

covering only the time and place of the accident, the names and addresses of the parties involved, and a general statement as to how the accident happened, without attempting to fix liability upon anyone, but said legally qualified newspaper publications shall not be given access to the hereinbefore mentioned confidential reports, nor shall any such statements or information so orally given be used as evidence in any court proceeding, but shall merely be used for the purpose of a proper publication of the news."

Approved April 20, 1943.

CHAPTER 549—S. F. No. 1248.

(AMENDING SECTION 168.06 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act to permit the licensing of truck-tractors for carrying loads; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2674 (a)-1.

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

Section 1. **Law amended—Rate of tax—class Y trucks.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2674 (a)-1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a)-1. Class "Y" Trucks. The tax on a tractor, or truck-tractor shall be determined by the actual unloaded weight of the vehicle. *A truck-tractor may also be licensed for a gross weight in excess of its actual unloaded weight, and the excess licensed weight thereby applied and paid for may be used to cover change-overs of such truck-tractor to a conventional truck including the weight of the maximum pay-load to be carried thereon, or may be applied on the gross weight of any semi-trailer to which it might be connected.* The tax on a semi-trailer, trailer or truck shall be based on the gross weight of such vehicle. The gross weight shall be the actual unloaded weight of the vehicle plus the weight of the maximum load which the applicant has elected to carry in such vehicle and for which such vehicle has been licensed. This tax shall be known as a "gross weight use tax". The gross weight use tax on each vehicle shall be as follows:

Where the gross weight of the vehicle is 6,000 pounds or less, \$25.00.

Where the gross weight of the vehicle is 6,000 pounds and less than 20,000 pounds the tax shall be \$25.00 plus an additional tax

of \$15.00 for each 2,000 pounds of weight or major part thereof in excess of 6,000 pounds.

Where the gross weight of the vehicle is over 20,000 pounds and less than 30,000 pounds, the tax shall be \$130.00 plus an additional tax of \$40.00 each ton or major part thereof in excess of 20,000 pounds.

Where the gross weight of the vehicle is over 30,000 pounds, the tax shall be \$330.00 plus an additional tax of \$75.00 for each 2,000 pounds or major part thereof in excess of 30,000 pounds.

Approved April 20, 1943.

CHAPTER 550—S. F. No. 1301.

An act authorizing the Commissioner of Conservation to Withdraw certain school lands in Beltrami County from a state forest and providing for the sale of such lands and other trust fund lands, and the acquisition thereof for municipal airport purposes.

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

Section 1. Commissioner of Conservation to withdraw certain school lands in Beltrami County from state forests.—The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to withdraw from the Headwaters State Forest all that portion of Section 36, Township 147, Range 34 lying north of U. S. highway number 2 as now located and constructed, and to offer for sale and to sell such tract, together with the Northwest Quarter, and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 147, Range 33, as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Publish notice of sale.—Before any sale is made, the commissioner shall cause published notice to be made of the time and place of the sale at least seven days in advance thereof in a legal newspaper of Beltrami County. The lands shall be offered as a unit and shall be sold at not less than the appraised value thereof. The right shall be reserved in the commissioner of conservation to reject any or all bids.

Sec. 3. Lands may be purchased for airport.—The city of Bemidji is hereby authorized to bid on and acquire title to said lands for the purposes of establishing an airport.

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