

division shall authorize the proper officers to convey the same, *or such portion thereof not required for an authorized public use*, to the State of Minnesota, and such officers shall execute a deed of such conveyance forthwith, *which conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner and in form approved by the attorney general*, provided, however, that a sale, lease, transfer or other conveyance of such lands by a housing and redevelopment authority as authorized by sections 462.411 to 462.711 shall not be an abandonment of such use and such lands shall not be reconveyed to the state nor shall they revert to the state. No vote of the people shall be required for such conveyance. In case any such land shall not be so conveyed to the state, the commissioner of taxation shall by written instrument, in form approved by the attorney general, declare the same to have reverted to the state, and shall serve a notice thereof, with a copy of the declaration, by registered mail upon the clerk or recorder of the governmental subdivision concerned, provided, that no declaration of reversion shall be made earlier than five years from the date of conveyance for failure to put such land to such use or from the date of abandonment of such use if such lands have been put to such use. The commissioner shall file the original declaration in his office, with verified proof of service as herein required. The governmental subdivision may appeal to the district court of the county in which the land lies by filing with the clerk of court a notice of appeal, specifying the grounds of appeal and the description of the land involved, mailing a copy thereof by registered mail to the commissioner of taxation, and filing a copy thereof for record with the register of deeds or register [registrar] of titles, all within 30 days after the mailing of the notice of reversion. The appeal shall be tried by the court in like manner as a civil action. If no appeal is taken as herein provided, the declaration of reversion shall be final. The commissioner of taxation shall file for record with the register of deeds or register [registrar] of titles, of the county within which the land lies, a certified copy of the declaration of reversion and proof of service.

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#### CHAPTER 145—H. F. No. 166

*An act relating to the use of free transportation passes issued by railway or motor-bus companies in certain instances and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 218.31.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949; Section 218.31 is amended to read as follows:

**218.31 Free passes, reduced rates.** It shall be unlawful for any person, association, copartnership, or corporation or any representative thereof to offer, give, or in any manner furnish to any person, either for himself or another, any free pass or frank, or any special privilege or reduction in rate withheld from any other person for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication except to persons included within the classes hereinafter designated and limited, and it shall be unlawful for any person not included within the classes hereinafter excepted or limited to solicit or receive, either for himself or another, for any person, association, copartnership, or corporation, or use in any manner or for any purpose any free pass or frank or special privilege withheld from any person for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property or the transmission of any message or communication. Nothing contained in sections 218.31 and 218.32 shall be construed to prohibit or to make unlawful the issuing or giving of any such free ticket, free pass, or free transportation to any person within the classes hereinafter excepted or limited or the acceptance or use of the same by persons within such classes, that is to say, officers, bona fide agents, surgeons, physicians, attorneys, and employees of such railroad or motor-bus or other companies, or persons affected by sections 218.31 and 218.32 and dependent members of their families, the duly elected representatives of railroad labor or motor-bus labor organizations, children under 12 years of age, ministers of religion, secretaries of Young Men's Associations, persons exclusively engaged in charitable and eleemosynary work, indigent, destitute, and homeless persons, and such persons when transported by charitable societies or hospitals or by public charity, and necessary agents employed in such transportation, inmates of national homes or state homes for disabled volunteer soldiers, inmates of soldiers' and sailors' homes, including those entering and returning from such homes and boards of managers of such homes, post-office inspectors, custom inspectors, and immigration inspectors; witnesses of the railroad companies or motor-bus companies attending any legal investigation in which the company is interested, officials and linemen of telegraph and telephone companies; ex-employees retired from service on account of age or because of disability sustained while in the service of the railroad company or motor-bus company and dependent members of their families or the widows or dependent children of employees killed or dying while in the service of such company; neces-

sary caretakers of live stock, poultry, vegetables, and fruit, including transportation to and from the point of delivery; employees on sleeping and express cars; railway or motor-bus mail service employees; newsboys on trains or motor-busses; baggage agents, and persons injured in wrecks and physicians and nurses attending them; providing that one trip pass for a discharged employee and his family may be issued for use within 30 days of such discharge.

The provisions of sections 218.31 and 218.32 shall not be construed to prohibit and make unlawful the interchange of passes, express and other franks for the officers, bona fide agents, surgeons, physicians, attorneys, and employees and the dependent members of their families of any person or company affected by sections 218.31 and 218.32 from doing any of the things prohibited hereby free, with the object of providing relief in cases of general epidemic, pestilence, or calamitous visitation.

The provisions of sections 218.31 and 218.32 shall not be construed to prohibit or make unlawful the interchange of passenger transportation and message service between such railroad companies, motor-bus companies, and telegraph companies; and, the provisions of sections 218.31 and 218.32 shall not be construed to prohibit or make unlawful the interchange between railroad, motor-bus, express, telegraph, and telephone companies of the transportation of persons and property, and the transmission of messages.

No free transportation shall be issued or given to any person when such person is a member of, employed by, or in any way connected with any political committee, or a candidate for, or incumbent of any office or position under the constitution and laws of this state, except as herein provided, and except that any railroad or motor-bus company may issue free passes to its employees, while occupying office or position, other than judicial, under a municipality, county, or public school district, or while acting under appointment as a notary public in this state, and except that any railway or motor-bus company may issue free passes to any member of the legislature who has been a *regular* employee of such company for a continuous period of five years *immediately* prior to his election to such office; provided, that such free transportation shall not be used by such member of the legislature for any travel for which mileage is collected from the state.

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