

Chapter 104

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Subject Transportation policy

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Overview

This act makes various changes related to transportation policy. The provisions are generally effective August 1, 2024.

Article 1: Transportation Policy

This article contains a variety of transportation policy provisions.

Section	Description – Article 1: Transportation Policy
1	Membership; chair. [Advisory Council on Traffic Safety] Adds two members to the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety.
2	Compensation for law enforcement officers. Directs Minnesota Management and Budget to consider compensation data from the most recent salary and benefits survey (required under a state statute) in negotiating increases to compensation for law enforcement officers during the collective bargaining process. Expires January 1, 2032.
3	Accident prevention course; rules. Codifies a length of four hours, instead of as established in administrative rules, for accident prevention courses that provide for an auto insurance premium reduction. Effective July 1, 2024.
4	Response capabilities; time limits. Amends a railroad's requirements following an incident involving discharge of oil or other hazardous substances, to require contacting the fire department through the local 911 call center (rather than specifically contacting the fire chief).

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- 5 **Route No. 185.**
Revises a statutorily designated trunk highway to remove Trunk Highway 123 in and near Sandstone, along with adjusting the statutory route. The revision is subject to an agreement with Pine County to transfer jurisdiction of the road.
- 6 **Route No. 186.**
Makes conforming changes for the Trunk Highway 123 turnback, to remove a segment that is being added to a different statutorily designated route.
- 7 **Route No. 341.**
Makes conforming changes for the Trunk Highway 123 turnback, to establish a new statutorily designated trunk highway within Sandstone.
- 8 **Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge.**
Designates a bridge on U.S. Highway 212 in Granite Falls as the “Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge.”
- 9 **Small targeted group business, small business; contract preferences.**
Increases an optional MnDOT contracting preference from six to 12 percent for products, services, and construction contract bids by entities that are designated as a small targeted group business by the Department of Administration.
- 10 **Veteran-owned small business, small business; contract preferences.**
Increases an optional MnDOT contracting preference from six to 12 percent for construction and construction-related services contract bids by entities that are designated as a veteran-owned small business by the Department of Administration.
- 11 **Motor vehicle.**
Adds “roadable aircraft” to the definition of motor vehicle in the chapter of state statutes on motor vehicle registration, which has the general effect of including the vehicle in various registration and tax-related requirements.
- 12 **Passenger automobile.**
Adds “roadable aircraft” to the definition of passenger automobile in the chapter of state statutes on motor vehicle registration.
- 13 **Pickup truck.**
Modifies the definition of a “pickup truck” in the chapter of state statutes on motor vehicle registration, to include applicable trucks that have a gross vehicle weight of exactly 10,000 pounds.

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- 14 **Recreational vehicle.**
Modifies the definition of a “recreational vehicle” in the chapter of state statutes on motor vehicle registration, to include a teardrop trailer.
- 15 **Trailer.**
Excludes recreational vehicles from a provision on license plate display requirements for small trailers.
- 16 **Limitations. [Self-service kiosks]**
Sets limitations and requirements on vendors who operate self-service kiosks that provide motor vehicle transactions. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 17 **Plates; design, visibility, periods of issuance.**
Provides for issuance of a decal instead of a license plate for a roadable aircraft.
- 18 **General requirements; fees.**
Revises requirements on eligibility and multiple plates for a veterans service group special plate.
- 19 **Contributions; account; appropriation.**
Makes a technical change, to clarify a statutory appropriation from an account for the Minnesota professional sports team special plate.
- 20 **Issuance of plates.**
Makes a technical change, to revise the name used for a motorcycle safety account.
- 21 **[Adds § 168.24] Roadable aircraft registration.**
Governs the registration requirements for roadable aircraft, including to (1) establish that the vehicle is subject to the same registration, titling, and tax provisions as other motor vehicles, (2) require application for a registration certificate, and (3) require registration as both an aircraft and a motor vehicle.
- 22 **Electronic transmission.**
Prevents a third-party vendor that provides services to motor vehicle dealers for electronic vehicle title and registration from being an owner of or appointed as a deputy registrar or driver’s license agent. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 23 **Lessees; information.**
Authorizes the release of leased vehicle information to licensed motor vehicle dealers as part of a vehicle lease or sale, and broadens the types of vehicles under the authorization. Makes technical and clarifying changes. Effective October 1, 2024.

