

CHAPTER 195—H. F. No. 261

An act defining the terms "child" and "children" as dependents of fatally injured employees under the workmen's compensation law; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 176.01, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 176.01, Subdivision 3, is amended to read as follows:

Subdivision 3. **Child, children.** "Child" or "children" includes posthumous children, all other children entitled by law to inherit as children of the deceased, and the child or children of a person who shall have been adjudged to be his or their father by a court of competent jurisdiction in any state of the United States; also stepchildren, *grandchildren and foster children* who were members of the family of the deceased at the time of his injury and dependent upon him for support.

Approved March 31, 1945.

CHAPTER 196—H. F. No. 412

An act providing for the renewal of the period of corporate existence of corporations organized under the cooperative laws of this state, and the corporations organized under any laws of this state which have conducted their business upon the cooperative plan, and legalizing and validating certain corporate acts and contracts done, performed and entered into by such corporations.

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

Section 1. **Renewal of corporate existence authorized.** In any case where the period of duration of corporate existence of any cooperative corporation organized under the laws of this state, or a corporation organized under any law of this state which has conducted its business upon the cooperative plan, has expired and such corporation has continued in good faith to carry on and transact business, it may renew its corporate existence by amending its articles of incorporation so as to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 308.05 to 308.18, as amended, which amended articles shall include a provision extending its corporate duration for

a period of not more than 50 years from the date of the last expiration thereof. Proceedings thus to amend the articles of incorporation of any such corporation shall be completed within two years after the passage of this act. This act shall not affect any pending litigation, nor apply to any corporation whose charter has been declared forfeited by any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

Sec. 2. Validating certain corporate acts. If any such corporation complies with Section 1 of this act, all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said corporate existence shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid as against the objection that the period of duration of such corporation had expired.

Approved March 31, 1945.

CHAPTER 197—H. F. No. 421

An act relating to firemen's civil service commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 420.10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 420.10, is amended to read as follows:

"420.10. Examinations; examiners. All examinations shall be impartial, fair and practical and designed only to test the relative qualifications and fitness of applicants to discharge the duties of the particular employment which they seek to fill. No question in any examination shall relate to the political or religious convictions or affiliations of the applicant. All applicants for positions of trust and responsibility shall be specially examined as to moral character, sobriety and integrity, and all applicants for positions requiring special experience, skill or faithfulness shall be specially examined in respect to those qualities. It shall be the duty of the chief of the fire department and of every employee to act as an examiner or assistant examiner, at the request of the commission, without special compensation therefor. Examinations shall be conducted and examination papers scored by some experienced and competent person who is not a resident of