ployer shall upon the request of the surviving spouse forthwith pay said indebtedness, in such an amount as may be due not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), to the said surviving spouse. The employer shall require proof of claimant's relationship to decedent by affidavit, and shall require claimant to acknowledge receipt of such payment in writing. Any payments made by an employer pursuant to the provisions of this act shall operate as a full and complete discharge of the employer's indebtedness to the extent of said payment, and no employer shall thereafter be liable therefor to the decedent's estate, or the decedent's executor or administrator thereafter appointed. Provided, however, that any amount so received by a spouse shall be considered in diminution of the allowance to the spouse under Laws of 1935, Chapter 72, Section 28.

Approved April 24, 1941.

CHAPTER 409-S. F. No. 254

An act relating to limitation of actions in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Limitations of actions.—No action or proceeding against the state of Minnesota, its officers or agents, shall be maintained on account of the construction, reconstruction, operation or maintenance of any dam or appurtenant structures designed to maintain water levels above natural ordinary high or on account of the maintenance of such levels, where such levels have been maintained for a period of 15 years or more, prior to January 1, 1941.

Sec. 2. Effective September 1, 1941.—This law shall be in force and effect from and after the first day of September, 1941.

Approved April 24, 1941.

CHAPTER 410-S. F. No. 374

An act relating to traffic in furs and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5547.

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