

tax commission shall assess such property at the percentage of full and true value fixed by law, and on or before the 15th day of November shall certify to the county auditor of each county in which such property is located the amount of the assessment made against each company owning such property therein; *provided, however, that the tax commission shall assess at five per cent of full and true value distribution lines, and the attachments and appurtenances thereto, used primarily for supplying electricity to farmers at retail, and which shall be taxed at the average rate of taxes of all counties throughout the state of Minnesota, levied for all purposes, for the preceding year and which shall be entered, certified and credited as provided in Laws 1925, Chapter 306, Section 3. This act shall not apply to cooperative associations organized under the provisions of Laws 1923, Chapter 326, and laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto and engaged in the electrical heat, light and power business, upon a mutual non-profit and cooperative plan.*"

Approved April 20, 1939.

CHAPTER 322—H. F. No. 651

An act to provide for the investigation and control of poisoning and disease contracted as a result of the nature of employment, and for the reporting of such cases of poisoning and disease.

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

Section 1. Investigation and control of occupational diseases.—Any physician having under his professional care any person whom he believes to be suffering from poisoning from lead, phosphorus, arsenic, brass, silica dust, carbon monoxide gas, wood alcohol or mercury or their compounds, or from anthrax or from compressed-air illness or any other disease, contracted as a result of the nature of the employment of such person shall, within five days, mail to the state department of health a report, stating the name, address and occupation of such patient, the name, address and business of his employer, the nature of the disease and such other information as may reasonably be required by said department. The department shall prepare and furnish the physicians of this state suitable blanks for the reports herein required. 'No report made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be admissible as evidence of the facts therein stated in any action

at law or in any action under the workmen's compensation act against any employer of such diseased person. The state department of health is authorized to investigate and to make recommendations for the elimination or prevention of occupational diseases which have been reported to it or which shall be reported to it in accordance with the provisions of this section. Said department is also authorized to study and provide advice in regard to conditions that may be suspected of causing occupational diseases, provided information obtained upon investigations made in accordance with the provisions of this section shall not be admissible as evidence in any action at law to recover damages for personal injury or in any action under the workmen's compensation act; provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with or limit the powers of the department of labor and industry to make inspections of places of employment or issue orders for the protection of the health of the persons therein employed. Whenever upon investigation by the state board of health said board reaches a conclusion that a condition exists which is dangerous to the life and health of the workers in any industry or factory or other industrial institutions, it shall file a report thereon with the state department of labor and industry.

Approved April 20, 1939.

CHAPTER 323—H. F. No. 773

An act relating to the removal of rough fish and turtles from public waters and amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5609-1.

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

Section 1. Removal of rough fish and turtles from public waters.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5609-1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"5609-1. Whenever, after an investigation, by the Director of the Division of Game and Fish, he finds that any of the following conditions exist:

(1) That carp, buffalofish, perch, suckers, sheepshead, dogfish, eelpout, garfish, tullibeas and turtles inhabit any of the public waters of this state in such numbers as to interfere with or prevent the natural propagation of game fish therein, or that such fish inhabit any of the public waters of this state