

Sec. 2. **Definitions.**—That the Laws of 1939, Chapter 33, Section 7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The terms “vendor” and “vendee” shall be construed to include the plural and the survivor or survivors, the heirs, *known or unknown*, executors, administrators, assigns, or successors thereof.”

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CHAPTER 258—S. F. No. 1222

*An act to amend Laws of 1931, Chapter 309, authorizing counties to pay a bounty for the destruction of grey or red foxes, providing for the method of payment and providing penalties for a violation thereof.*

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

Section 1. **Bounty for foxes.**—That Laws of 1931, Chapter 309, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. Any county board may by resolution offer a bounty for the destruction of grey or red foxes. The resolution may be made to cover the whole or any part of the county, and may be annually renewed, but it shall have force and effect only during the calendar year in which it is adopted or renewed.

Sec. 2. **Claimant to produce carcass.**—Within 30 days after the killing, the claimant shall produce the entire carcass of the animal in the presence of two witnesses to the clerk of the town wherein the animal was killed, or, if the animal was killed in unorganized territory, to the nearest town clerk in the same county, and shall make and deliver to the town clerk a written statement of his claim under oath, in duplicate, describing the animal as adult or cub, as the case may be, specifying the time and place of the killing thereof by the claimant, and stating that he did not on that occasion spare the life of any grey or red fox he could have killed. All animals produced at any one time shall be included in one statement.

The clerk shall examine each carcass produced in the presence of the witnesses, and shall make such further investigation as may be necessary to verify the statements of the claimant. For the purposes of such investigation the clerk may examine under oath with respect to any pertinent matter the claimant

and any other persons having knowledge of the facts, and may attach a statement of such investigation and examination to the statement of the claim. The toes of both front feet of the animal shall then be removed in the presence of the clerk and the two witnesses.

The claimant may then remove the hide, including the scalp and ears, and shall then bury, destroy or otherwise properly dispose of the remainder of the carcass.

**Sec. 3. Town clerk to make certificate.**—The town clerk, if satisfied that the statements of the claimant are true, that the requirements of the law have been complied with and that the claimant is entitled to the bounty claimed, shall make a certificate in duplicate so stating, and specifying that the requirements of the preceding section have been complied with. Both duplicates of the certificates shall be attested by the two witnesses and one shall be attached to each duplicate of the statement of the claim. All animals produced at any one time shall be included in one certificate. Both duplicates of the certificate and statement shall be delivered to the claimant, who shall pay a fee of thirty-five cents therefor. The clerk shall keep a record of all certificates issued by him, showing the date of issuance of each certificate, name of claimant, number and kind of animals killed, and date and place of the killing thereof.

**Sec. 4. County Auditor to issue warrant.**—The claimant shall produce both duplicates of the statement and certificate, together with the hide of each animal described therein, with scalp and ears intact, to the county auditor. The auditor shall examine the same, and if he finds that the statement and certificate are in proper form, and if he is satisfied that the hides produced are those of the animals described in the statement and certificate, that the requirements of the law have been complied with and that the claimant is entitled to the bounty claimed, he shall punch a three-eighths inch hole in each ear of each hide presented, and shall issue to the claimant a warrant upon the county treasurer for the sum due.

The county auditor shall keep a record of all claims for such rewards allowed and paid by him, showing the same items as hereinbefore specified for the records of the town clerk; also the numbers, dates, and amounts of all warrants issued in payment of such claims, specifying whether for state or county rewards.

**Sec. 5. Penalty for fraudulent claim.**—Every person who shall fraudulently claim or obtain any bounty for the killing

of a grey or red fox, or issue any fraudulent or unauthorized certificate or warrant therefor, or claim reward upon a grey or red fox which he has in any way protected, or upon any tame or captive grey or red fox, or upon the offspring of any tame or captive grey or red fox, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, the punishment for which shall be a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 60 days nor more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to supersede or to exclude the operation of any other penal law which may be applicable."

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CHAPTER 259—S. F. No. 1266

*An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2693, Sub-section (a), relating to taxation of motor vehicles using the public streets and highways of this state and authorizing license inspectors.*

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

**Section 1. License inspectors for motor vehicle department.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2693, Sub-Section (a), be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows :

"2693 (a). The Secretary of State shall be the registrar of motor vehicles of the State of Minnesota, and it shall be his duty to exercise all the powers granted to and perform all the duties imposed upon him by this act. The *Secretary of State* in his discretion *may employ not to exceed eight persons* as inspectors, to obtain information and report to the registrar regarding motor vehicles subject to taxation under this act upon which the tax has not been paid, and to present *suitable complaints to courts of competent jurisdiction.*"

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CHAPTER 260—S. F. No. 1297

*An act relating to distressed counties as defined by Extra Session Laws 1937, Chapter 55.*