

All brakes shall be maintained in good working order and shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally as practicable with respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the vehicle.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 169.82, is amended to read as follows:

169.82. Weight of trailers; equipment. *Any trailer exceeding a gross weight of 6,000 pounds shall be equipped with brakes adequate to stop and hold such trailer, and which are so constructed that they will so operate whenever such trailer becomes detached from the towing vehicle.*

When one vehicle is towing another the draw-bar or other connection shall be of sufficient strength to pull all weight towed thereby, and said draw-bar or other connection shall not exceed 15 feet from one vehicle to the other except the connection between any two vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of structural nature which cannot readily be dismembered.

When one vehicle is towing another and the connection consists of a chain, rope, or cable, there shall be displayed upon such connection a white flag or cloth not less than 12 inches square.

Every trailer or semi-trailer shall be hitched to the motor vehicles furnishing the tractive power for it by a device approved by the commissioner as safe and in addition shall be equipped with safety chains permanently attached to the trailer except that where the coupling device is a regulation fifth wheel and king pin assembly approved by the commissioner such safety chains shall not be required. In towing, such chains shall be carried through a ring on the tow-bar and attached to the towing vehicle, and shall be of sufficient strength to control the trailer in event of failure of the towing device.

Approved March 31, 1945.

CHAPTER 208—S. F. No. 403

An act to amend Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 489.03, relating to the bond and oath of court commissioners.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 489.03 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"489.03. **Oath.** Before entering upon his duties, each court commissioner shall *file* his oath of office, for record with the register of deeds."

Approved March 31, 1945.

CHAPTER 209—S. F. No. 404

An act amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 525.09, relating to the appointment of clerks and employees in probate court and their duties.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 525.09, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"525.09. **Clerks; appointment; powers.** The judge may appoint a clerk, deputy clerks, and employees as provided by law, to hold office during his pleasure, who shall perform the duties imposed by law and such judge. Such appointments shall be in writing and filed in such court. Before entering upon the duties of his office, each clerk and *such* deputy clerks and employees *designated by the court* shall execute a bond to the state in the amount of \$1,000 approved by the county board and conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties. Such bond with the oath of the appointee shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds and filed in the office of the secretary of state after approval as to form by the attorney general. The premiums on such bonds and the expenses of such recording and filing shall be paid by the county. An action may be maintained on such bond by any person aggrieved by the violation of the conditions thereof. A clerk or deputy clerk may take acknowledgments, administer oaths, authenticate, exemplify, or certify copies of instruments, documents, or records of the court, and when so ordered may hear and report to the court the testimony of any witnesses and the interrogatories and objections of counsel."

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CHAPTER 210—S. F. No. 486

An act to enable each city of the first class of this state now or hereafter having a population of 450,000 inhabitants or more, including each such city operating under a charter