

CHAPTER 558—S. F. No. 1067

An act relating to real estate holdings of domestic life insurance companies, authorizing acquisition, ownership, and use by such companies of certain urban real estate for development of housing projects, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 61.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 61.12, is amended to read as follows:

61.12. Real estate holdings of domestic life insurance companies.

Subdivision 1. Real property holdings; purposes. Every such life insurance company may acquire, hold and convey real property only for the following purposes and in the following manner:

(1) Such as shall be requisite for convenient accommodation in the transaction of its business;

(2) Such as shall have been mortgaged to it in good faith by way of security for loans previously contracted, or for moneys due;

(3) Such as shall have been conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in the course of its dealings;

(4) Such as shall have been purchased at sales on judgments, decrees or mortgages obtained or made for such debts.

All the real property specified in clauses (2), (3) and (4), which shall not be necessary for its accommodation in the convenient transaction of its business, shall be sold and disposed of within five years after the company shall have acquired title to the same, or within five years after the same shall have ceased to be necessary for the accommodation of its business, and it shall not hold this property for a longer period unless it shall procure a certificate from the commissioner of insurance that its interests will suffer materially by the forced sale thereof, in which event the time for the sale may be extended to such time as the commissioner shall direct in the certificate.

Subd. 2. Building project authorized. *Provided, however, that, to promote and supplement public and private efforts to provide an adequate supply of decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low and moderate income; to relieve unemployment; to alleviate the shortage of rental residences; and to assist in relieving the emergency in*

the housing situation in cities and their environs in this country through investment of funds, any domestic life insurance company, prior to December first, nineteen hundred fifty-one, may purchase or lease from any owner or owners (including states and political sub-divisions thereof), real property in, or within ten miles from, any city having a population of 50,000 or more in any state in which such company is licensed to transact the business of life insurance; and on any real property so acquired, or on real property so located and acquired otherwise in the conduct of its business, such company may erect apartment, tenement, or other dwelling houses, not including hotels, but including accommodations for retail stores, shops, offices, and other community services reasonably incident to such projects; or, to provide such housing or accommodations, may construct, reconstruct, improve, or remove any buildings or other improvements thereon. Such company may thereafter own, improve, maintain, manage, collect or receive income from, sell, lease, or convey any such real property and the improvements thereon. The aggregate investment by any such domestic life insurance company in all such projects, including the cost of all real property so purchased or leased and the cost of all improvements to be made upon such real property and upon real property otherwise acquired, shall not, at the date of purchase or other acquisition of such real property, exceed ten percent of the total admitted assets of such company on the last day of the previous calendar year. The purchase or lease of, or investment in, any such housing projects shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 559—S. F. No. 1091

An act authorizing investment of county funds in securities of the United States Government in lieu of deposits in banks and amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 385.07.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 385.07, is amended to read:

385.07. Funds, where deposited; government securities in lieu of deposit. All county funds, as soon as received, shall be