

Sec. 9. Commissioner may furnish badges.—The commissioner may provide for the issuance at state expense of such badges and uniforms as he may deem necessary and suitable for officers or employees of the department and its divisions.

Sec. 10. Original records to be kept in offices of divisions.—Except as otherwise prescribed or required by law, the originals of all official records, orders, and other documents made, executed, or issued by or under the authority of the commissioner of conservation or the directors of the several divisions of the department shall be filed and kept in the respective offices where the same were made, executed, or issued, or in such other office in the department as the commissioner may direct.

Sec. 11. Duties transferred to Commissioner of Conservation.—Subdivision 1. So far as any duties herein vested in or imposed upon the commissioner of conservation are now exercised or performed by any other officer or agency of the state, such powers or duties are hereby transferred to the commissioner, subject to the provisions of this act, and all existing and unexpended appropriations for the purposes of such powers or duties are hereby transferred therewith, to be available for the same purposes under the commissioner but otherwise subject to the same conditions and limitations as the original appropriations.

Subdivision 2. **Appropriations to be transferred.**—Any unexpended appropriation made for the purposes of any activity or function which may be transferred by the commissioner at any time from one agency to another within the department shall be transferred therewith, to be available for the same purposes but otherwise subject to the same conditions and limitations as the original appropriation.

Sec. 12. Specific and inconsistent laws repealed.—Except as incorporated or referred to in this act, Laws 1931, Chapter 186, Laws 1937, Chapter 310, Laws 1939, Chapter 441, Section 40, Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 53-231½a to 53-231½h, inclusive, and 53-231½l to 53-231½u, inclusive, are hereby repealed. All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Approved February 20, 1943.

CHAPTER 61—S. F. No. 160

An act relating to wild animals and authorizing the closing of certain waters to winter fishing.

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

Section 1. Commissioner of Conservation may shorten season for taking of game fish.—When the Commissioner of Conservation, after investigation by the Director, finds that game fish inhabiting any of the waters of this state require additional protection to that now given by law, he may, by an order giving thirty days public notice, shorten the season for the taking of game fish in such prescribed waters by angling through the ice, provided, however, the authority hereby granted may not be exercised so as to prohibit angling during the winter months on more than fifty per cent of the waters of any county at any given time.

Sec. 2. Order shall have the force of law.—Any order issued by the Commissioner pursuant to this section shall have the force of law and the penalties prescribed for the violations of the laws relating to game and fish shall follow and be applicable to violations of any such order.

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CHAPTER 62—S. F. No. 194

(AMENDING SECTIONS 422.04 AND 422.01 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to the payment of retirement allowances to employees of cities of the first class; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 1442-14 and 1442-17.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Minnesota Supplement 1940, Section 1442-14, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“1442-14. **When effective.**—Any person who shall have been employed by the city to which this act applies, and who shall have fulfilled the conditions herein specified, shall be entitled to receive retirement allowance therefrom, as set forth in the provisions of this act; provided, that no retirement allowance shall be paid any retired *employee* of such city prior to the expiration of the calendar year next succeeding the date this act becomes effective therein.

Any conditional present incumbent shall be entitled to participate in the benefits provided by this act upon submitting to the retirement board a written notice of desire to accept the provisions of the act and of such evidence of the right to so participate as