

vided, the period of suspension of sentence shall not exceed the maximum sentence imposed except where such maximum penalty is less than one year, when such stay may be for a period not exceeding one year, unless otherwise provided by law. The court may, in its discretion, suspend sentence indefinitely. The court may make such order in or out of term, and at any place within the judicial district in which the case was tried. When a person is placed on probation under the supervision of the state board of parole, the clerk of the district court shall, immediately upon the entry of the order of probation, certify a copy of the record of the case upon the blanks supplied by the state board of parole, set forth the reasons, terms, and conditions of probation, and deliver the same to the state board of parole; whereupon the custody of the person so placed on probation shall vest in that board with the same power as is exercised over persons on parole from the state prison or state reformatory. The chairman of the state board of parole shall act as director of probation and parole and, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 610.37 to 610.39, the state board of parole is authorized and empowered to provide such *parole and* probation agents to fix their compensation, and to prescribe their duties.

Approved April 12, 1945.

CHAPTER 261—H. F. No. 628

An act relating to the state board of parole and amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 610.37.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941; Section 610.37 is amended so as to read as follows:

610.37. Suspension of sentence. The several courts of record of this state having jurisdiction to try criminal causes shall have power, upon the imposition of sentence by such court against any person who has been convicted of the violation of a municipal ordinance or by-law, or of any crime for which the maximum penalty provided by law does not exceed imprisonment in the state prison for ten years, to stay the execution of such sentence which the court has imposed when the court shall be of the opinion that by reason of the character of the person, of the facts and circumstances of his

case, the welfare of society does not require that he shall suffer the penalty imposed by law for such offense so long as he shall thereafter be of good behavior, and at any time after the imposition of sentence in all cases where the sentence imposed is to a county jail, work farm or workhouse, any such court of this state shall have like power upon application of a prisoner and after notice to the county attorney. Before suspending sentence in any such case the court may require an investigation and a written report concerning the previous history and conduct of the offender by the county probation officer where such officer is provided by law and, in those counties or districts having no county probation officer, but in which the services of state *parole and* probation agents are available, by such state *agent*. For the information of the court the chairman of the state board of parole shall advise the clerk of court in each county in the district to which a *parole and* probation agent has been assigned, of such appointment and that services of such state agent are available to the court.

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CHAPTER 262—H. F. No. 724

An act relating to bounties on certain wild animals; repealing Minn. Sts. 1941, Sections 348.07, 348.08, 348.09, 348.10, 348.11, and 348.14.

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

Section 1. Bounty for wolf or fox. Subdivision 1. Every person who shall kill a wild wolf in this state, not having at the time spared the life of any other such wolf which he could have killed, shall, upon compliance herewith, be rewarded in the sum of \$15.00 for each adult wolf and \$6.00 for each cub.

Subd. 2. Every person who shall kill a wild fox in this state, not having at the time spared the life of any other such fox which he could have killed, shall, upon compliance herewith, be rewarded in such sum as the board of county commissioners of the county in which the fox is killed may have determined and established for each adult and cub fox.

Subd. 3. Wolf bounties, and fox bounties where appropriate county action has been taken, shall be paid from the county treasury, which treasury shall be reimbursed by the