

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 296.02, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

296.02. **Excise tax on gasoline.** Subdivision 1. **Rate.** There is hereby imposed an excise tax of *five* cents per gallon on all gasoline used in producing and generating power for propelling motor vehicles used on the public highways of this state. This tax shall be payable at the times, in the manner, and by persons specified in *this chapter*.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 296.02, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto to read:

[Subd. 5] **Additional Tax.** *The additional one-cent excise tax shall apply to all gasoline in storage on July 1, 1949, the effective date of this act.*

Approved April 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 679—H.F. No. 884

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the director of public institutions to purchase certain lands, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. **Purchase of certain land in Rice county.** The director of public institutions is authorized to purchase the following described lands lying and being in the county of Rice, state of Minnesota, to-wit:

The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Five (5), Township One Hundred Nine (109), Range Twenty (20), Rice County, according to the government survey thereof, containing ten (10) acres more or less, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, for not more than the sum of \$5,000.

Provided, that the seller shall furnish a complete certified abstract of title to said property, and the attorney general shall give his opinion that the title to the land is good and marketable, and free from all liens and encumbrances, and shall approve the deed of conveyance.

Sec. 2. **Director may lease premises.** The director of public institutions is authorized to enter into a lease of the residence on said property with suitable means of entry and egress, with Mrs. Catherine Anna Merrill under such terms and conditions as he shall deem appropriate.

Sec. 3. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$5,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to be paid to the grantors in said deed on the certificate of the director of public institutions.

Approved April 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 680—H. F. No. 899

[Coded as Section 219.561]

An act to provide for installation of lights on track motor cars operated by railroads and providing for penalties for violation thereof.

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

[219.561] Section 1. **Track motor cars to be lighted.**
Subdivision 1. From and after January 1, 1950, every person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running through or within the state shall equip each of its track motor cars used during the period from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise, with :

(1) An electric headlight of such construction and of sufficient candlepower to render plainly visible at a distance of not less than three hundred feet in advance of such track motor car, any track obstruction, landmark, warning sign or grade crossing ; and