

ter 263 of the Session Laws of 1917 be amended by adding to the end thereof the words "but such case may, with the consent of the parties, be tried without a jury".

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

Approved April 15, 1921.

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#### CHAPTER 286—H. F. No. 608.

*An act legalizing construction of swimming piers and appropriations and expenditures therefor by villages.*

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

Section 1. Construction of swimming piers and payments for same legalized.—In all cases where the village council of any village in this state has heretofore, between July first and September first, 1920, constructed a swimming pier for public use in a meandered lake abutting on said village, and constructed the same without advertising for bids or letting a contract therefor, and has appropriated money and issued the village orders on the general funds of said village to pay therefor in the sum of not to exceed \$200.00, and said orders have been paid, the construction of such swimming pier, and the construction thereof without advertising for bids or letting a contract therefor, the appropriation of such money, the issuing of such orders for the payment of the same, and the payments of said orders are in all things legalized and validated.

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

Approved April 15, 1921.

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#### CHAPTER 287—H. F. No. 618.

*An act amending Section 3542, General Statutes 1913, regulating the designation of beneficiaries by members of fraternal benefit societies.*

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

Section 1. Beneficiaries—Who may be.—Section 3542, General Statutes 1913, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3542. *The payment of death benefits shall be confined to the wife, husband, family, relatives by blood or marriage, including illegitimate children, parent or child by adoption, affianced husband or wife, a person dependent on the member or on whom the member is dependent, the member's estate, a benevolent, educational, religious or charitable corporation, or to an incorporated institution for the support of the member; provided, that the member*

*may at any time by written instrument authorize the society to provide and pay for the support, care, medical and surgical treatment and funeral of such member and deduct the amount so paid with legal interest from the net reserve to the credit of the member's certificate or from the amount otherwise payable under the certificate to the beneficiary; or the member may at any time designate the society as beneficiary, and in such case the society shall use such reserve or amount, to the extent necessary, for the purposes aforesaid. Any society may limit the beneficiaries within the above classes.*

*Members shall have the right to change their beneficiaries within the above limits by complying with the requirements in that behalf prescribed by the society.*

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

Approved April 15, 1921.

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CHAPTER 288—H. F. No. 207.

*An act to amend Chapter 492, Laws of Minnesota, 1919, relating to the incorporation of mutual automobile insurance companies.*

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

That Chapter 492, Laws 1919, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. **Mutual automobile insurance companies.**—Any number of persons not less than five may associate themselves together and form an incorporated company to insure against loss or damage to automobiles or other vehicles and their contents, by collision, fire, burglary or theft, and by windstorm or tornado, and against liability for damage to property of others by collision with such vehicles.

Sec. 2. **When policies may be issued.**—(a) No policies shall be issued by any company or association now or hereafter organized under the provisions of this act until not less than \$200,000 of insurance upon not less than 200 separate automobiles located in this state has been subscribed for and entered upon the books of the company or association and the premiums thereon for one year have been paid in cash, which premiums shall aggregate not less than \$2,500.

(b) Every such company shall provide in its by-laws and specify in its policies the maximum contingent mutual liability of its members for the payment of losses and expenses not provided for by its cash fund. Such contingent liability of a member shall not be less than a sum equal to and in addition to one annual premium nor more than a sum equal to five times the amount of such annual premium, but in case of a policy written for less than one