

CHAPTER 30—S. F. No. 286

An act amending Minnesota Statutes of 1941, Section 176.77, relating to the payment of compensation awarded to employees of the state or their dependents for injuries sustained by such employees in their employment by the state.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes of 1941, Section 176.77, be amended to read as follows:

176.77. Payment of compensation awarded. A certified copy of the findings and final award of the commission shall be filed with the attorney general and with the state auditor, and payment of compensation or other benefits, as the same may be determined by the Industrial Commission in such final award, shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto by the state treasurer upon warrants prepared by the commission and approved by the state auditor, pursuant to the final award, out of any money appropriated for the purpose of paying such compensation claims. *The employees or dependents to whom such payments are made shall file with the commission receipts for all current interim and final payments of compensation the same as is required of employers by section 176.34 of the workmen's compensation act.*

Approved February 28, 1945.

CHAPTER 31—S. F. No. 287

An act relating to insuring or self-insuring the payment of compensation to injured employees; amending Section 176.03, Minnesota Statutes of 1941.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes of 1941, Section 176.03, be amended to read as follows:

176.03. Employers shall be insured; exceptions. Every employer, except the state and the municipal subdivisions thereof, liable under this chapter to pay compensation shall insure payment of such compensation with some insurance carrier authorized to insure such liability in this state, or obtain an order from the Industrial Commission exempting

him from insuring his liability for compensation and permitting him to self-insure such liability in the manner herein-after set forth. Nothing herein contained shall prevent any employer, with the approval of the Industrial Commission, from excluding medical and hospital benefits as required in section 176.13. An employer conducting distinct operations at different locations may either insure or self-insure such other portion of his operations which may be determined by the Industrial Commission to be a distinct and separate risk. An employer desiring to be exempted from insuring his liability for compensation shall make application to the Industrial Commission, showing his financial ability to pay such compensation, whereupon the commission, by written order, may make such exemption as it deems proper. The commission may, from time to time, require further statement of financial ability of such employer to pay compensation, and may, upon ten days' notice in writing, revoke its order granting such exemption, in which event such employer shall immediately insure his liability. As a condition for the granting of an exemption the Industrial Commission shall have authority to require the employer to furnish such security as it may consider sufficient to insure payment of all claims under compensation. *If the required security is in the form of currency or negotiable bonds, the commission shall deposit same with the State Treasurer. In the event of any default upon the part of any self-insurer to pay a just claim against it under the workmen's compensation act, or failure to abide by any final order or decision of the Industrial Commission directing and awarding payment of compensation and benefits to any of its employees or the dependents of deceased employees, then upon at least 10 days' notice to such self-insurer, the Industrial Commission may by order to the State Treasurer require said treasurer to proceed to sell the pledged and assigned securities or such part thereof as may be necessary to pay the full amount of any such claims or award, with interest thereon. The authority to sell herein conferred may be exercised from time to time to satisfy any order or award of the Industrial Commission or judgment obtained thereon. When such securities are sold, the money so obtained shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the Industrial Commission and Awards made against any such self-insurer by the commission shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto by the State Treasurer upon warrants prepared by the commission, and approved by the State Auditor, out of the proceeds of the sale of such securities. Where the security is in the form of a surety bond or other personal guaranty, the commission may, at any time, either before or after the entry of an award,*

upon at least 10 days' notice and opportunity to be heard, require the surety to pay the amount of the award, the same to be enforced in like manner as the award itself may be enforced.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after July 1, 1945.

Approved February 28, 1945.

CHAPTER 32—S. F. No. 117

An act relating to the payment of premiums on the bonds of county officers and employees.

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

Section 1. Payment of premium for bonds of county officers and employees. The premium upon any bond now or hereafter required of any elected or appointed county officer or employee, and their respective deputies or assistants, together with the expense of recording or filing such bonds, shall be paid by the county in which such officers or employees are elected or appointed; provided that this act shall not apply in counties having a population of more than 250,000 inhabitants.

Approved March 2, 1945.

CHAPTER 33—H. F. No. 163

An act authorizing the county boards of the several counties, and the district courts of the several judicial districts in this state, to deepen, widen and improve existing ditches forming the outlet for waters from ditches connected therewith, to establish and construct off-take ditches or additional outlets, providing for the maintenance of the same and providing for the reimbursement of owners of land damaged thereby, and the determination of benefits and damages, and for the collection of cost and expenses of construction and mainte-