

of twenty-five or more, maintain an active existence, hold annual fairs on enclosed grounds owned or leased by such societies and associations, to which a fixed charge of admission is made; provided that they shall have paid out in premiums to exhibitors during the year as much as they received from the state, and provided further that no such county or district agricultural society shall receive in any year from the state, for the purpose of reimbursing it for the amount of premiums paid at its fairs, a sum in excess of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars. All payments made hereunder shall be made on or before December 20th of the year in which the fair is held, upon the filing with the state auditor on or before December 15th of each year a sworn statement showing the holding of annual fairs and the payment in premiums of the amounts claimed from the state, or that such society or association has advertised an annual fair, and has been prevented for good cause from holding the same, and has incurred expense in such advertising and preparation for the sum equal to the amount claimed from the state. District agricultural societies embracing two or more counties, not having county agricultural societies, shall be entitled to share in such pro rata distribution, subject to the same conditions as county agricultural societies. Any county or district agricultural society which may have held its second annual fair shall be entitled to share, pro rata, in such distribution. The state auditor shall certify to the secretary of the State Agricultural Society, on or before January 5th of each year, a list of all county and district agricultural societies that have complied with this act, and which are entitled to share in such appropriation. All payments hereunder shall be made on or before December 20th of the year in which the fair is held, provided, however, that in determining the amount to be paid to any society or association under this section, the state auditor shall exclude all payments made by such society or association as premiums or purses for or in horse races, ball games and amusement features of any nature.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 22, 1915.

CHAPTER 244—S. F. No. 321.

An Act to amend Section 7, Chapter 206, General Laws 1913, dealing with special certificate granted to dealers and florists.

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

Section 1. **Official certificate for florists and dealers.**—That Section seven (7) of Chapter two hundred six (206), General Laws of 1913, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. Dealers and florists not owning nurseries and shipping by post, freight, express or otherwise may obtain from the state entomologist a special certificate, in order to comply with the federal and state laws. Such certificate will be granted only upon stock purchased from an inspected nursery or upon foreign stock inspected in Minnesota.

Provided that, before such certificate is granted, the dealer or florist requesting the same shall furnish a sworn affidavit that he will buy and sell only stock which had been duly inspected by an official state inspector and that he will maintain with the state entomologist a list of all sources from which he secures his stock.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 22, 1915.

CHAPTER 245—S. F. No. 336.

An Act to amend Section 7451, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, relating to hearing in probate courts on petition for aid for children of insane ward.

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

Section 1. **Aid for children of insane.**—That Section 7451 of the General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

7451. At the time and place fixed for the hearing, witnesses shall be sworn before testifying and the certificate of such superintendent shall be admissible in evidence on his signature alone; and if, after full investigation and hearing, the judge of probate shall find that such child is entitled to the aid herein provided, and that the allegations of the petition are true, he may make an order directing such guardian to furnish aid to such child for such time, and in such an amount, as the judge of probate shall deem necessary.

The aid so furnished shall be allowed in the guardian's annual or final accounts as a part of his lawful disbursements.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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