Patrol includes an employee of the Department of Public Safety described in section  
2.21 299D.06.

2.22 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.23 Minnesota Rules, parts 7470.0300; 7470.0400; 7470.0500; 7470.0600; and 7470.0700,  
2.24 are repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Rules: H0782-1

**7470.0300** [Repealed, L 2021 1Sp5 art 4 s 151]

**7470.0400** [Repealed, L 2021 1Sp5 art 4 s 151]

**7470.0500** [Repealed, L 2021 1Sp5 art 4 s 151]

**7470.0600** [Repealed, L 2021 1Sp5 art 4 s 151]

**7470.0700** [Repealed, L 2021 1Sp5 art 4 s 151]