

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 69.44 as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 557, Section 2, is amended to read:

69.44 **Payments, amount.** A member of any such relief association entitled to disability benefits as herein defined, shall receive the same from his association for such periods of time, at such times, and in such amounts, not to exceed \$150 per month, as the by-laws of said association provide.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 69.45, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 557, Section 3, is amended to read:

69.45 **Retirement pay.** A member of such association who has completed a period, or periods of service on the fire department equal to 20 years or more, shall, after he has arrived at the age of 50 years, or more, and has retired from the payroll of the fire department, be entitled to a basic pension of not less than \$85 and not more than \$125 per month for his natural life in conformity to the by-laws of each association. Any and all leaves of absence of more than 90 days, except such as are granted to a member because of his disability due to sickness or accident, shall be excluded in computing said period of service; and all periods of time during which a member received a disability pension shall be excluded in such computation. No deduction shall be made for a leave of absence granted to a member to enable him to accept an appointive position in said fire department. No member shall be entitled to draw both a disability and a service pension.

Such monthly basic payments may be increased by adding to said basic pension the sum of \$3.85 per month, or any portion thereof, for each year of active duty over 20 and not more than 35 years.

The by-laws of each association may provide for these increases, or any portion thereof; provided, that in no event the total pension exceed the sum of \$150 per month.

Sec. 3. Laws 1951, Chapter 557, Section 5, is hereby repealed.

Approved March 4, 1953.

CHAPTER 81—H. F. No. 264

An act authorizing the sale of tax-forfeited land to any

veteran who has served in the armed forces of the United States and prescribing the conditions of such purchase; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 282.031.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 282.031, is amended to read:

282.031 Agricultural land, purchase by veterans. Any veteran who has served in the armed forces of the United States who is desirous of securing land for agricultural development may make application to the county board of the county in which the land is located to purchase not to exceed a quarter section of land according to the United States Government survey thereof or government lots according to such survey the total area of such lots not exceeding 180 acres of tax-forfeited land which has been classified as non-conservation or agricultural land and appraised as provided by law. Such land must be situated along a suitably maintained public road and near a public school or bus route and not in a restricted area established by the county board under a zoning ordinance. With his application he shall file a certified copy of his honorable discharge. Such application shall state the legal description of the land desired, the total acreage and the total acreage thereof which has been under cultivation; that the land is suitable for agricultural purposes and that he intends to develop it as such; that no additional public expenditures need be made for roads or schools by reason of the occupancy of such land; and that he is willing to pay therefor the appraised value of the land plus the appraised value of the improvements and standing timber thereon as determined by the county board, on such terms as may be fixed by the board subject to the conditions set forth in section 282.033.

Sec. 2. *This act shall have retroactive effect and is intended to operate as though enacted April 19, 1947.*

Approved March 4, 1953.

CHAPTER 82—H. F. No. 320

An act relating to the powers of savings banks; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 50.17, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 50.17, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 411, Section 1, is amended to read: