

CHAPTER 349—S. F. No. 1000

An act relating to identification lights on motor vehicles operated in connection with volunteer fire departments; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 169.58.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 169.58, is amended to read :

169.58. **Identification Lamps.** *Subdivision 1.* Any vehicle or combination of vehicles having a width including load thereon at any part in excess of 80 inches or which exceeds 30 feet in over-all length may be equipped with identification lamps on the front displaying three amber or white lights and identification lamps on the rear displaying three red lights, and when so equipped the lights in each such group shall be evenly spaced not less than six, nor more than 12, inches apart, along a horizontal line as near to the top of the vehicle as practicable, and these lights shall be visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front and rear, respectively, of the vehicle.

Subd. 2. Any motor vehicles operated by an active member of a volunteer fire department authorized by or contracting with any city, village, borough, town, or township in this state and upon obtaining a permit therefor from the commissioner of highways may be equipped with a lamp emitting a red light to the front of such vehicle. The lens of such lamp shall be not more than three inches in diameter. Such lamp shall be lighted only when the member of the volunteer fire department is responding to an emergency call in connection with his duties as a volunteer fireman. The commissioner of highways is hereby authorized to issue permits on applications of a member of a volunteer fire department properly certified to by the chief of said volunteer fire department, and it shall be the duty of the chiefs of all volunteer fire departments to notify the commissioner immediately upon the termination of such membership.

Approved April 9, 1949.

CHAPTER 350—S. F. No. 1085

[Coded as Sections 144.66, 144.67, 144.68]

An act authorizing the state board of health to establish a cancer statistical research service, requiring certain reports

to be made to the board, and establishing the confidential character of such reports.

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

[144.66] **Section 1. Cancer statistical research.** The state board of health may establish a cancer statistical research service and may make and amend regulations and furnish forms for collecting, transcribing, compiling, and preserving the information received by the board pursuant to this act.

[144.67] **Sec. 2. Informational and statistical research.** The state board of health shall collect, transcribe, compile, classify, and preserve information received by it, analyze this information, and make studies therefrom showing the incidence of tumors of various types, the procedures in the care of these tumors, and the effectiveness of the different methods of treatment on tumors. The informational and statistical results of these studies shall be available to the physicians and surgeons in the state. A follow-up information service may be made available to assist in completing hospital case records when subsequent data on a tumor case is obtained.

[144.68] **Sec. 3. Records and reports.** Subdivision 1. **Person practicing healing arts.** Every person licensed to practice the healing arts in any form, upon request of the state board of health, shall prepare and forward to the board, in the manner and at such times as it designates, a detailed record of each case of malignant disease treated or seen by him professionally.

Subd. 2. **Hospitals and similar.** Every hospital, sanatorium, rest home, nursing home or other place in which any accommodation is offered, furnished, or maintained for the hospitalization of any sick or injured person or for the care of any aged or infirm person requiring or receiving chronic or convalescent care, upon request of the state board of health, shall prepare and forward to the board, in the manner and at such times as it designates, a detailed record of each case of malignant disease having been therein.

Subd. 3. **Information without liability.** The furnishing of the information required under Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 3 of this act shall not subject the person, hospital, sanatorium, rest home, nursing home, or other place furnishing such information, to any action for damages or other relief.

Sec. 4. **Information not available to the public.** No such report, or part thereof, nor any copy of the same or part thereof, shall be open to the public, nor shall any of the contents thereof be disclosed, in any manner, by any official or clerk or other employee or person having access thereto, but all such information shall be confidential and may only be used for the purposes set forth in this act. And any such disclosure other than is provided for in this act, is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and punishable as such. No officer or employee of the board shall interview any patient named in any such report, nor a relative of any such patient, unless the consent of the attending physician and surgeon is first obtained.

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CHAPTER 351—S. F. No. 1112
[Coded as Sections 418.14, 418.15]

An act relating to the government of cities of the fourth class operating under a special law; and permitting certain changes in such government upon approval by the voters.

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

[418.14] **Section 1. Change in method of selecting city clerk; change of length of term of members of city council.** The council of any city of the fourth class operating under a special law may, by ordinance subject to the referendum provided by section 2, provide for any of the following changes in the government of the city.

(1) A change in the method of selecting the city clerk or recorder so as to provide for election by the people or appointment by the council for an indefinite term or for such term as is fixed in the ordinance;

(2) A change in the length of term of members of the city council and a change in the year in which any of such members are to be elected; but no such ordinance shall provide for terms longer than three years.

[418.15] **Sec. 2. Referendum.** Each such ordinance shall be confined to the change or changes enumerated in one