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Overview

This bill amends various traffic regulations, including authorizing school bus flaggers under some conditions, changing the speed limit on a segment of I-35E in St. Paul, preventing recording of some I-35E speed limit violations, and eliminating fines for some bus drivers when passengers under age 15 do not use a seat belt.

Section

- 1** **Obedience to school flagger.** Authorizes school bus flaggers on some lower speed roads if certain conditions are met, and requires motorists to stop when directed by the flagger. The road where a flagger operates must have a posted speed limit of 35 m.p.h. or less, and cannot be in a school zone where the surround speed limit is above 35 m.p.h.
- 2** **Speed limit; marked Interstate Highway 35E.** Directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation to set a 55 m.p.h. speed limit on a segment of I-35E in southern St. Paul to I-94, unless the department conducts a traffic and engineering study and determines a different speed limit.
- 3** **Conviction recording; marked Interstate Highway 35E.** Prevents some speed limit violations from being retained on a person's driving record when the violation occurs on a segment of I-35E in St. Paul and is over the speed limit by ten miles per hour or less. The provision does not apply when operating a commercial motor vehicle and for holders of a commercial driver's license.

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- 4** **Laned highway.** Requires road authorities to post signs instructing motorists to use the right-hand lane when traveling slower than the normal speed of traffic.
- 5** **Seat belt requirement.** Prevents fines from being imposed on the driver of a bus other than a school bus (such as a motorcoach), if passengers under age 15 do not use a seatbelt when required.