

CHAPTER 294—S. F. No. 531.

(AMENDING SECTIONS 347.08, 347.09 AND 347.14 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act authorizing counties to regulate the running at large of dogs; and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 7297-41, 7297-42, Subdivision (1) and 7297-47, Subdivision (1).

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 7297-41, is amended to read as follows :

7297-41. *Subdivision 1.* **County Board may establish system of licensing dogs.**—The board of county commissioners of any county is hereby authorized to establish a system of licensing and regulating the running at large of dogs, except in cities of the first class, and create a live stock indemnity fund to be handled and disbursed as hereinafter provided.

Before regulating and licensing, there must be filed with the county auditor a petition signed by at least 25 per cent of the persons actually engaged in raising live stock, including poultry, in the county as shown by the assessors' records, requesting the board to establish such system. When such petition has been filed, the board of county commissioners shall establish such system; or, the board of county commissioners may by a majority vote on their own motion and without petition, establish such system. The board of county commissioners shall exclude from the operation of this act burroughs, second, third and fourth class cities if such city has in operation a satisfactory law regulating dogs running at large.

Subdivision 2. *At any time after such system has been in effect for a period of two years from the date of its establishment, it may be revoked by a majority vote of the board of county commissioners, but provided that before such revocation the board shall hold a public hearing and give at least ten days' notice of such hearing by publication in at least one newspaper published or circulating in the county.*

Sec. 2. **Law amended—licenses.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 7297-42, subdivision 1 is amended to read as follows :

(1) In every county in which this act shall become operative every dog more than six months of age must have a license. The owner of any dog (the word "owner" when used in this act in relation to property in, or possession of, dogs shall include every person who owns, harbors or keeps a dog) shall, on or before February 1st in each year, obtain a license for his dog, and shall pay

for such license the fee prescribed by the county commissioners, which shall not be less than *fifty cents nor more than one dollar for a male dog and not less than one dollar nor more than two dollars for a female dog*; such payments to be made to the town, village or city clerk or deputy. The application for such license shall be in such written form as prescribed by the county auditor, and shall state the name, sex, breed, age, color and marking of the dog for which the license is sought.

Sec. 3. Law amended—unlicensed dogs—seizure—impoundment—presumption.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 7297-47, subdivision 1, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person may seize, impound or restrain any unlicensed dog which he may find running at large. The fact that a dog is without a license attached to a collar shall be presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed. The sheriff and his deputies, any marshal or constable or other police officer shall seize, impound or restrain any dog for which no license has been issued and for which one is required. Any officer who shall seize, restrain, impound or kill any dog found in any place without a license as required under sections two to 12, inclusive, upon delivery of such dog or carcass and the proper disposal of the carcass and after making a report to the village, town or city treasurer of the village, town or city in which the dog was seized or killed, showing that the dog did not have a license, shall receive therefor a payment of two dollars, the same to be made from any funds in the village, town or city treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The county auditor shall reimburse the township for any expense incurred under section 3 hereof and shall charge such expense to the dog license fund.

Approved April 5, 1943.

CHAPTER 295—S. F. No. 741.

An act relating to certain state officers and employees, and ratifying expenditures for war salary increases therefor.

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

Section 1. War salary increases ratified.—All expenditures heretofore made by officers, departments and agencies of the state for the payment of a war salary increase of five per cent of the first \$200.00 of regular monthly salaries plus \$5.00 per month to officers and employees in the classified service of the state and to employees in the unclassified service thereof are hereby ratified.

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