

forces of the United States (stating his grade, branch of service, and organization, and the place where he is stationed or to which he has been ordered), that he intends to return thereto as soon as he shall be discharged or relieved from said service, and that he claims said real estate as his homestead. In the event such person shall be in such service at the time of passage of this act, such affidavit may be filed on or before May 1, 1941. Such affidavit may be renewed from year to year by a certificate executed by such person and certified to by his company commander or other immediate superior commissioned officer, certifying that the facts stated in such affidavit are still true and giving any changes in rank or station; and such certificate shall be filed on or before May 1st of each year. The assessor shall deliver all such affidavits and renewal certificates to the county auditor at the time of returning his assessment books, and the county auditor shall file and preserve such affidavits and renewal certificates and shall index them by name and by description of real estate; and they shall be open to reasonable inspection. Every person who, for the purpose of obtaining or aiding another in obtaining any benefit under this subdivision, shall knowingly make or submit to any assessor any affidavit or other statement which is false in any material matter shall be guilty of a felony."

Section 2. *Nothing herein contained or omissions shall be construed as repealing any prior amendments to the foregoing sections by the 1941 Session of the legislature.*

Approved April 24, 1941.

CHAPTER 439—S. F. No. 323

An act relating to automobile accident reports, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2720-173, Subdivision 8.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2720-173, Subdivision 8, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2720-173. Report of accidents to police and highway department—confidential.—All required accident reports and supplemental reports shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting and shall be for the confidential use of

the department for accident prevention purposes, *except that the department and any law enforcement department of any municipality or county in this state shall upon written request of any person involved in an accident disclose to such person, his executor, administrator or legal counsel, the name and address of any person or persons involved in an accident, the name and address of any witnesses to said accident, the name and address of any officer who has investigated said accident, the license number of any motor vehicle involved therein and the date and place of such accident.* No such report or contents thereof shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, and no person in any trial or action shall be examined or testify as to such report nor as to the making thereof or the contents thereof, except that the department shall furnish upon demand of any person who has, or claims to have, made such a report, or, upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the department solely to prove a compliance or a failure to comply with the requirement that such report be made to the department. Disclosing any information contained in any accident report except as provided herein is unlawful and a misdemeanor."

Approved April 25, 1941.

CHAPTER 440—S. F. No. 463

An act relating to survival of causes of action arising out of injuries to the person, and to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 9656.

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

Section 1. Law amended—what causes of action survive.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 9656, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"A cause of action arising out of an injury to the person dies with the person of the party in whose favor it exists, except as provided in Section 9657. It also dies with the person against whom it exists, except a cause of action arising out of bodily injuries or death caused by the negligence of a decedent survives against his personal representatives. All other causes of action by one against another, whether arising on contract or not, survive to the personal representatives of the former and against those of the latter."

Approved April 25, 1941.