

appropriation referred to or such part thereof as may be necessary may be used either to purchase such necessary land and water rights or to pay therefor pursuant to the award or judgment in such condemnation proceeding.

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

Approved January 24, 1917.

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#### CHAPTER 4—H. F. No. 238.

*An act relating to the loaning of military overcoats to members of the National Guard, providing for the return thereof; relieving Company, Battery or Detachment Commanders from financial responsibility and liability and prescribing a penalty for the non-return of said overcoats.*

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

Section 1. **Military overcoats loaned to National Guard and provision for return.**—Any military overcoat belonging to or issued to the State of Minnesota and in possession of any company, battery or detachment Commander, may by said Commander be turned over and delivered to the member of the National Guard to whom such overcoat had previously been issued when he was in the Federal service, and such Commander shall upon taking a receipt for such overcoat from the National Guardsman to whom the same is turned over and delivered, be relieved from financial responsibility therefor and from liability on his bond until the return to him of such overcoat. Said overcoat so disposed of as aforesaid shall be and remain the owned or issued property of the State of Minnesota and shall be returned to the Commander aforesaid by the National Guardsman receiving the same within thirty days after the giving of such receipt. Any person so receiving and receipting for such overcoat who shall retain the same or not return it to the Commander aforesaid within said thirty days shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished accordingly.

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

Approved January 24, 1917.