

on account of any contract made by or transaction had on behalf of said business, the defendant may plead such failure in abatement of the action; on all proceedings had in said action shall thereupon be stayed until the certificate provided for by this act is duly filed, and the defendant in case he prevails in said action, shall also be entitled to tax five dollars (\$5.00) costs in addition to such other statutory costs as are now allowed by law, and in case he does not prevail in said action, shall be entitled to deduct said five dollars (\$5.00) from the judgment otherwise recoverable therein.

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CHAPTER 272—H. F. No. 519.

*An Act to punish the giving of checks or drafts on any bank or other depository wherein the person so giving such check or draft shall not have sufficient funds or credit for the payment of the same.*

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

**Issuing of checks on bank wherein person insufficient funds a gross misdemeanor.**—Section 1. Any person who with intent to defraud shall make or draw or utter or deliver any check, draft or order for the payment of money upon any bank or other depository, knowing at the time of such making, drawing, uttering or delivery that the maker or drawer has not sufficient funds in or credit with such bank or other depository for the payment of such check, draft or order in full upon its presentation, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than one thousand (\$1,000), or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. The word "credit" as used herein shall be construed to mean an arrangement or understanding with the bank or depository for the payment of such check, draft or order.

Sec. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 273—H. F. No. 545.

*An Act to legalize the rate of interest charged, levied and assessed by county auditors on ditch assessments where no bonds were issued by the county.*

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

**Certain levy of interest in ditch proceedings confirmed.**—Section 1. That in all cases where a county auditor, in ditch proceedings under chapter 230 of the Laws of 1905, establish-

ing a ditch where no bonds were issued in such proceedings, nevertheless, levied and computed interest on the assessments for benefits at a less rate than six per cent per annum, such levy, computation and assessment of interest is hereby legalized, confirmed and declared to be valid, the same as if the county auditor had had the authority, in the first instance, under section 21, chapter 230, Laws of 1905, to have levied and assessed, a rate of interest at less than six per cent, provided that this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending.

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CHAPTER 274—H. F. No. 677.

*An Act to amend section 1825, Revised Laws of 1905, as amended by chapter 368, General Laws of 1907, and section 1826, Revised Laws of 1905, as amended by chapter 424, General Laws of 1909, relating to employment bureaus and bonding thereof.*

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

**Employment agencies to be licensed—Application and fees.—**

Section 1. That section 1825, Revised Laws of 1905, as amended by chapter 368, General Laws of 1907 be, and the same is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

Section 1825. License—Fee—Bond.—No person, copartnership, or corporation shall conduct an employment bureau or agency and receive compensation for services as such, or solicit or procure laborers on the streets of a city or village without such person, co-partnership or corporation having a license. Any person, co-partnership, or corporation, desiring to conduct an employment bureau or agency, and to receive compensation for services as such or who wish to procure or solicit laborers on the streets of a city or village shall be entitled to a license therefor upon compliance with the conditions of this section. Application for such license shall be made by the person, or co-partnership or when a corporation by its managing officer to the council of the city or village, wherein its principal place of business is located, or if outside a city or village, to the county board, and the applicant shall pay into the treasury of the city, village or county issuing the license a fee as herein provided and such license shall be issued for one year from the date of issue.

For a general employment bureau license, one hundred and fifty (150) dollars; which license shall authorize the holder thereof to secure employment for both males and females. For a male employment bureau license, one hundred (\$100) dollars; which license shall authorize the holder thereof to secure em-