

missioner shall report any violation of this act, to cause appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the proper courts and prosecuted without delay for enforcement of the penalties herein specified.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 27, 1931.

CHAPTER 98—S. F. No. 312

An act amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5285-1, relating to the inspection of meters for measuring electricity, gas and water.

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

Section 1. Inspection and test by railroad and warehouse commission—Petition for by residents of municipalities—Fees—Sealing and labeling devices.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5285-1, be amended to read as follows:

"5285-1. The railroad and warehouse commission shall have power to inspect and test all meters, mechanical devices and measures of every kind, and tools, appliances and accessories connected therewith, used, employed, kept, sold or offered or exposed for sale within this state for the purpose of measuring the amount, quantity or extent of electricity, gas or water furnished, sold or distributed to the public by any person, association, corporation or municipality except cities of the first class having, or which may hereafter have meter inspection departments. Upon petition of at least 10 consumers of electricity, gas or water within the territorial limits of any municipality and upon the deposit with the clerk of such municipality by each of such consumers of a fee of 25 cents for each such meter, mechanical device and measure installed or used upon the premises of each such petitioning consumer, the governing body of such municipality may request the commission to make an inspection and test of all such meters, mechanical devices and measures upon the premises of such petitioning consumers. Thereupon the commission, within a reasonable time after the receipt by it of such request, shall proceed to make an inspection and test of all such meters, mechanical devices and measures upon the premises of all such petitioning consumers and upon the premises of all other consumers within such municipality who, at the time of such inspection and test, shall have deposited with the clerk of such

municipality said fee of 25 cents for each such meter, mechanical device and measure upon the premises of such consumers. All such fees collected by the clerk of any such municipality shall be remitted by such municipality to the commission within 30 days of the completion of such inspection and test, and deposited to the credit of the Weights and Measures fund. All such meters, mechanical devices and measures found, upon inspection, to be correct and accurate, shall be sealed with proper devices to be approved by the commission. The commission, or any of its employes, shall condemn, seize and destroy all incorrect and inaccurate meters, mechanical devices and measures which, in the judgment of the commission cannot be satisfactorily repaired; and such as are incorrect and inaccurate and yet may be repaired, shall be marked as "Condemned for Repair," in the manner to be prescribed by the commission. The owners of such meters, mechanical devices and measures which have been so "Condemned for Repair," shall have the same repaired and corrected within 30 days; and such meters, mechanical devices and measures shall not be disposed of without the consent of the commission. In the general performance of its duty the commission, or any of its employes, may enter or go into or upon any premises, building, stand or place at all reasonable times."

Approved March 27, 1931.

CHAPTER 99—S. F. No. 314

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1880, relating to sewer systems and sewage-treatment plants in certain cities having a population of ten thousand or less and in all villages and boroughs of this state.

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

Section 1. **Cities and villages may construct sewage disposal plants.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1880, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"1880. In any city of this state having a population of 10,000 or less, and in all villages and boroughs of this state, whether organized under the General Laws or a special law, and in all such cities organized under home rule charters which do not provide a method of constructing sewers and assessing the cost thereof to benefited property, the city, village or borough council shall have power to maintain and extend any existing sewer system, to relay,