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- 24 **Foreign passport.**
Establishes that a foreign passport can be used to show identity in application for a vehicle title or registration. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 25 **Towing prohibited.**
Disallows towing a vehicle from a parking space where the meter has expired, regardless of any unpaid parking tickets for the vehicle (with various exceptions).
- 26 **Autocycle.**
Establishes that a roadable aircraft is not an autocycle (which is a specialized three-wheeled vehicle) in the chapter of state statutes on traffic regulations.
- 27 **Motorcycle.**
Establishes that a roadable aircraft is not a motorcycle in the chapter of state statutes on traffic regulations.
- 28 **Nondivisible load or vehicle.**
Defines a “nondivisible load” or “nondivisible vehicle” in the chapter of state statutes on traffic regulations.
- 29 **Roadable aircraft.**
Defines a “roadable aircraft” in the chapter of state statutes on traffic regulations.
- 30 **Notify owner of damaged property.**
Directs the operator of a vehicle involved in collision that only results in property damage to report it to a peace officer. Eliminates reporting to the Department of Public Safety.
- 31 **Officer to report accident to commissioner.**
Specifies the situations in which peace officer reporting on a collision is required, including to identify criteria for location, a fatality or injury, and extent of damage.
- 32 **Suspension of license for failure to report accident.**
Limits Department of Public Safety authority to suspend a driver’s license or person’s operating privilege for failure to report on a traffic accident, so that it applies to a driver instead of individuals generally.
- 33 **Terminology.**
Amends a definition and defines “disabling damage” in the section of state statutes on crash reporting.

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- 34 **U-turn.**
Modifies driving rules on U-turns, including to allow right-hand turns into the farthest lane as part of making a U-turn at a reduced-conflict intersection.
- 35 **Operation.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 36 **Prohibitions.**
Removes a prohibition on stopping or parking that involves an obsolete concept (related to safety zones). Makes technical changes.
- 37 **Exception for separated roadway.**
Revises a definition of “separated roadway” in the chapter of state statutes on traffic regulations, to use current terminology.
- 38 **Supplemental warning system.**
Establishes ongoing authority for supplemental warning systems on school buses and revises requirements governing the systems.
- 39 **Motorcycle ground light.**
Authorizes white ground lighting on motorcycles in some circumstances.
- 40 **Definitions.**
Defines terms in a statute on child passenger restraints.
- 41 **Admissibility into evidence.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 42 **Child passenger restraint systems.**
Modifies requirements for child restraints when a child is transported in a motor vehicle, including to set out a series of requirements that vary with the circumstances for the child.
- 43 **Violation; petty misdemeanor.**
Makes conforming and technical changes.
- 44 **Appropriation; special account.**
Makes a technical change. Effective July 1, 2024.
- 45 **Roadable aircraft.**
Establishes that a license plate does not need to be displayed on a roadable aircraft.

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- 46 **Divisible load.**
Clarifies that divisible loads must be transported in (1) a manner that does not exceed size and weight limits, or (2) under a special permit.
- 47 **Driving rules.**
Broadens the situations in which an implement of husbandry can be operated on the left side of the road, under specified conditions.
- 48 **Sewage septic tank trucks.**
Creates exemptions from various vehicle weight limits for sewage septic tank trucks in some situations involving emergency pumping services. Effective June 1, 2024.
- 49 **[Adds § 169.8655] Special sugar beet hauling vehicle permit.**
Authorizes a road authority to issue a special hauling permit for vehicles transporting sugar beets on certain specified roads and subject to various requirements. Sets an expiration of July 1, 2027, for permit issuance.
- 50 **Recycling, garbage, and waste collection vehicles.**
Modifies weight restriction exemptions for some recycling and garbage trucks, to include a sewage septic tank truck in specified circumstances involving emergency pumping services. Effective June 1, 2024.
- 51 **License endorsement and permit requirements.**
Modifies terminology related to motorcycles and similar vehicles, to switch from “two-wheeled vehicle” to “motorcycle” in reference to that type of permit or endorsement. Makes technical changes.
- 52 **[Adds § 169.975] Operation of roadable aircraft.**
Sets operating and equipment requirements for roadable aircraft when operated on public roads, including to specify that a roadable aircraft is a motor vehicle when in operation and is subject to traffic regulations and insurance requirements, except in circumstances involving airports, landing areas, and flight (where the vehicle must comply with aeronautics laws).
- 53 **Test refusal; driving privilege lost.**
Eliminates a requirement that a driver’s license or permit is invalidated by clipping the upper corner of the physical card.

