

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."

Approved April 14, 1939.

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.*"

Approved April 14, 1939.

CHAPTER 260—S. F. No. 1297

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

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

Repealing

Section 1. Old age assistance in certain counties.—Any county in this state having a taxable assessed valuation, exclusive of moneys and credits, of less than \$3,250,000 according to the latest annual report of the Minnesota State Tax Commission and having more than 95 full and fractional congressional townships and having a population of not less than 14,000, or more than 16,000, according to the latest Federal census, who failed to levy sufficient taxes and fix a sufficient tax rate for old age assistance for the year 1938 pursuant to Special Session Laws 1937, Chapter 55, shall not be required to certify to the state agency that such county levied an amount of money for the year 1938, which, if collected, would have been sufficient to pay old age assistance therein for the year 1938 as provided in section 3 therein; but any such county shall otherwise fully comply with the provisions of said section 3; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt any such county from fully complying with the provisions of section 3 thereof for any subsequent years.

Approved April 14, 1939.

CHAPTER 261—S. F. No. 1377

An act relating to the improvement of lakes wholly or partly within certain cities of the fourth class and authorizing levying of taxes on issuance of bonds therefor.

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

Section 1. Lake improvement in certain counties.—In any city of the fourth class however organized now or hereafter having a population of not less than 6,000, nor more than 8,000, and its land and personal property has an assessed valuation of not less than \$2,000,000, nor more than \$2,250,000, the governing body, by a majority vote may provide for the dredging and beautifying of any lake either wholly or partially within its boundaries, and to that end may spend money already in its treasury or vote taxes, or issue bonds therefor, not however exceeding a maximum of \$30,000. If bonds are issued they shall be in such denominations, and bear such interest, and mature at such times as the governing body may determine, but they may only be sold to the highest responsible bidder after publication for ten days in a legal newspaper in such city, of a notice inviting bids.

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