

taxation is hereby authorized and directed to convey by deed in the name of the state to the City of Minneapolis, and in consideration of \$1, the following described tract of land:

Lot Forty-three (43), Auditor's Subdivision one fifty seven (157), according to the map and plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Hennepin County.

Said conveyance shall be made upon the city filing with the commissioner of taxation its petition therefor, signed by its mayor, and showing that for a number of years said tract of land has been used by the city as part of a municipal housing project, that large and numerous buildings and structures of a permanent nature have been constructed thereon, and that the city's governing body shall have determined by resolution that the interest of the city and the state is best served by the sale of said land and buildings for private purposes and operation, thereby returning said premises to the tax rolls.

Approved March 18, 1955.

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#### CHAPTER 206—H. F. No. 62

*An act relating to occupational disease under the workmen's compensation act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 176.011, Subdivision 15, and Section 176.66, Subdivision 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 176.011, Subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. **Occupational disease.** "Occupational disease" means a disease arising out of and in the course of employment peculiar to the occupation in which the employee is engaged and due to causes in excess of the hazards ordinary of employment. Ordinary diseases of life to which the general public is equally exposed outside of employment are not compensable, except where such diseases follow as an incident of an occupational disease, or where the exposure peculiar to the occupation makes such disease an occupational disease hazard. A disease arises out of the employment only if there be a direct causal connection between the conditions under which the work is performed and if the occupational disease follows as a natural incident of the work as a result of the exposure occasioned by the nature of the employment. An employer is not liable for compensation for any occupational disease which cannot be traced to the employment as a direct and proximate cause and

is not recognized as a hazard characteristic of and peculiar to the trade, occupation, process, or employment or which results from a hazard to which the workman would have been equally exposed outside of the employment. *If immediately preceding the date of his disablement or death, an employee was employed on active duty with an organized fire department of any municipality and his disease is that of myocarditis, coronary sclerosis, pneumonia or its sequel, and at the time of his employment such employee was given a thorough physical examination by a licensed doctor of medicine, and a written report thereof has been made and filed with such organized fire department, which examination and report negatived any evidence of myocarditis, coronary sclerosis, pneumonia or its sequel, the disease is presumptively an occupational disease and shall be presumed to have been due to the nature of his employment.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 176.66, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Disease contracted within year, exceptions.** Neither the employee nor his dependents are entitled to compensation for disability or death resulting from occupational disease, unless such disease is due to the nature of his employment as defined in section 176.011, subdivision 15, and was contracted therein within 12 months previous to the date of disablement; except in the case of silicosis or asbestosis, in which cases disablement of the employee must occur within three years from the date of such employee's last exposure with an employer in an employment to the nature of which the disease may have been a hazard, *and except if immediately preceding the date of his disablement or death, an employee was employed on active duty with an organized fire department of any municipality and his disease is that of myocarditis, coronary sclerosis, pneumonia or its sequel, the disease shall be presumed to have been contracted therein within 12 months previous to the date of disablement.*

Approved March 21, 1955.

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CHAPTER 207—H. F. No. 119

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*An act relating to the salary of the register of deeds in certain counties.*

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