

6298, 6299, 6300 of the General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, shall not apply to or be operative upon, cemetery associations mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 10. **Not to apply to religious or private cemetery associations.**—This act shall not apply to cemeteries established by religious corporations, nor to private cemetery associations.

Sec. 11. **To apply to Minneapolis.**—This act shall also apply to cemetery associations mentioned in section 1 of this act, maintaining such cemeteries in cities existing under a charter framed pursuant to section 36 of article IV of the constitution.

Sec. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 96—S. F. No. 247.

An act to regulate commercial fishing in international waters.

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

Section 1. **Commercial fishing authorized in Lake Superior.**—The game and fish commissioner is hereby authorized to issue licenses to residents of Minnesota, who are citizens of the United States, for pound nets, fyke nets, and gill nets for use in commercial fishing in international waters, excepting Lake Superior, under the jurisdiction of the State of Minnesota, subject to the following regulations and conditions:

Sec. 2. **Size and kind of nets to be used.**—Pound nets—The size of the mesh of the pot or pound of pound nets shall not be less than 1½ inches bar measure, or 3 inches extension measure. Pound nets may be set in strings in Lake of the Woods, but no string of such nets shall exceed 2 in number, and the leads of such shall in no case exceed the following lengths: The shore lead 80 rods and the leads between the pounds or pots 50 rods in length. Said net or string of nets shall not be less than 2500 feet apart. In lakes other than Lake of the Woods not more than one license shall be issued for any one section.

Gill Nets—The size of the mesh of gill nets shall not be less than 4 inches, extension measure, for taking pickerel and pike perch, and not less than 5 inch mesh, extension measure, for taking whitefish, and no net shall be longer than 750 feet. No gill net shall be set within one mile of any regularly licensed pound net.

Fyke Nets—The size of the mesh of fyke nets shall not be less than 3 inches, extension mesh; said nets shall not be larger than 6 feet in height in any part of the net, and leaders shall not exceed 300 feet in length.

No pound net, gill net or fyke net shall be used without first having obtained a license therefor, and it shall be unlawful to use any net in international waters except such as are expressly herein permitted to be used.

Sec. 3. Number of nets allowed.—Licenses shall not be issued for more than 10 pound nets, 4500 feet of gill net, or 5 fyke nets to any one person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation, for any one fishing season. Provided, however, that no license shall be issued to any one person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation to fish more than 1000 feet of gill netting in any lake whose area exceeds 400 square miles.

Licenses shall not be granted for any waters except the following lakes, nor in excess of the following number of pound nets and gill nets for each body of water named:

Lake of the Woods	100 pound nets, and	75,000 feet of gill nets
Rainy Lake	40 pound nets, and	45,000 feet of gill nets
Kabetogoma Lake	16 pound nets, and	11,250 feet of gill nets
Namekan Lake	20 pound nets, and	22,500 feet of gill nets
Sand Point Lake	5 pound nets, and	5,250 feet of gill nets
Loon Lake	3 pound nets, and	3,750 feet of gill nets
La Croix Lake	10 pound nets, and	7,500 feet of gill nets

No net shall be located elsewhere than as stated in the license, therefor except upon written permission of the game and fish commissioner.

Sec. 4. Applications and fees.—Applications for licenses under this act shall be made in writing on blanks to be furnished for that purpose by the game and fish commissioner, and shall state accurately the location of each pound net and each fyke net desired to be used. Fees, for each fishing season, shall accompany each application as follows:

For each pound net	\$25.00
For each fyke net	5.00
For each 100 feet of gill nets	1.00

Licenses shall not be transferable and may be granted for one fishing season only.

Sec. 5. Nets to bear tags and how set.—Every net licensed under this act shall have attached thereto when in use a numbered metal tag, to be furnished by the game and fish commissioner.

No net shall be set within 500 feet of the mouth of any stream, nor within one mile of the mouth of the Warroad River in Lake of the Woods, nor within three miles of the outlet of Rainy Lake.

Sec. 6. Season for fishing.—The open season for fishing under this act shall be from May 15th to March 31st following, both days inclusive, excepting the month of November, which month shall be closed to such fishing.

Sec. 7. Licensee to hold nets for one week.—Fish caught in nets licensed under this act, may be had in possession by the licensee for one week after the close of the fishing season.

Sec. 8. Owners only permitted to interfere with nets.—It shall be unlawful for any person not the owner, or his agent, duly authorized, to take any fish from any licensed nets, or to wilfully disturb or interfere with such nets.

Sec. 9. Fish may be shipped within or without the state.—Fish caught in licensed nets, or with hook and line, in open season, in international waters, may be shipped and sold within or without the state.

Sec. 10. Use of fish houses.—Fish houses may be used on international waters herein ascribed subject to the same provisions of law as govern the use of fish houses on other waters of the state.

Sec. 11. Return report to game and fish commissioner.—Every person, firm, co-partnership or corporation receiving a license for fishing under this act shall make a written report, on blanks to be furnished for that purpose by the game and fish commissioner, at the end of each fishing season to said commissioner, stating accurately and in detail the amount in pounds of each kind of fish caught, the price at which such fish were sold, and the total value of each kind.

Sec. 12. Commissioner to have authority to use nets at any season of the year for procuring spawn.—The game and fish commissioner shall have authority, for the purpose of procuring eggs of fish for supplying fish hatcheries, to authorize the use of nets in international waters at any time of the year under such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed by him but no such nets shall be used for such purpose except under direct charge of the game and fish commissioner or his agents.

Sec. 13. Penalty.—Any person, violating any of the provisions of this act, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of from fifty (\$50.00) to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail from 30 to 90 days for each and every offense.

Sec. 14. Certain chapters repealed.—Chapter 566 of the General Laws of 1913, and chapter 347 of the General Laws of 1915, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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