

CHAPTER 37—H. F. No. 695.

An act to continue in existence a commission heretofore created by the governor of the state, and designated as Minnesota Forest Fires Relief Commission, defining the powers and duties thereof relative to providing temporary relief in the matter of preserving the public health and relieving the poor in those portions of the state swept by forest fires in October, 1918, and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to provide funds therefor and appropriating the same, and the issuance of certificates of indebtedness in connection therewith, and repealing Chapter 12, Laws 1919.

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

Section 1. Minnesota forest fires relief commission.—The action of the governor of the state in creating a commission of nine members designated as "Minnesota Forest Fires Relief Commission," and the appointment of persons upon such commission with authority to receive and disburse such funds as might come into the hands of such commission for the purpose of providing temporary relief for persons in need thereof by reason of the forest fires which swept over portions of the state in October, 1918, is hereby approved and such commission as now constituted, the same being composed of the following named persons: W. A. McGonagle, Duluth; Hubert V. Eva, Duluth; C. R. Magney, Duluth; George H. Partridge, Minneapolis; C. I. McNair, Cloquet; E. G. Steger, St. Paul; C. A. Duncan, Duluth; C. F. Mahnke, Moose Lake; and Ben R. Hassman, Aitkin, is hereby continued for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. Duration of service.—The persons heretofore named shall act as members of the commission heretofore referred to for one year from and after the passage of this act, or until the work thereof has been completed, such persons to serve without pay from the state.

Sec. 3. Vacancies to be filled by governor.—In case of a vacancy on such commission the same shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

Sec. 4. Governor to appoint chairman and secretary.—The governor shall, upon the passage of this act, appoint one of the foregoing members of the commission chairman, who shall be authorized to call the commission together from time to time and preside at the meetings thereof. The governor shall also appoint one of the members of such commission to act as secretary and business manager thereof.

Sec. 5. Organization.—The commission shall organize in such manner as to it may seem best to carry out the provisions of this act, and shall have authority to employ such assistance at such compensation as it shall deem necessary.

Sec. 6. Power and authority, and \$1,800,000 expenditure authorized.—The commission shall have, and it is hereby given, authority to do any and all things deemed by it to be advisable and necessary to provide temporary relief in the matter of preserving the public health and relieving the poor in those portions of the state, to-wit: portions of the counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Itasca, Pine and St. Louis, which were swept by forest fires in the month of October, 1918, and in so doing the commission is hereby authorized to spend not to exceed one million, eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,850,000) and in such manner and at such times as to it may seem advisable.

Sec. 7. Tax levy and certificates of indebtedness authorized.—To provide the funds necessary for carrying on the provisions of section six (6) of this act, the state auditor is hereby directed to levy and collect, in the same manner as other state taxes are levied and collected, for the year 1920, and for each and every of the succeeding four (4) years, three hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000) and in addition thereto *for the year 1919 and each and every of the succeeding five (5) years* a sufficient amount to meet interest on such certificates of indebtedness as may be issued as hereinafter provided, and a tax levy sufficient to produce, for each of said years, such amount of money shall be levied on the taxable property of the state and when collected shall be placed in a separate fund for said purpose to be known as the "Forest Fires Relief Fund," and said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid, and pending the said levy and said collection of said taxes, the said commission is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and to sell, *or to authorize the state auditor and state treasurer to sell in its behalf*, certificates of indebtedness, as funds are needed for the purpose, to be known as "Fire Relief Certificates" at not less than par, bearing interest from and after the issuance and sale thereof at not to exceed the rate of four and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, the same to mature not more than seven (7) years from the date thereof, in such form and on such terms and conditions, other than those herein specified, as said commission may determine, in an aggregate amount not exceeding the sum of one million eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,850,000). Said certificates shall be signed by the chairman or vice chairman and the secretary of said commission, and shall be attested by the state auditor under the seal of his office, and he shall keep a record thereof, showing the number, amount, date of issue and date of maturity of each such certificate, and the proceeds of the sale thereof shall be deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of said relief fund. Redemption of said certificates and payment of the interest thereon shall be made from said relief fund, and any excess remaining in or accruing to said fund after payment in full of all such certificates

of indebtedness shall be credited to the revenue fund. All expenditures of the commission shall be paid by vouchers issued by it and signed by its chairman or vice chairman and countersigned by the secretary, which voucher shall be audited in the usual way by the state auditor and paid by his warrant on the state treasurer out of the fund hereby created.

Sec. 8. Auditing of accounts.—The said commission shall keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and the public examiner of the state is hereby directed to audit such accounts not later than three months after the completion of the work of such commission and file a report with the governor of the state.

Sec. 9. Detailed report.—The commission shall, within three months after the completion of its work under the provisions of this act, prepare a detailed report of the doings thereof and file the same with the governor of the state.

Sec. 10. Reference to 1921 legislature.—The reports referred to in sections 8 and 9 hereof shall be submitted to the legislature at its session to be held in 1921.

Sec. 11. Chapter 12, S. L. 1919, repealed.—Chapter 12, Laws of 1919, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved February 24, 1919.

CHAPTER 38—H. F. No. 130.

An act authorizing city and village councils, boards of county commissioners and town boards to employ public health nurses.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Village councils, county boards and town boards authorized to employ public health nurses.—Every city council, village council, board of county commissioners and town board is hereby authorized and empowered to make appropriations for the employment of public health nurses. Such nurses are to be employed only from the list of nurses registered in Minnesota. It shall be the duty of such nurses to act in any one or more of the following capacities, as may be designated by the board employing them: as hygiene experts for schools or school districts within the county not already provided with regular medical inspection; to assist authorities charged with the care of the poor in safeguarding the health of such persons; to assist in discovering and reporting cases of tuberculosis and other communicable diseases; to act as visiting nurses; to perform such similar duties as shall be desig-