

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1953.  
Approved February 25, 1953.

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CHAPTER 57—S. F. No. 546

*An act relating to fire protection in towns, authorizing provision for apparatus therefor and maintenance and operation of such apparatus, authorizing a levy of taxes for such purposes, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 365.15, 365.16, 365.18 and 365.19.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.15, is amended to read :

**365.15 Fire protection and apparatus.** The electors of each town shall have power at their annual town meeting to authorize the town board to provide for fire protection, or for the purchase or acquisition of apparatus therefor, *either by itself or jointly with any other town, city or village, or any number thereof, and for the maintenance and operation of such apparatus,* and to determine by ballot the amount of money to be raised for *any or all* of such purposes.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.16, is amended to read :

**365.16 Tax levy; contracts; control of apparatus.** When the electors of any town shall have authorized the providing of apparatus for fire protection, *or for the maintenance and operation of such apparatus or both,* and determined the amount of money to be raised *therefor,* the town board may levy a tax for the amount so authorized or for such lesser amount as the board may determine to be necessary and make all contracts necessary for providing the same and shall have the control and management of the apparatus so provided, subject to control and management jointly with other towns, *cities or villages* as herein provided.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.18, is amended to read :

**365.18 Tax levy; contract with adjacent city or village.** When the electors of any town shall have authorized the providing of fire protection, or for apparatus therefor, *and for the maintenance and operation of such apparatus,* and determined the amount of money to be raised *therefor,* the town board may levy a tax for the amount so authorized or for such lesser

amount as the board may determine to be necessary, and enter into a contract with the county in which the town is located or with any adjacent city or village, or with any volunteer fire department or association for the furnishing of such fire protection within the limits of *the town and* for the care, maintenance and operation of such apparatus, on such terms and conditions as mutually may be agreed upon.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.19, is amended to read:

**365.19 Limit on tax levy; exceptions.** Nothing in sections 365.15 to 365.18 shall be construed so as to modify, abridge, or repeal Laws 1925, Chapter 407. *Any levy hereunder shall be separate and distinct from, and in addition to, the levy and the amount of tax authorized in any one year pursuant to section 88.04; provided, that the levy of the tax authorized under sections 365.15 to 365.18 shall not exceed a total of \$6,000 in any one year.*

Approved February 25, 1953.

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#### CHAPTER 58—S. F. No. 571

*An act relating to the registration and taxation of motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 168.013, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapters 123, 575 and 576, by adding thereto a new subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 168.013, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapters 123, 575 and 576, is amended by adding thereto a new subdivision to read:

**Subd. 12. Gross weight, additional tax for excessive.** *Whenever an owner has registered a vehicle and paid the tax as provided in Section 168.013, Subdivision 1, on the basis of a selected gross weight of the vehicle or the actual unloaded weight of the vehicle and thereafter such owner desires to operate such vehicle with a greater gross weight or a greater unloaded weight than that for which the tax has been paid, such owner shall be permitted to re-register such vehicle in the same class for which it was originally registered and pay the additional tax due thereon for the remainder of the calendar year for which such vehicle has been re-registered, the additional tax computed pro rata by the month, one-twelfth of the annual tax due for each month of the year remaining in the calendar year, beginning with the first day of the month in which such owner*