treatment, chiropractic medicine and medical supplies, as may reasonably be required at the time of the injury and any time thereafter to cure and relieve from the effects of the injury. Such treatment shall include treatments necessary to physical rehabilitation. The employer shall furnish replacement or repair for artificial members, glasses, or spectacles, artificial eyes, <u>podiatric orthotics</u>, dental bridge work, dentures or artificial teeth, hearing aids, canes, crutches or wheel chairs damaged by reason of an injury arising out of and in the course of the employment. In case of his inability or refusal seasonably to do so the employer shall be liable for the reasonable expense incurred by or on behalf of the employee in providing the same. The employer shall pay for the reasonable value of nursing services by a member of the employee's family in cases of permanent total disability. Orders of a compensation judge with respect to this subdivision may be reviewed by the workers' compensation court of appeals on petition of an aggrieved party or by writ of certiorari to the supreme court.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 176.135, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. CHANGE OF PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS, OR CHIROPRACTORS. The commissioner of the department of labor and industry shall make the necessary rules for a change of physicians, podiatrists, or chiropractors in the case that either the employee or the employer desire a change and for the designation of a physician, podiatrist, or chiropractor suggested by the injured employee or the commissioner of the department of labor and industry. In such case the expense thereof shall be borne by the employer upon the same terms and conditions as provided in subdivision 1 and for medical, podiatric, chiropractic and surgical treatment and attendance.

Approved May 21, 1979.

## CHAPTER 108-S.F.No.601

An act relating to trunk highways; requiring reimbursement of local expenses for fighting fires originating in the trunk highway right-of-way; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 161.465.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1, Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 161.465, is amended to read:

by a municipal or volunteer fire department in extinguishing a fire or easing or eliminating the danger of fire or explosion within the right-of-way of any state trunk highway, or outside the right-of-way if the fire originated within the right-of-way, upon approval of a police officer or an officer or employee of the department of transportation or department of public safety shall, upon certification to the commissioner of transportation by the proper official of the municipality or fire department, be reimbursed to the municipality or fire department from funds in the trunk highway fund. The

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commissioner of transportation shall take whatever action practicable to secure reimbursement to the trunk highway fund of moneys expended pursuant to this section from the person, firm or corporation responsible for the fire or danger thereof.

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to admit any state liability for damage or destruction to private property or for injury to persons resulting from a fire that originates within a trunk highway right-of-way.

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day after final enactment.

Approved May 21, 1979.

## CHAPTER 109—S.F.No.615

An act relating to retirement; St. Paul teachers retirement fund association; post retirement adjustments for certain retirees and benefit recipients; retirement annuity computation for certain coordinated members; recomputation of disability benefits; augmentation of benefits.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Authorization is hereby granted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 354A.12, for the St. Paul teachers retirement fund association to amend its bylaws as follows:

- (1) Paragraph 9 of Section 3 of Article IV of the bylaws may be amended to provide a lump sum payment to annuitants and survivor benefit recipients who have been receiving annuities or benefits for at least three years, payable three months following the end of a fiscal year. The payments shall only be made if the investment income of the fund during the preceding fiscal year was in excess of 5-1/2 percent of the asset value of the fund at the end of that fiscal year. The amount that each eligible annuitant or benefit recipient shall be entitled to receive shall be determined as follows:
- (a) The years of service of each annuitant as credited by the fund and the years of service of each person on behalf of whom a survivor benefit is paid as credited by the fund shall be totaled;
- (b) The dollar amount equal to one-half of one percent of the asset value of the fund at the end of the previous fiscal year shall be determined;
- (c) The dollar amount determined pursuant to clause (b) shall be divided by the aggregate years of credited service totaled pursuant to clause (a), the result to be considered the bonus figure per year of service credit;
- (d) For each eligible annuitant and benefit recipient, the payment shall be equal to the bonus figure per year of service credit determined pursuant to clause (c) multiplied by

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