

seed corn variety shall be filed by the originator or owner thereof with the commissioner of agriculture and dairy and food, and for each such filing he shall collect a fee of \$2.00. Annually thereafter he shall issue a renewal of such filing for a fee of \$1.00. Said fees shall be deposited with the state treasury as other departmental receipts are deposited and shall constitute and be a part of the separate account known as the "seed act account" created by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 3957-1 to 3957-12, inclusive, as amended.

Subdivision 2. The commissioner of agriculture and dairy and food is hereby charged with the duty and responsibility of enforcing the provisions of this act.

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 281—H. F. No. 1378

An act relating to the organization and administration of state government, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f (b).

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

Section 1. Law amended—Contracts for fibre used in the manufacture of binding twine.—That Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f (b), is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"(b) If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed \$500, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice inserted once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper or trade journal of general circulation in the territory from which bids are likely to be received before the final date of submitting bids. The commissioner shall designate the newspaper or trade journal for such publication, and may designate different newspapers or journals according to the nature of the purchase or contract. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by sending notices by mail to all prospective bidders known to him, and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in his office at least five days before the final date of submitting bids. All bids shall be sealed when received, shall be opened in public at the hour stated in the notice, and all original bids together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract shall be retained and made a part of a permanent file or record, and shall be open

to public inspection. *This subdivision shall not apply to the purchase of fibre used in the manufacture of binder twine, ply twines, and rope at the state penal institutions, which shall be purchased in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, requiring competitive bids as far as practicable.*"

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 282—S. F. No. 22

An act providing for the repeal of Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5887, Sub-sections 30-k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, relating to licensing of painters.

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

Section 1. Laws repealed.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5887-30, sub-sections k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, and t, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Refundment of license fees paid in 1941.—Refundment of the amount of the license money paid by licensees for the year 1941 shall be made to said licensees provided that if the amount in the fund created by the law hereby repealed is not sufficient for refundment of all license fees paid for the year 1941, refundment shall be made to licensees on a pro rata basis.

Sec. 3. Act to continue in force for limited time.—This act shall be in force and of effect from and after its passage, but the Industrial Commission is hereby authorized to continue the division of painting standards for the period of time necessary to make the refundments provided by this act. However, said time of continuation of said division shall not exceed ninety days after the passage of this act.

Approved April 17, 1941.

CHAPTER 283—S. F. No. 27

An act to prohibit discrimination by insurance companies and providing penalties for violation thereof.

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