

Sec. 3. **Effective May 1, 1929.**—This act shall take effect and be in force after May 1st, 1929.

Approved March 28, 1929.

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#### CHAPTER 110—S. F. No. 708

*An act to amend General Statutes 1923, Section 8090, subdivision 6, relating to purposes of express trusts.*

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

Section 1. **Purposes of express trusts — Duration.**—That General Statutes 1923, section 8090, subdivision 6, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

“6. For the beneficial interests of any person or persons, whether such trust embraces real or personal property or both, when the trust is fully expressed and clearly defined on the face of the instrument creating it, *and the power to sell and/or assign and/or transfer such beneficial interest shall in no manner be abridged or curtailed, where such beneficial interest in the first instance shall have been acquired by purchase*; Provided, that the trust shall not continue for a period longer than the life or lives of specified persons in being at the time of its creation, and for twenty-one years after the death of the survivor of them, and that the free alienation of the legal estate by the trustee is not suspended for a period exceeding the limit prescribed in Chapter 59.”

Approved March 28, 1929.

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#### CHAPTER 111—S. F. No. 563

*An act to regulate the Investment of the Funds of Domestic Life Insurance Companies other than investments in real estate, and repealing inconsistent acts.*

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

Section 1. **Investment of domestic life insurance companies funds.**—The capital, surplus and other funds of every domestic life insurance company, whether incorporated by special act or under the general law (in addition to investments in real estate as otherwise permitted by law) may be invested only in one or more of the following kinds of securities or property:

(1). Bonds or treasury notes of the United States; bonds of this state or of any state of the United States, or of the Dominion of Canada or any province thereof; and bonds of any county, city, town, village, organized school district, municipality or civil division of this state, or of any state of the United States or of any province of the Dominion of Canada.

(2). Notes or bonds secured by first mortgage, or trust deed in the nature thereof, on improved real estate in this or any other state of the United States having a value of at least twice the amount of the loan secured thereby, but no improvement shall be included in estimating such value unless the same shall be insured against fire by policies payable to and held by the security holder or a trustee for its benefit; also, if approved by the commissioner of insurance, notes or bonds secured by mortgage or trust deed upon leasehold estates in improved real property where forty years or more of the term is unexpired and where unencumbered except by the lien reserved in the lease for the payment of rentals and the observance of the other covenants, terms and conditions of the lease and where the mortgagee, upon default, is entitled to be subrogated to, or to exercise, all the rights and to perform all the covenants of the lessee, provided that no loan on such leasehold estate shall exceed fifty per cent of the fair market value thereof at the time of such loan, and the value thereof shall be shown by the sworn certificate of a competent appraiser.

(3). Bonds or obligations of railway companies, street railway companies and other public utility corporations incorporated under the laws of this state, the United States or any state thereof, or the Dominion of Canada or any province thereof, which shall not be in default as to the principal or interest on any outstanding issue of bonds; the debentures of farm mortgage debenture companies organized under the laws of this state and federal farm loan bonds.

(4). Stocks of national banks and state banks and of municipal corporations, and certificates of deposit of such banks, provided that not more than five per cent of the admitted assets of the company shall be invested in such certificates of deposit; also stocks of railway companies, street railway companies and other public utility corporations which have paid dividends in cash upon their stock at the rate of not less than three per cent for a period of three years preceding the investment.

(5). In equipment obligations or equipment trust certificates; Provided, that such obligations or certificates mature not later than fifteen years from their date and are issued or guaranteed by a corporation to which a loan or loans for the construction, acquisition, purchase or lease of equipment have been made or approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, under authority conferred by act

of Congress of the United States of America or are secured by or are evidence of a prior or preferred lien upon interest in, or of reservation of title to, the equipment in respect of which they have been sold, or by an assignment of or prior interest in the rent or purchase notes given for the hiring or purchase of such equipment, and provided further, that the total amount of principal of such issue of equipment obligations or trust certificates shall not exceed seventy-five per cent of the cost or purchase price of the equipment in respect of which they were issued. The remaining twenty-five per cent of said cost or purchase price having been paid by or for the account of the railroad so constructing, acquiring, purchasing or leasing said equipment, or by funds loaned or advanced for the purpose by the government of the United States or one of its agencies or instrumentalities and subordinated in the event of default, in respect of the lien or interest thereof upon or in such equipment or rent or purchase notes, to the lien or interest of said prior or preferred equipment obligations or equipment trust certificates.

(6). Stocks of any life insurance company, provided that not more than four per centum of the admitted assets of any domestic life insurance company may be invested in stocks of other life insurance corporations; bonds, debentures, or the preferred or guaranteed stocks, of any solvent institution incorporated under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof, where any such institution, or in the case of guaranteed stocks the guaranteeing corporation, during each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have earned a sum applicable to dividends equal at least to four per centum upon the par value (or in the case of stock having no par value then upon the value upon which such stock was issued) of all its capital stock outstanding in each of such five years, and provided further that no such life insurance company shall invest in or loan on any such preferred stock in excess of ten per cent of the total issued and outstanding preferred stock of such institution, nor more than twenty per cent of the unassigned surplus and capital of such life insurance company.

(7). Promissory notes maturing within six months, secured by the pledge of registered terminal warehouse receipts issued against grain deposited in terminal warehouses as defined in Section 5016, General Statutes of Minnesota for 1923. At the time of investing in such notes the market value of the grain shall exceed the indebtedness secured thereby, and the note or pledge agreement shall provide that the holder may call for additional like security or sell the grain without notice upon depreciation of the security. The insurance company may accept, in lieu of the deposit with it of the warehouse receipts, a trustee certificate issued by any national or state bank at a terminal point, certifying that the warehouse receipts have been deposited with it and are held as security for the notes. The amount

invested in the securities mentioned in this subdivision shall not at any time exceed twenty-five per cent of the unassigned surplus and capital of the company.

(8). Loans on the security of insurance policies issued by itself to an amount not exceeding the net or reserve value thereof; and loans on the pledge of any of the securities enumerated in subdivisions (1) to (7) above, to the extent of the investment permitted in such securities, but not exceeding eighty per cent of the market value of stocks and ninety-five per cent of the market value of any other securities, and in all loans, except as otherwise provided by law in regard to policy loans, reserving the right at any time to declare the indebtedness due and payable when in excess of such proportion or upon depreciation of security.

No investment or loan, except policy loans, shall be made by any such life insurance company, unless the same shall first have been authorized by the board of directors, or by a committee thereof charged with the duty of supervising such investment or loan. No such company shall subscribe to or participate in any underwriting of the purchase or sale of securities or property, or enter into any transactions for such purchase or sale on account of said company jointly with any other person, firm or corporation; nor shall any such company enter into any agreement to withhold from sale any of its property, but the disposition of its property shall be at all times within the control of its board of directors.

Sec. 2. Statute repealed.—Section 3384, General Statutes 1923, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 30, 1929.

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#### CHAPTER 112—H. F. No. 173

*An act to validate and legalize bonds issued, or which may hereafter be issued, by a city of the first class having a population of 50,000 inhabitants or more, including all such cities operating under home-rule charters adopted under and pursuant to Section 36, Article 4 of the State Constitution, which bonds have been authorized by the voters of such city voting upon a proposition providing for the issuance of an aggregate amount of bonds for two or more distinct improvements, with a definite amount provided therein for each improvement.*

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