

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; providing for obedience to school bus flaggers;
1.3 modifying speed limit requirements for a segment of marked Interstate Highway
1.4 35E; requiring certain signage on laned highways; providing that bus driver
1.5 is not subject to seat belt fines arising out of violations by certain passengers;
1.6 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 169.06, by adding a subdivision;
1.7 169.14, by adding subdivisions; 169.18, subdivision 7; 169.686, subdivision 1.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.06, is amended by adding a
1.10 subdivision to read:

1.11 Subd. 4b. **Obedience to school bus flagger.** (a) A person may stop and hold
1.12 vehicles in place at a location on a street or highway having one lane of traffic in each
1.13 direction and a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less until it is safe for the vehicles
1.14 to proceed, if the person:

1.15 (1) is designated by the school district's transportation safety director to act as a
1.16 school bus flagger;

1.17 (2) controls traffic in order to enable one or more school buses to safely leave school
1.18 property and enter the adjacent street or highway, or to safely enter school property from
1.19 the adjacent street or highway; and

1.20 (3) meets the safety and equipment standards of an adult crossing guard as provided
1.21 in the manual and specifications adopted under subdivision 1.

1.22 (b) A person operating a motor vehicle that has been stopped by a school bus flagger
1.23 may proceed after stopping only on instruction by the school bus flagger or a police officer.

2.1 (c) The authority under paragraph (a) does not apply in a school zone established
2.2 under section 169.14, subdivision 5a, in which the speed limit of that street or highway
2.3 outside the school zone is higher than 35 miles per hour.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.14, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.5 to read:

2.6 Subd. 2b. **Speed limit; marked Interstate Highway 35E.** Notwithstanding
2.7 subdivision 2, the commissioner shall designate the speed limit on marked Interstate
2.8 Highway 35E in St. Paul, from the interchange with marked Trunk Highway 5, known as
2.9 West Seventh Street, to the interchange with marked Interstate Highway 94, as 55 miles
2.10 per hour unless the commissioner designates a different speed limit on that highway
2.11 after (1) conducting an engineering and traffic investigation under subdivision 4, and (2)
2.12 determining that a different speed limit is reasonable and safe. Any speed in excess of a
2.13 speed limit designated under this subdivision is unlawful.

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

2.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.14, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.16 to read:

2.17 Subd. 5g. **Conviction recording; marked Interstate Highway 35E.** Except as
2.18 provided in section 171.12, subdivision 6, paragraph (c), the Department of Public Safety
2.19 shall not keep on the record of a driver any conviction for a violation of a speed limit on
2.20 marked Interstate Highway 35E in the city of St. Paul, from its intersection with West
2.21 Seventh Street to its intersection with marked Interstate Highway 94, unless the violation
2.22 consists of a speed greater than ten miles per hour in excess of the speed limit.

2.23 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.18, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.24 **Subd. 7. Laned highway.** When any roadway has been divided into two or more
2.25 clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following rules, in addition to all others consistent
2.26 herewith, shall apply:

2.27 (a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane
2.28 and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has first ascertained that such
2.29 movement can be made with safety.

2.30 (b) Upon a roadway which is not a one-way roadway and which is divided into three
2.31 lanes, a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing
2.32 another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and such center lane is clear of traffic
2.33 within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn or where such center lane is at the

3.1 time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding, and
3.2 is signposted to give notice of such allocation. The left lane of a three-lane roadway which
3.3 is not a one-way roadway shall not be used for overtaking and passing another vehicle.

3.4 (c) Official signs may be erected by a road authority directing slow-moving traffic to
3.5 use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same direction,
3.6 and must be erected as appropriate to instruct motorists of the requirements under
3.7 subdivision 10. Drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such sign.

3.8 (d) Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway, any person
3.9 operating a motor vehicle on such roadway shall not drive in the bicycle lane except to
3.10 perform parking maneuvers in order to park where parking is permitted, to enter or leave
3.11 the highway, or to prepare for a turn as provided in section 169.19, subdivision 1.

3.12 (e) A vehicle must be driven in the right-hand lane according to subdivision 10.

3.13 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.686, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.14 Subdivision 1. **Seat belt requirement.** (a) Except as provided in section 169.685, a
3.15 properly adjusted and fastened seat belt, including both the shoulder and lap belt when the
3.16 vehicle is so equipped, shall be worn by the driver and passengers of a passenger vehicle,
3.17 commercial motor vehicle, type III vehicle, and type III Head Start vehicle.

3.18 (b) A person who is 15 years of age or older and who violates paragraph (a) is
3.19 subject to a fine of \$25. The driver of the vehicle in which a violation occurs is subject to
3.20 a \$25 fine for each violation of paragraph (a) by the driver or by a passenger under the
3.21 age of 15, but the court may not impose more than one surcharge under section 357.021,
3.22 subdivision 6, on the driver. The Department of Public Safety shall not record a violation
3.23 of this subdivision on a person's driving record.

3.24 (c) The driver of a bus is not subject to the fine under paragraph (b) for a violation of
3.25 paragraph (a) by a passenger under the age of 15. This paragraph does not apply to (1)
3.26 a school bus, including a type III vehicle; and (2) a Head Start bus, including a type III
3.27 Head Start vehicle.

3.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to
3.29 violations committed on or after that date.