

establish and maintain a municipal flying field and airport, to acquire land by lease, gift, purchase, devise or condemnation from time to time necessary for that purpose, and to erect thereon terminal and other buildings and structures necessary and suitable for the operation thereof.

Sec. 2. **May take possession.**—Such village may, at any time after the filing of the petition in the condemnation proceedings, take possession of said lands to be used, and except as herein provided, such condemnation proceedings shall be exercised only under and pursuant to the provisions of the statutes of the State of Minnesota relating to eminent domain.

Sec. 3. **Tax levy.**—The cost of establishing and maintaining any airport established and maintained in pursuance with the provisions of this act shall be paid from the funds of the water and light department of any such village and if such funds are not sufficient therefor, the council of such village is hereby authorized to levy a tax, upon all taxable property of such village, in an amount sufficient to pay the balance of such costs.

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CHAPTER 56—H. F. No. 263

An act providing for the support of fire departments and fire department relief associations through the collection of dues from property owners carrying no fire insurance, or carrying fire insurance in unlicensed companies; providing for the collection thereof, and providing penalties for violations hereof.

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

Section 1. **Statement of ownership of property to be made to insurance commissioner.**—The owner of any property situated in any municipality having an organized fire department, or a partly paid or volunteer department, shall upon demand of the Commissioner of Insurance furnish to such Commissioner a statement, verified by affidavit, showing the description and location of the property, the amount of insurance he has effected against loss or damage by fire, the number of the policy or policies, the name and location of the company or companies issuing such policy or policies, and the pre-

miums paid; or, if he has not insured his property, the amount paid into or credited to any insurance fund or other reserve against loss or damage by fire. If any such statement shall not be furnished as above required, said Commissioner shall cause a demand in writing to be served on the Company, Corporation, Association, individual or individuals so failing to furnish such sworn statement. Every such Company, Corporation, Association, individual or individuals, who shall willfully make a false statement, or who shall for thirty days after such demand, neglect to render such statement, shall forfeit Fifty Dollars (\$50) to the State and an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each day's neglect after the expiration of said thirty days.

Sec. 2. Commissioner may impose tax.—If such statement discloses that such insurance has been effected in any company not authorized to do business in this state, or that such owner carried his own insurance, the Commissioner shall, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to collect from such property owner an amount equal to two (2) per centum of the annual premium which authorized insurance companies would have charged for insuring such property. Such per centum may be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State.

Sec. 3. Disposition of funds collected.—All sums collected under the terms of this Act shall be payable to the respective municipalities in the manner set forth in Section 3724-3725, Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, and shall be disbursed only for the purpose set forth in Section 3726, Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927.

Sec. 4. Not to apply to homesteads.—This Act shall not apply to property owned and occupied exclusively as a homestead nor to exempt property specified in Section 9447, Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927 and upon which homestead or exempt property the owner carries his own insurance.

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CHAPTER 57—H. F. No. 248

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927, Section 7861, Subdivision 4, as amended by Chapter 231, Laws of 1931, relating to membership of the State Agricultural Society.

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