

CHAPTER 77—S. F. No. 176

An act to amend Section 5973 of Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927 relating to the maintenance of the department of state fire marshal by fire insurance companies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Section 5973 of Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927 be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

“5973. **Fire insurance companies to pay cost of maintenance.**—For the purpose of maintaining the department of state fire marshal and paying all the expenses incident thereto, every fire insurance company doing business in the State of Minnesota, excepting town insurance companies, farmers' mutual fire insurance companies and township mutual fire insurance companies, shall hereafter pay to the State Treasurer on or before March 1, 1914, and annually thereafter, a tax upon its fire premiums or assessments or both, as follows:

“A sum equal to *one-half* of one per cent of the gross premiums and assessments, less return premiums, on all direct business received by it in this state, or by its agents for it, in cash or otherwise, during the preceding calendar year, including premiums on policies covering fire risks only on automobiles, whether written under floater form or otherwise; provided, however, that this act shall in no way affect the tax due March 1, 1913, and the payment thereof. In the case of a mutual company, the dividends paid or credited to members in this state shall be construed to be return premiums. The money so received into the state treasury shall be set aside as a special fund and is hereby appropriated for the maintenance of such office of state fire marshal and the expenses incident thereto. The state shall not be liable in any manner for the salary of said fire marshal, his chief assistant, deputies, clerks and other employes or for the maintenance of the office of fire marshal or any expenses incident thereto, and the same shall be payable only from the special fund provided for in this section.”

Approved March 19, 1937.

CHAPTER 78—H. F. No. 149

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 10940, relating to the duties of the state printer in the preparation of forms for publication of notices in newspapers.