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- 54 **Motorcycle.**
Establishes that a roadable aircraft is not defined as a motorcycle in the chapter of state statutes on driver licensing (which has effects that include permitting operation without a motorcycle endorsement).
- 55 **Noncompliant license; noncompliant identification card.**
Clarifies in a definition that reference to a noncompliant license or identification card includes various types of licenses and cards.
- 56 **REAL ID compliant license; REAL ID compliant identification card.**
Defines a REAL ID compliant license or identification card in the chapter of state statutes on driver licensing.
- 57 **State.**
Modifies the definition of a “state” in the chapter of state statutes on driver licensing, to include a U.S. military base located on foreign soil.
- 58 **Motorcycle endorsement fee.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 59 **Contents of application; other information.**
Paragraph (a) identifies specific individual characteristics to be provided in a driver’s license or Minnesota identification card application, and makes technical changes.

Deleted paragraph (d) eliminates a type of document that can be provided to show identity, which is substantially reproduced elsewhere in this article (within a centralized list of accepted documents).

New paragraph (e) sets requirements on residence address in Minnesota.
- 60 **Evidence; identity; date of birth.**
Modifies and adds to the list of accepted documents that can be used to show identity and date of birth in application for a REAL ID compliant driver’s license or identification card.
- 61 **Evidence; residence in Minnesota.**
Makes conforming and technical changes.
- 62 **Exceptions process.**
Makes a conforming change (in conjunction with a repealer).

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- 63 **[Adds § 171.062] Evidence of identity; noncompliant credentials.**
Statutorily codifies and centralizes documentation requirements to show identity in application for a noncompliant driver’s license or identification card, including to (1) require a Minnesota credential or various forms of identity documentation, (2) specify lists of documents that are accepted, (3) set document condition requirements, and (4) provide for verification.

(Among its effects, the change moves accepted documents lists from a combination of state statute and administrative rules into a single statutory location.)
- 64 **[Adds § 171.063] Evidence of identity for enhanced credentials.**
Statutorily codifies documentation requirements to show identity in application for an enhanced driver’s license or identification card, including to specify lists of documents that are accepted to show date of birth, full legal name, Social Security number, photographic identity, citizenship, and residency.
- 65 **[Adds § 171.069] Translations.**
Sets requirements governing translations of documents submitted for purposes of drivers’ licenses or identification cards.
- 66 **Veteran designation.**
Authorizes an honorably discharged member of the National Guard to receive a veteran designation on their Minnesota driver’s license or identification card.
- 67 **Tribal identification card.**
Makes technical and conforming changes.
- 68 **Caretaker information.**
Removes a limit on the number of individuals who can be identified as recipients of care by a driver’s license or identification card holder.
- 69 **Data privacy; noncompliant license or identification card.**
Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to conduct identity verification of certain specified information on behalf of the Transportation Security Administration for participants enrolled in the TSA’s Registration Program (also known as CLEAR). Effective May 16, 2024.
- 70 **Certain data on noncompliant license or identification card; department and agents.**
Makes a conforming change.

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- 71 **Waiver when license issued by another jurisdiction.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 72 **Motorcycle endorsement examination fee.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 73 **Exam scheduling reporting.**
Requires biannual reports from the Department of Public Safety on road test scheduling. Specifies report contents, with additional details if departmental performance measures or statutory goals are not met.
- 74 **Other waiting periods.**
Sets a period of one year before a person is eligible for a limited license after being convicted of criminal vehicular operation under various circumstances that results in substantial bodily harm, bodily harm, or harm to an unborn child.
- 75 **Exception; criminal vehicular operation.**
Establishes that a person can never receive a limited license after being convicted, under various circumstances, of (1) criminal vehicular homicide, (2) criminal vehicular operation that causes death to an unborn child, or (3) reckless driving that contributed to a fatality.
- 76 **Appropriation.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 77 **Authorization.**
Provides for approval (in addition to licensing) by the Department of Public Safety for teleconference driver education programs. Eliminates a restriction on use of teleconference driver education when a portion of instruction is contracted.
- 78 **Online driver education program.**
Provides for approval (in addition to licensing) by the Department of Public Safety for online driver education programs.
- 79 **Trunk highway performance, resiliency, and sustainability.**
Amends various requirements for trunk highway system performance measures and targets as well as transportation planning.
- 80 **Active transportation accounts.**
Makes a technical change, to eliminate an account in the General Fund. Effective July 1, 2024.

