

CHAPTER 489—H. F. No. 903.

An act to amend Section 5278, General Statutes 1913, regulating the extension of permits.

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

Section 1. Extension of timber permits.—That section 5278, General Statutes 1913, be amended to read as follows:

5278. No permit shall be extended, except for good and sufficient reasons, and by unanimous consent of the board of timber commissioners, and in no event shall more than *one extension of one year be granted where the original permit was for one year only, or more than two extensions of one year each be granted where the original permit was for more than one year.* A condition of any extension shall be that the purchaser shall be liable to the state for interest on the entire unpaid purchased price at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum during the whole time of such extension and the destruction of the timber by any cause during the period of such extension shall not relieve the purchaser for payment of same, and said purchaser shall be liable to the state therefor. When any extension is granted a bark mark shall be agreed upon for each season.

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

Approved April 25, 1919.

CHAPTER 490—H. F. No. 922.

An act relating to public warehouses on the right of way of Railroads.

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

Section 1. Hearing on application for constructing public warehouse.—Any person, firm or corporation desiring to construct and operate a public warehouse, or to continue the operation of such warehouse where the same is already constructed, upon the right of way of any railroad, if unable to agree with the person, firm or corporation operating such railroad upon the site for such warehouse, or the compensation to be paid therefor, may file a verified complaint with the Railroad and Warehouse Commission setting forth the facts and requesting the commission to establish the location of the site for such warehouse or the compensation to be paid therefor, or both, as the case may be. Such complaint shall be served upon such railroad company and twenty days, exclusive of the day of such service, shall be allowed for answer. After the time for answering has expired the commission shall fix the time and place for a hearing and give at least ten days notice thereof to both parties.

Sec. 2. **Findings by commission.**—The hearing shall be held pursuant to such notice and thereafter the commission, if it finds that the complainant is entitled thereto, may make an order establishing the location of the site for such public warehouse, at a suitable place within the outside switches at any station or siding, and fixing the reasonable annual compensation to be paid therefor. Where such warehouse is already established upon such right of way and the compensation therefor is not fixed by order of the commission or by contract, the commission may fix the reasonable compensation to be paid for the occupation thereof.

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

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CHAPTER 491—H. F. No. 1056.

An act to promote the health and safety of employes in all places of employment, both inside and outside, by requiring the owners of such places, and, in certain cases, the owners of buildings and grounds in or on which such places are located, to keep them in good sanitary condition; to require proper and adequate ventilation in such places; to require toilet facilities in such places; to require pure drinking water in such places; to require dressing rooms, locker rooms and washing facilities in certain of such places; to require a reasonable temperature to be maintained in such places; to prevent overcrowding in such places; to prohibit employes in such places from doing certain acts that are a menace to the health and safety of others; to require seats for women employes in such places, and providing penalties for violations of the act.

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

Section 1. **Definition.**—The term “all places of employment” as used in this act shall mean any place, either inside or outside, where any business or industry is carried on and in which persons are employed and shall include factories, mills, workshops, laundries, dyeing and cleaning establishments, mercantile establishments, offices and office buildings, hotels, restaurants, theatres and other places of amusement, transportation systems, public utilities, engineering works, the erection of buildings, and yards; but shall not be construed to apply to domestic service or agricultural labor.

Sec. 2. **Duty of employer.**—In all places of employment it shall be the duty of the employer to keep the floors and walls of buildings or parts of buildings, the grounds surrounding such buildings, and the machinery, fixtures and utensils in such buildings, over which he may have control, in as clean and sanitary a condition as the nature of the industry will permit. Where wet processes are used, the floors must be so drained that there is no