

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has not yet adopted a state tree, and by reason thereof is losing this opportunity to create a symbol, the publicity of which disseminates information concerning the history, background and physical characteristics of the State of Minnesota throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the Red Pine (*Pinus Resinosa*) more commonly known as Norway Pine is a tree which is native to the State of Minnesota, and pure stands of the tree have been found in many parts of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Red Pine (*Pinus Resinosa*) more commonly known as Norway Pine is a tree that has supplied much of the timber that was harvested in the State of Minnesota in years gone by, and helped lay the foundation for much of the wealth of the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the Red Pine (*Pinus Resinosa*) more commonly known as Norway Pine is a sturdy and majestic tree, of long life, free from disease and insect attack, and is being recognized as a tree desirable for planting in connection with reforestation, now therefore,

Section 1. [1.143] **State tree, designation.** The Red Pine (*Pinus Resinosa*) more commonly known as Norway Pine is hereby designated as the official state tree of the State of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. [1.144] **State tree, photograph.** A photograph of the Red Pine (*Pinus Resinosa*) more commonly known as Norway Pine, to be obtained and approved by the commissioner of conservation, shall be so certified and be preserved in the office of the Secretary of State.

Approved February 18, 1953.

CHAPTER 21—H. F. No. 180

[Coded]

An act providing for the joinder of the State of Minnesota as a party defendant in certain actions.

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

Section 1. [559.013] **State as party defendant.** [Subdivision 1.] **Service.** The state may be made a party defendant to an action brought under Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 559.01. In such cases where the state is made a party

the summons and complaint shall be served upon the attorney general, who shall represent the state in the action and defend in all cases where it appears the state in fact has an interest which will be affected.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] **Limitations, costs.** If the state is joined in an action under section 1 hereof and interposes an answer so that issue is joined thereon as between the plaintiff and the state, the state, in addition to any costs to which it may be entitled under Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 549.02, may have costs in such amount as the court allows not to exceed \$50, on motion made upon not less than two days' notice, whenever it appears that there was no reasonable ground for joining the state, whether or not there is dismissal as to the state before final judgment.

Approved February 18, 1953.

CHAPTER 22—H. F. No. 398

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 169.84.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 169.84 is amended to read:

169.84 **Load limit on bridges.** Subject to the limitations upon wheel and axle loads prescribed in this chapter, the gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles driven onto or over a bridge on any highway shall not exceed the safe capacity of the bridge, as may be indicated by warning posted on the bridge or the approaches thereto.

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CHAPTER 23—H. F. No. 18

An act relating to discharge of representatives; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 525.504.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 525.504, is amended to read: