

## CHAPTER 88—S. F. No. 96

*An act defining motor boats and regulating their construction and use upon the public waters of this state, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.*

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

**Section 1. Definition.**—The words “motor boat” where used in this act shall include every vessel propelled by machinery, except tug and/or tow boats propelled by steam and operated upon any lakes or streams of this state, except lakes and streams situated in whole or in part north of the north line of township 52 as the same extends due west across the state, and excepting likewise all waters constituting the boundary between the State of Minnesota and any other state.

**Sec. 2. Speed of motor boats.**—No motor boat under the provisions of this chapter shall be operated at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper having due regard to the safety of other boats and persons.

**Sec. 3. Must have mufflers.**—Every motor boat under the provisions of this chapter propelled by an internal combustion engine shall at all times be so equipped as to completely and effectually “muffle” and silence the sound of the explosions of such engine by diverting its exhaust under water, or otherwise. It shall be unlawful to operate any such motor boat so propelled by an internal combustion engine with the muffler or cut-out open on any navigable or public waters in this state other than international waters, waters constituting the boundary between the State of Minnesota and any other state, except while such motor boat is actually competing in a race licensed to be held pursuant to section 4 hereof.

**Sec. 4. Mufflers may be open in races.**—Such motor boats may be operated with mufflers or cut-outs open while actually competing in any race licensed to be held by the council or other governing body of the city, village, or town adjacent or nearest to that portion of the body of water on which such race is to be held:

**Sec. 5. Owner to report accidents.**—Within 48 hours after a motor boat meets with an accident involving personal injury or loss of life, it shall be the duty of the owner or the person in charge of such motor boat to prepare a written report, setting forth the details of the casualty, which report shall be forwarded by mail or otherwise to the sheriff of the county in which the accident occurred.

Sec. 6. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All prior acts or parts of prior acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. **Violation—penalties.**—Any person who violates any section of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both.

Sec. 8. **Effective July 1, 1931.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1st, 1931.

Approved March 26, 1931.

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CHAPTER 89—H. F. No. 580.

*An act appropriating money to assist in defraying expenses incident to the entertaining of the national convention of the Grand Army of the Republic to be convened in St. Paul in 1932.*

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

Section 1. **Appropriation for G. A. R. meeting.**—That the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, available for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1933, hereby is appropriated for the use of the commission hereinafter provided for in assisting to defray the expenses incident to the entertaining of the national convention of the Grand Army of the Republic to be convened at St. Paul in 1932.

Sec. 2. **Commission appointed.**—That a commission to be known as the "State Commission for the Entertainment of the 1932 National Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic" hereby is created, to be composed of three persons to be appointed by the governor forthwith upon receipt by him of official notice that the 1932 national convention of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at St. Paul. Upon appointment, the commission may expend so much of the amount herein appropriated as may be necessary in assisting to defray the expenses incident to entertaining said convention.

Sec. 3. **Commission to report to legislature.**—The commission shall serve without compensation or expenses and shall make to the 1933 legislature a full report of their acts and doings and