

CHAPTER 44—H. F. No. 195

An act to amend General Statutes 1923, Section 2554, Subdivision 18, as amended, relating to enforcement of laws relating to the use of trunk highways and the operation of vehicles thereon.

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

Section 1. **Highway patrolman authorized—compensation.**—That General Statutes 1923, Section 2554, Subdivision 18, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 355, be amended to read as follows:

Subdivision 18. (a) The Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to employ and designate not to exceed 70 persons to enforce the provisions of the laws relating to the *protection of and the use of trunk highways and the operation of motor and other vehicles thereon*, except as to speed of such vehicle, and employes so employed and designated shall for these purposes, but for no other purpose, have the power of peace officers. Employes thus employed and designated shall subscribe an oath and furnish a bond running to the State of Minnesota, said bond to be approved by and filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

(b) All fines collected from persons apprehended or arrested by such employes shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to a separate fund hereby established for that purpose. Out of such fund shall first be paid to counties all costs and expenses incurred by them in the prosecution and punishment of persons so arrested and for which such counties have not been reimbursed by the payment of such costs and expenses by the person prosecuted, and so much of said fund as shall be necessary for the making of such reimbursement is hereby appropriated therefor. Such payment shall be made by the state treasurer upon the claim of the county verified by the county auditor. On the first day of each calendar month the moneys remaining in such fund shall be credited to that part of the trunk highway fund which is set apart for maintenance purpose; and so much of said maintenance fund as shall be necessary for the salaries and maintenance of such employes is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

(c) The salary of such employes shall be fixed and determined in the manner now prescribed by law for employes of the Commissioner of Highways and shall not exceed the sum of \$150.00 per month, except that the supervisor or supervisors of the said employes shall receive such higher salary as may be fixed by said Commissioner of Highways *not to exceed \$4,000 per annum for one chief supervisor and not to exceed \$2,400 per annum for each of not to exceed five assistant supervisors.*

Approved March 7, 1931.