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- 81 **Eligibility. [Safe routes to school program]**
Narrows the conditions to receive a grant under the safe routes to school program, so that prior adoption of local regulations that require safe routes to school infrastructure in new developments is not mandated for (1) a Tribal government, or (2) noninfrastructure programming.
- 82 **[Adds § 174.595] Transportation facilities capital program.**
Establishes a program on capital projects for MnDOT agency buildings and facilities, including to create program accounts, set project eligibility, and identify prioritization considerations. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 83 **Responsibilities.**
Broadens MnDOT’s general responsibilities related to passenger rail to include passenger rail promotion.
- 84 **Powers.**
Broadens MnDOT’s powers related to passenger rail to explicitly include promotional and marketing activities.
- 85 **Locate.**
Defines “locate” in the chapter of state statutes governing the excavation notice system, to describe the surface markings for underground lines and utilities.
- 86 **Locate period.**
Defines a “locate period” in the chapter of state statutes governing the excavation notice system, to be various time periods in conjunction with a request to locate and mark underground lines and facilities.
- 87 **On-site meet.**
Defines an “on-site meet” in the chapter of state statutes governing the excavation notice system, to describe an in-person meeting at the site of a proposed excavation.
- 88 **Utility quality level.**
Revises the definition of “utility quality level” in the chapter of state statutes governing the excavation notice system, to reference the latest technical guidance document on quality of utility information and provide for reference to documents as revised.

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- 89 **Performance reporting.**
Directs owners or operators of underground lines and facilities to provide quarterly reports to the Office of Pipeline Safety. Specifies report contents. Exempts some underground facility owners and operators.
- 90 **Excavation; land survey.**
Amends various requirements on excavation and land survey notices to underground facility owners and operators, including to amend the timeline on markings, provide for on-site meets, revise marker requirements, and set mandates on use of geospatial information technology.
- 91 **Precautions to avoid damage.**
Amends proposed excavation marking types and methods for excavators, including to set conditions for electronic marking.
- 92 **[Adds § 219.455] Definitions.**
Defines terms for provisions on railroad structures and clearances.
- 93 **Structure.**
Clarifies that yards and terminals of both depot companies and rail passenger service companies are exempt from certain minimum overhead and lateral clearance requirements near a railroad. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 94 **Intrastate transportation; fuel products.**
Broadens an exemption to the hours-of-service requirements for drivers transporting fuel products in some circumstances that involve an emergency declaration. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 95 **Requirements.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 96 **Transportation of specific petroleum products; driver requirements.**
Amends and clarifies requirements that govern operators of a vehicle used in some circumstances to transport petroleum products in intrastate commerce, including to provide for a minimum driver age of 18.
- 97 **Roadable aircraft. [Aeronautics]**
Defines a “roadable aircraft” in the chapter of state statutes on aeronautics.

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- 98 **Local roads. [2023 session law]**
Broadens permissible uses of fiscal year 2024-2025 appropriations for local transportation disaster support, to allow aid for roadway damage in some circumstances where it is ineligible under other disaster programs.
- 99 **U.S. Highway 52 box culvert underpass; Dakota County. [2023 session law]**
Modifies a 2023 appropriation for an underpass on U.S. Highway 52 in Dakota County, to adjust the location and broaden uses of the funds. Effective the day after enactment.
- 100 **Town roads. [2023 session law]**
Modifies a 2023 appropriation for aid to certain townships, to modify the aid payment approach and specify uses of the funds for town roads. Effective the day after enactment.
- 101 **Transportation facilities capital improvements. [2023 session law]**
Modifies a 2023 appropriation from trunk highway bond proceeds for MnDOT agency facilities, to make the appropriation for the Transportation Facilities Capital program established in this article (instead of being for similar, more general purposes). Effective May 16, 2024.
- 102 **Trunk Highway 65; Anoka County. [2023 session law]**
Modifies a 2023 appropriation from trunk highway bond proceeds for a trunk highway project, so that the appropriation is to MnDOT (instead of being for a grant to local units of government). Effective May 16, 2024.
- 103 **U.S. Highway 10; Coon Rapids. [2023 session law]**
Modifies a 2023 appropriation from trunk highway bond proceeds for a trunk highway project, so that the appropriation is to MnDOT (instead of being for a grant to Anoka County). Effective May 16, 2024.
- 104 **U.S. Highway 169 Interchange; Scott County. [2023 session law]**
Modifies a 2023 appropriation from trunk highway bond proceeds for a trunk highway project, so that the appropriation is to MnDOT (instead of being for a grant to Scott County). Effective May 16, 2024.
- 105 **U.S. Highway 8; Chisago County. [2023 session law]**
Modifies a 2023 appropriation from trunk highway bond proceeds for a trunk highway project, so that the appropriation is to MnDOT (instead of being for a grant to Chisago County). Effective May 16, 2024.

