

SEC. 6.20. MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTERS 168, 169 AND 171 ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, the regulatory and procedural provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 168, Chapter 169 (commonly referred to as the Highway Traffic Regulation Act) and Chapter 171 are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference, including the penalty provisions thereof.

SEC. 6.21. EXHIBITION DRIVING.

Subd. 1. Prima Facie Evidence. It is prima facie evidence of exhibition driving when a motor vehicle stops, starts, accelerates, decelerates, or turns at an unnecessary rate of speed so as to cause tires to squeal, gears to grind, soil to be thrown, engine backfire, fishtailing or skidding, or, as to two-wheeled or three-wheeled motor vehicles, the front wheel to lose contact with the ground or roadway surface.

Subd. 2. Unlawful Act. It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any exhibition driving on any street, parking lot, or other public or private property, except when an emergency creates necessity for such operation to prevent injury to persons or damage to property; provided, that this Section shall not apply to driving on a racetrack. For purposes of this Section, a "racetrack" means any track or premises whereon motorized vehicles, horses, dogs, or other animals or fowl legally compete in a race or timed contest for an audience, the members of which have directly or indirectly paid a consideration for admission.

SEC. 6.22. SNOWMOBILE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND REGULATIONS.

Subd. 1. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this Section, shall have the meanings stated:

A. "Snowmobile" - A self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice steered by skis or runners.

B. "Owner" - A person, other than a lien holder having the property in or title to a snowmobile entitled to the use or possession thereof.

C. "Operate" - To ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.

D. "Operator" - Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

E. "Deadman Throttle" or "Safety Throttle" - A device which, when pressure is removed from the engine accelerator or throttle, causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving mechanism.

Subd. 2. Scope of Application. Notwithstanding provisions of this Chapter to the contrary, this Section shall apply to control of traffic and regulation of that certain class of vehicles falling within the definition of snowmobiles as to matters set forth herein. All provisions of this Chapter, not relating to matters herein stated, apply as equally to snowmobiles as other vehicles.

Subd. 3. Operation. Except as otherwise herein permitted, it is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile not licensed as a motor vehicle as follows:

A. On the portion of any right-of-way of any public highway, street, road, trail or alley used for motor vehicle travel, except upon the most right-hand lane of a street or alley and may in passing or making a left-hand turn, operate on other lanes which are used for vehicle traffic in the same direction. A snowmobile may also be operated upon the ditch bottom or the outside bank of trunk, County State-aid and County highways where such highways are so configured within the corporate limits.

B. On a public sidewalk provided for pedestrian travel.

C. On boulevards within any public right-of-way.

D. On private property of another without specific permission of the owner or person in control of said property.

E. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all surrounding circumstances.

F. At any place in a careless, reckless or negligent manner or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or safety of others, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger or cause injury or damage to any person or property.

G. During the hours from 10:00 o'clock P.M. to 7:00 o'clock A.M. of any day, closer than 100 feet to any dwelling which is usually occupied by one or more persons; provided, however, that snowmobile operation shall be permitted during such hours when traveling directly to or from the residence of the operator and the nearest City limits line at a rate of speed not in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour.

H. So as to tow any person or thing except through use of a rigid towbar attached to the rear of the snowmobile.

I. At any place while under the influence of alcohol or drugs as defined in M.S.A. 169.121, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

J. Within 100 feet of any pedestrian, fisherman, skating rink or sliding area where the operation would conflict with the use or endanger other persons or property.

Subd. 4. Special Orders. In addition to the regulations provided in Subdivision 3, it is unlawful to operate a snowmobile on any public place where prohibited by order of the City. Such areas shall be appropriately sign-posted before such order shall become effective.

Subd. 5. Direct Crossings. A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a street or highway, except an interstate highway or freeway, provided:

A. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the street or highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.

B. The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way.

C. The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.

D. In crossing a divided street or highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such street or highway with another public street or highway.

E. If the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility, only if both front and rear lights are on.

Subd. 6. Yielding the Right-of-Way. It is unlawful for any person operating a snowmobile to enter any intersection without yielding the right-of-way to any vehicles or pedestrians at the intersection, or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Subd. 7. Persons Under Eighteen.

A. It is unlawful for any person under the age of fourteen (14) years to operate a snowmobile on streets, in City parks or other public land, or the roadway surface of highways, or make a direct crossing of a trunk, County State-aid, or County highway as the operator of a snowmobile. A person fourteen (14) years of age or older, but less than eighteen (18) years of age, may operate a snowmobile as permitted under this Section, only if he has in his possession, a safety certificate issued by the Commissioner, as provided by M.S.A. 84.872.

B. It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit the snowmobile to be operated contrary to the provisions of this Subdivision.

Subd. 8. Equipment. It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile any place within the City unless it is equipped with the following:

A. Standard mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass, straight pipe or similar device on a snowmobile.

B. Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile under any condition of operation.

C. A safety or so-called "deadman" throttle in operating condition.

D. When operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or at a time of reduced visibility, at least one clear lamp attached to the front, with sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during the hours of darkness and under normal atmospheric conditions. Such head lamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of an oncoming snowmobile operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one red tail lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions.

E. Reflective material at least sixteen inches on each side, forward of the handlebars, or steering device of a snowmobile and at the highest practical point on any towed object, as to reflect light at a 90 degree angle.

Subd. 9. Locking Vehicles. It is unlawful for any person to leave a snowmobile on a public place unless he shall lock the ignition, remove the key and take the same with him.

Subd. 10. Emergencies. Notwithstanding the prohibition of operating a snowmobile upon a roadway to the contrary, a snowmobile may be operated on a public thoroughfare in an emergency during the period of time when, at locations where, snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

Subd. 11. Animals. It is unlawful to intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any animal with a snowmobile.

Subd. 12. Signal From Officer to Stop. It is unlawful for a snowmobile operator, after having received a visible or audible signal from any law enforcement officer to come to a stop, to (1) operate a snowmobile in willful or wanton disregard of such signal, or (2) interfere with or endanger the law enforcement officer or any other person or vehicle, or (3) increase his speed or attempt to flee or elude the officer.

Subd. 13. Certain Statutes Adopted. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 84.81 through 84.911, inclusive, as amended in 1987, together with rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, are hereby adopted by reference, incorporated herein, and made a part hereof, except as otherwise provided herein.

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SEC. 6.23. SKATE BOARDS, ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES AND ROLLER SKIS REGULATION.

Subd. 1. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this Section, shall have the meanings stated:

A. "Skateboard" - A device for riding upon, usually while standing, consisting of an oblong piece of wood or other composition, mounted on skate wheels.

B. "Roller Skates or Roller Blades" - A form of skate with small wheels or rollers instead of a blade or rudder.

C. "Roller Skis" - A ski with small wheels attached.

Subd. 2. Prohibited Acts. It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades or roller skis:

A. On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of said property.

B. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger, the safety of any person or property of any other person.

C. Upon a public sidewalk within the "Downtown District". The term "Downtown District" means an area in the City described as follows: The point of beginning being located at the intersection of the East line of West Avenue and the South line of South Avenue, thence on and along the South line of South Avenue until it intersects the extended East line of the West line of Block Twenty-six; thence North on and along the West line of Block Twenty-six extended Northerly to the Northwest corner of Lot Thirteen, Block Twenty-one; thence Easterly at a right angle a distance of 231 feet; thence North at a right angle until said line