

ful for any railway company operating a street railway in any city of this state to enter into a contract with the head or chief officer of the police and fire departments of such city for the transportation over the lines of said street railway company within such city of any member or officer of the said police and fire departments, or either of the same, at a yearly, monthly or other specified term rate less than that made to other persons for transportation over the said lines, said rate to be mutually agreed upon between the said railway company and such officers. Said contract shall be in writing and approved by the mayor of such city and shall be filed with the board of railway and warehouse commissioners of the state of Minnesota for public examination and such contract shall be effective and operative according to the provisions therein contained, during the time or term therein specified and it shall be lawful for any such street railway company to fulfill the terms of said contract or agreement, and to carry and transport the said members or officers of said fire or police departments over its said street railway lines without other payment than as provided in said contract, and it shall likewise be lawful for any member or officer of any such police or fire department entering into any such contract to ride and accept transportation over the lines of said street railway company in pursuance of the terms of said contract and without further or other payment than as herein required.

Provided, that such contract shall not provide for the carrying or transportation of any member or officer of such police and fire departments or either of the same except when the said member or officer is wearing full official uniform.

Sec. 2. **Not to be construed as a discrimination.**—This law shall not be construed as constituting any discrimination, special privilege or reduction in rate in contravention of the provisions of Chapter Four Hundred Forty-Nine (449) of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1907.

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CHAPTER 540—H. F. No. 597.

*An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 338, General Laws 1907, relating to the erection, equipment and maintenance of an asylum for mentally infirm and dangerous persons and the commitment and transfer of such persons thereto, and regulating their confinement therein.*

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

Section 1. **May be committed to either insane asylum, or state hospital for insane.**—That Section 2 of Chapter 338, General Laws 1907, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Whenever any person confined in the state prison or *the state reformatory* is alleged to be insane, the warden or other person in charge shall forthwith notify the state board of control, which shall cause the prisoner to be examined by the probate court of the county where he is confined, as in the case of other insane persons. In case he is found to be insane, he shall be transferred by the order of the court to the state asylum for the dangerous insane or to a state hospital for the insane in the discretion of the court, there to be kept and maintained as in the case of other insane persons. If, in the judgment of the superintendent, his sanity is restored before the period of his commitment to the penal institution has expired, he shall be removed by the state board of control, upon the certificate of the superintendent, to the institution whence he came, and there complete the period of his sentence.

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

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CHAPTER 541—H. F. No. 621.

*An Act to provide for the suppression and elimination of rabies, conferring power and authority on certain health officers to determine the fact of the existence of rabies in any town, city or village, together with authority to such health officers to make proclamation of the fact of the existence of rabies therein, and by said proclamation to thereafter, for a specified period of time, prohibit dogs from being at large unless muzzled, and providing penalties for violation thereof.*

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

Section 1. **Report as to rabies to be made to live stock sanitary board.**—It shall be the duty of the executive officer of the live stock sanitary board, the chief health officer of every city, the executive officer of each town and village board of health, when complaint in writing shall have been made to him that rabies exists in any town, village or city over which his jurisdiction extends, and for the purposes of this act the jurisdiction of the state officer hereinbefore named shall extend to any town, village or city in this state, to investigate, either personally or through the agency of subordinate officers under his jurisdiction, as to the truth of any such complaint, and determine whether or not rabies does exist in any such town, village or city. Any such officer may on his own motion, and without such complaint, likewise make such an investigation and determination. The fact that any executive officer of any town, city or village has investigated and determined that rabies does not exist in the territory over which