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- 106 **Report; city speed limit analysis study required.**
Directs MnDOT to perform a study on city speed limit changes under authority established in 2019. Specifies study elements. Requires a report by March 15, 2025. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 107 **Traffic engineering studies and investigations.**
Directs MnDOT, when performing traffic engineering studies to set or adjust speed limits, to use the latest version of the federal manual on traffic control devices rather than the current equivalent state manual. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 108 **Full-service provider.**
Provides for some limited licensing agents to become full-service providers regardless of various requirements in administrative rules on office location and equipment.
- 109 **Minnesota State Fair transportation planning.**
Directs the State Agricultural Society to develop and implement a multimodal transportation plan for the 2024 Minnesota State Fair. Specifies plan elements. Effective May 16, 2024.
- 110 **Repealer.**
Paragraph (a) repeals: (1) an obsolete definition and driving restriction (related to safety zones); (2) specification of the types of documents that can be submitted as evidence of Social Security number in application for a REAL ID compliant driver’s license or identification card; (3) a provision that establishes prima facie evidence in civil suits involving excavation and damage to underground facilities; and (4) a driver minimum age requirement to transport petroleum products in some circumstances (which is replaced with a new provision in this article).

Paragraph (b) repeals provisions on documents that can be submitted in an application for a driver’s license or identification card (which is substantially reproduced in a new section in this article).

Paragraph (c) repeals an administrative rule that mandates a minimum 180-hour length of instruction on commercial motor vehicle operation, which is required for a postsecondary institution that is approved as a third-party tester.

Paragraph (d) repeals an administrative rule on hours of instruction for safe driving classes (which is replaced with a new length in this article). Effective July 1, 2024.

Article 2: Greater Minnesota Transit Program

This article addresses requirements and administration of transit assistance in greater Minnesota, including to revise terminology and eliminate administrative rules.

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- 1 **Complementary paratransit service (ADA).**
Defines “complementary paratransit service (ADA)” for provisions on public transportation.
- 2 **Elderly and disabled service.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 3 **Large urbanized area service.**
Defines “large urbanized area service” for provisions on public transportation.
- 4 **Public transportation.**
Revises the term and definition for “public transportation,” including to specify forms of transportation that are not included.
- 5 **Rural area service.**
Revises the definition for “small urbanized area service” for provisions on public transportation.
- 6 **Small urbanized area service.**
Revises the term and definition for “small urbanized area service” for provisions on public transportation, including to modify the population range for the area served.
- 7 **Financial assistance; application, approval.**
Paragraph (b) eliminates a requirement that MnDOT implement public transit program procedures and standards through administrative rules (which is in conjunction with repeal of various rules in this article).

Paragraph (c) removes a provision on transit grant application review by various local public entities.
- 8 **Greater Minnesota transit investment plan.**
Adds complementary paratransit service to a calculation of service needs performed in the greater Minnesota transit investment plan.

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- 9 **Operating assistance; recipient classifications.**
Amends various procedures governing financial assistance under the public transit participation program, including to add a complementary paratransit service classification and modify aspects of the aid calculation methodology.
- 10 **Nonoperating assistance.**
Caps the local sources for design and capital assistance under the public transit participation program at 20 percent.
- 11 **Annual transit report.**
Revises requirements for an annual legislative report on greater Minnesota transit, including to eliminate mandated assistance from the Metropolitan Council and require an annual (instead of biennial) analysis of transit system needs and expenses.
- 12 **Transportation costs.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 13 **Public transit or transit.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 14 **Definitions.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 15 **Revisor instruction.**
Makes technical changes, to provide for terminology revisions in state statutes.
- 16 **Repealer.**
Paragraph (a) repeals: (1) some definitions of transit-related terms being replaced or no longer used; and (2) direction to adopt administrative rules on determining total operating cost (which is in conjunction with repeal of various rules in paragraph (b)).

Paragraph (b) repeals various administrative rules that govern MnDOT administration of transit assistance.



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