

such woman factory inspectors as may be necessary to inspect the sanitary and general conditions under which women and children are at work in all factories, work shops, hotels, restaurants, stores and any other places where women and children are employed.

Said assistant commissioner of labor shall collect statistics and render to the next legislature through the commissioner of labor such findings and recommendations as will promote the health and general welfare of the women and children so employed in this state.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 24, 1909.

CHAPTER 498—H. F. No. 388.

An Act providing for the licensing of operators of testing apparatus and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

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

Testing apparatus operators to secure license.—Section 1. No person shall operate a milk or cream testing apparatus duly approved by the dairy and food commissioners to determine the percentage of butter fat in milk or cream for the purpose of purchasing the same either for himself or another, without first securing a license from the dairy and food commissioner of this state, or from one of his duly appointed assistants or inspectors, authorizing such person to so operate such tester.

Application to be made to dairy and food commissioner.—Sec. 2. Any person desiring to secure such license shall make application therefor on a blank to be prepared and provided by the dairy and food commissioner, and such applicant before being issued such license shall pass a satisfactory examination in person and prove by actual demonstration that he is competent and qualified to properly use such tester and make an accurate test with the same.

Two years for \$1—Fees to road and bridge fund.—Sec. 3. Such license shall be issued for a period of two (2) years from and after the date of its issuance, and a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be paid for such license by the licensee upon the issuance thereof. The dairy and food commissioner for just cause shall have authority to revoke any license issued under the provisions of this act.

The fees collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the state treasury monthly by the dairy and food commissioner, and credited to the state road and bridge fund.

Violation a misdemeanor.—Sec. 4. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (25) dollars or more than fifty (50) dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days or more than sixty (60) days; and such testing of each lot of milk or cream by such unlicensed person shall constitute a separate offense unless where such licensed person shall have valid reasons to appoint a substitute, not to exceed three days subject to the approval of the dairy and food commission.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1st, 1910.

Approved April 24, 1909.

CHAPTER 499—H. F. No. 737.

An Act prescribing hours of labor and time for meals for women and children in mercantile and manufacturing establishments; regulating the ventilation and sanitation of all manufacturing establishments and providing for the enforcement thereof.

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

Fifty-eight hours to constitute a week for female labor—Duty of employer.—Section 1. No female shall be employed in laboring in a mercantile establishment more than fifty-eight hours in a week.

Every employer shall post in a conspicuous place in every room in which such persons are employed a printed notice stating the number of hours' work which are required of them on each day of the week, the hours of commencing and stopping such work, and the hour when the time or times allowed for dinner or other meals begin and end.

The printed form of such notice shall be furnished by the commissioner of labor.

The employment of any such person for a longer time in any day than so stated shall be deemed a violation of the provisions of this section.

Ten hours a day in manufacturing or mechanical establishment—Duty of employer—Violation.—Sec. 2. No female shall be employed in laboring in a manufacturing or mechanical estab-