

All those now receiving more than \$2,500 per annum, but less than \$3,000 per annum may be increased five per cent;

Provided, however, that in all cases where any official, deputy or employee of the county has received an increase in salary since January 1, 1943, by action of the county board, then the amounts authorized herein shall be limited to the difference between the amounts so authorized by the county board and the amounts herein provided.

Sec. 2. Application of act.—This act shall not operate to increase the salary of any county official, deputy, or employee whose salary is set, established or otherwise increased by the 1943 session of the legislature.

Sec. 3. Effective May 1, 1943—exceptions.—The provisions of this act shall take effect as of May 1, 1943, and shall continue in effect until one year after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as declared by proper authority.

This act shall not apply to counties containing cities of the first class or to any county having a population of less than 36,000 nor more than 38,000 and having 61 full and fractional congressional townships and 59 organized townships.

Approved April 24, 1943.

CHAPTER 598—H. F. No. 754.

An act for the relief of distressed townships, authorizing the payment of certain indebtedness thereof by the executive council and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Definitions.—The term "township" as used herein shall mean an area whether larger or smaller than a congressional township which has been heretofore organized as a corporate town.

Sec. 2. What are distressed townships.—Subdivision 1. Any township which has outstanding a total bonded, warrant, judgment, and floating indebtedness exceeding 40 per cent of the assessed value of the real property upon which taxes for the year 1941 were paid during 1942 shall be deemed to be a distressed township under the provisions of this act.

Subd. 2. The term "private debt" as used herein shall mean all outstanding indebtedness, including interest, of every kind and nature of a distressed township, except such indebtedness evidenced by bonds or otherwise as may be now or hereafter due to the State of Minnesota, or any governmental subdivision or agency thereof.

Sec. 3. **Appropriation for distressed townships.**—The sum of \$60,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund in the state treasury to the Executive Council for the purposes of this act to be available for the biennium ending on June 30, 1945.

Sec. 4. **Town board to make applications.**—The town board of any distressed township may make application for the payment of its private debt out of the moneys herein appropriated, provided, that the persons to whom at least 90 per cent of the private debt of the township is due and payable shall first agree in writing to accept as payment in full of all private debt due and payable to them 25 per cent of the total amount of such indebtedness. Such application shall be made by resolution containing an itemized statement of all of the indebtedness of the distressed township showing the date and amount of each item thereof, for what purpose it was incurred, and the rate of interest thereof, the payee, if known, the place of payment, and such other data or information as to the financial affairs of the township as the Executive Council may require, and shall be accompanied by a certificate of the county auditor showing the assessed valuation of all the real property in the township, the bonded indebtedness and such other information as the Executive Council may deem necessary, and by agreements, in form approved by the attorney general, executed by the several creditors to whom is due and payable at least 90 per cent of the private debt of the township as provided above, releasing the distressed township from all claim for the indebtedness due them respectively upon payment of 25 per cent of the amount thereof.

Sec. 5. **Dissolved townships.**—In event the town organization of any distressed township shall have been dissolved then the county board of the county in which such township is located shall make application in the same manner as herein provided for the town board.

Sec. 6. **Executive council to make payments.**—Upon the filing of said application and the determination by the Executive Council that the township is qualified for relief hereunder, the Executive Council is authorized to make payment of so much of the private debt of the township as may be paid in full by the payment of 25 per cent of the amount thereof, provided that the

town board shall have filed with the Executive Council executed agreements as provided in Section 4 hereof.

Approved April 24, 1943.

CHAPTER 599—H. F. No. 763.

(AMENDING SECTION 340.11 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to intoxicating liquors; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3200-25, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapters 4, 34, 359 and 485.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3200-25, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapters 4, 34, 359, and 485, is amended to read as follows:

3200-25. **Licenses.**—That it shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, upon any pretense or by any device, to manufacture, import, sell, exchange, barter, dispose of or keep for sale, any intoxicating liquor, without first having obtained a license therefor, as herein provided. Nothing herein shall prohibit the natural fermentation of fruit juices in the home for family use. All manufacturer's and wholesaler's licenses shall include the right to import and shall be granted by the Liquor Control Commissioner. The business of manufacturer and wholesaler may be combined and carried on under one license issued therefor. All licenses for retail "Off sale" shall be granted by the local governing body subject to the approval of the Liquor Control Commissioner and shall not become effective until so approved.

The Liquor Control Commissioner may issue a license or permit to any railroad company, dining car company, or sleeping car company, water transportation company or other common carrier operating in this state, to sell intoxicating liquors referred to in this chapter upon any vessel, dining car, buffet, observation or cafe car where meals or lunches are served. Each such company applying for such license shall pay to said Liquor Control Commissioner a fee of Twenty-five Dollars per annum. A duplicate of such license shall be posted in each car and for each duplicate of such license a fee of One Dollar shall be paid. Such license so granted shall cover and permit the sale of such intoxicating liquor in the State of Minnesota, or in any political subdivision thereof, in any vessel, dining car, buffet, observation or cafe car