

Chapter 10

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Subject Traffic regulations for light rail transit

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Overview

This act makes operators of light rail transit vehicles subject to prohibitions on reckless driving (operation while disregarding substantial risk of harm to a person or property) and careless driving (operation carelessly or in a manner that endangers a person or property). It is effective August 1, 2019.

Background. Various traffic regulations are not interpreted as applying to light rail transit vehicle operation (which results from how terms are defined in the chapter of Minnesota Statutes governing traffic laws).

Violations for careless or reckless driving carry a misdemeanor penalty, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for up to 90 days, or both. A violation of reckless driving that involves great bodily harm or death is enhanced to a gross misdemeanor (with a fine of up to \$3,000, imprisonment for up to one year, or both).