

CHAPTER 160

ROADS, GENERAL PROVISIONS

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160.24 LOGGING RAILROADS ACROSS HIGHWAYS.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1991 c 326 s 27]

160.276 TRAVEL INFORMATION FRANCHISE PROGRAM.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 5. **Office of tourism.** The commissioner shall provide space free of charge to the office of tourism for travel information centers. The commissioner shall not charge the office of tourism for any regular expenses associated with the operation of the travel information centers. The commissioner shall provide highway maps free of charge for use and distribution through the travel information centers.

History: 1991 c 345 art 1 s 78

160.293 SIGNS; INTENDED USE.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 2. **Signs at intersections.** A specific service sign may be erected at the intersection of a trunk highway with an interstate highway, a controlled access road, or a local road, on bypasses of outstate municipalities, and at the intersection of two trunk highways. A specific service sign may not be erected if the place of business is readily visible, if effective directional advertising is visible, or if the sign can be legally and effectively located near the intersection.

Subd. 3. **Number of trunk highway intersections.** A specific service sign for a rural agricultural or tourist-oriented business, place of worship, restaurant, motel, resort, or recreational camping area is limited to one intersection on the trunk highway system. Additional signing may be considered when the place of business is located between, or approximately an equal distance from, two or more trunk highways.

[For text of subs 4 to 6, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 16 s 1,2

160.82 PARK ROADS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Park road" means that portion of a street or highway located entirely within the park boundaries of a city, county, regional, or state park.

Subd. 2. **Restrictions.** A road authority may not make a change in the width, grade, or alignment of a park road that would affect the wildlife habitat or aesthetic characteristics of the park road or its adjacent vegetation or terrain, unless:

(1) the change is required to permit the safe travel of vehicles at the speed lawfully designated for the park road; or

(2) if the road is a county state-aid highway or municipal state-aid street, the change is required by the minimum state-aid standard applicable to the road.

Subd. 3. **Liability.** A road authority and its officers and employees, are exempt from liability for any tort claim for injury to persons or property arising from travel on a park road and related to the design of the park road, if:

- (1) the design is adopted to conform to subdivision 2;
- (2) the design is not grossly negligent; and
- (3) if the park road is a county state-aid highway or municipal state-aid street, the design complies with the minimum state-aid standard applicable to the road.

This subdivision does not preclude an action for damages arising from negligence in the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of a park road.

History: 1991 c 298 art 4 s 2

160.83 RUSTIC ROADS PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. Definition. A "rustic road" is a road that is not on the state-aid system that has the following characteristics: outstanding natural features or scenic beauty; an average daily traffic volume of less than 150 vehicles per day; year-round use as a local access road; and maximum allowable speed of 45 miles per hour.

Subd. 2. Local authority. A road authority other than the commissioner may, by resolution, designate a road or highway under its jurisdiction a rustic road and the road authority may designate the type and character of vehicles that may be operated on the rustic road; designate the road or a portion of the road as a pedestrian way or bicycle way, or both; and establish priority of right-of-way, paint lines, and construct dividers to physically separate vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic.

Subd. 3. Joint designation. Two or more road authorities may jointly designate a rustic road along a common boundary or into or through their jurisdictions. The road authorities may enter into agreements to divide the costs and responsibility for maintaining the rustic road.

Subd. 4. Costs. A rustic road must be maintained by the road authority having jurisdiction over the road and is not eligible for state-aid funding. State money must not be spent to construct, reconstruct, maintain, or improve a rustic road.

History: 1991 c 298 art 4 s 3