

of the loading platform of the vehicle so as to hold the load securely in place.

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## CHAPTER 50—H. F. No. 827

*An act relating to the power of the commissioner of highways to act as agent for any political subdivision of the State of Minnesota in acceptance of moneys for and the construction, improvement, and maintenance of roads and bridges; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 161.03, Subdivision 26. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 161.03, Subdivision 26, is amended to read:

Subd. 26. **Federal aid, acceptance; commissioner as agent.** The commissioner of highways is authorized to accept federal moneys and other moneys, either public or private, for and in behalf of the state of Minnesota or any governmental subdivision thereof, for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of roads and bridges upon such terms and conditions as are or may be prescribed by the laws of the United States and any rules or regulations made thereunder, and is authorized to act as an agent of any governmental subdivision of the state of Minnesota upon the request of such subdivision in accepting such moneys in its behalf for road or bridge purposes, in acquiring right of way therefor, and in contracting for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of roads or bridges financed either in whole or in part by federal moneys, and the governing body of any such subdivision is authorized to designate the commissioner of highways as its agent for such purposes and to enter into an agreement with him prescribing the terms and conditions of such agency in accordance with federal laws, rules, and regulations, and with subdivisions 25 to 29.

*The commissioner of highways may act as the agent of any political subdivision of the state as provided for in subdivisions 25 to 29 for the construction of roads and bridges toward the construction of which no federal aid is available in the*

*event that such construction shall adjoin or be connected with construction upon which federal aid is available and upon which he is then acting as agent.*

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## CHAPTER 51—S. F. No. 32

*An act relating to liability of a company, person, or corporation, owning or operating, as a common carrier or otherwise, a steam railroad or railway to their employees for personal injury or death; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 219.77; and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 219.78.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 219.77, is amended to read:

219.77. Every company, person, or corporation, owning or operating, as a common carrier, or otherwise, a steam railroad or railway in the state shall be liable in damages to any employee suffering injury while engaged in such employment; or, in case of death of such employee, to his or her personal representative for the benefit of the surviving widow or husband and children of such employee; and if none, then to such employee's parents; and if none, then to the next of kin dependent upon such employee, for such injury or death resulting in whole or in part from the negligence of any of the officers, agents, or employees of such employer, or by reason of any defect or insufficiency in its cars, engines, appliances, machinery, track, roadbed, works, boats, wharves, or other equipment due to the employer's negligence.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 219.78, is hereby repealed.

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