

6197, who shall purchase flax straw or flax tow for the purpose of resale shall first procure a license therefor from the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission, hereafter called the commission, before transacting such business. Such license shall be renewed annually, and shall expire on June 30. The license fee for each such buyer shall be \$5.00. Before any such license shall be issued, the applicant therefor shall file with the commission a bond to the state, with corporate surety approved by the commission, in the penal sum of not less than \$1,000.00, conditioned that the applicant will pay upon demand the purchase price of such flax straw or flax tow.

Sec. 2. Unlicensed purchasers to be guilty of misdemeanor.—Any such person, firm or corporation purchasing flax straw or flax tow for resale without first obtaining such license shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Each unlicensed purchase shall constitute a separate offense for which such person, firm or corporation shall forfeit to the state \$25.00, and in addition thereto, such unlicensed purchaser may be enjoined upon complaint of the commission.

Approved April 20, 1943.

CHAPTER 547—S. F. No. 1169.

An act relating to the compensation of county commissioners in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salary of County board in certain counties.—In all counties in this state having a population of not less than 14,000 nor more than 15,000 inhabitants, and having an area of not less than 500 square miles nor more than 600 square miles, the salary of the county commissioners, until the present war is terminated by proper federal authority, shall be \$600.00 per year each, and thereafter \$480.00 per year, and in addition thereto, each county commissioner shall receive \$5.00 per day for each and every day necessarily occupied by him in the discharge of his official duties while acting on any committee under the direction of the county board.

Sec. 2. Travelling expenses.—Each member of such county board shall also receive his actual and necessary travelling expenses,

incurred in the performance of his official duties, to be audited and allowed as other claims against the county.

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CHAPTER 548—S. F. No. 1218.

(AMENDING SECTION 169.09 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to automobile accident reports and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2720-173, Subdivision 8, as amended by the Laws of 1941, Chapter 439.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2720-173, Subdivision 8, as amended by the Laws of 1941, Chapter 439 be amended to read as follows:

“Subdivision 8. **Reports confidential—exceptions.**—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. *Provided, however, that legally qualified newspaper publications shall upon request to a law enforcement agency be given an oral statement*