

hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate, out of the revenue fund of such county, such sum, not exceeding \$2,000 annually, and in counties where the population is not less than 25,000, nor more than 75,000, the county board of such county is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$3,000 annually, and in counties where the population is more than 75,000, *but less than 650,000*, the county board is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$5,000, annually, *and in counties where the population is or hereafter becomes 650,000 or more, the county board of such county is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$10,000 annually*, as it may deem advisable, to be paid to the historical society of such counties, respectively to be used for the promotion of historical work within the borders thereof, and for the collection, preservation and publication of historical material, and to disseminate historical information of the county, and in general to defray the expense of carrying on the historical work in such county; provided that no county board is authorized to appropriate any funds for the benefit of any county historical society, unless such society shall be affiliated with and approved by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Approved March 30, 1955.

CHAPTER 283—S. F. No. 706

An act relating to school bus drivers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.40, Subdivision 2, and Section 168.43.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.40, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **School bus drivers, licenses.** No person shall drive a school bus unless having first obtained a school bus driver's license as herein provided. Every applicant who seeks a license to operate a school bus is required to take, in addition to the examination given other chauffeurs license applicants, a physical examination. Any person whose physical examination discloses communicable diseases or mental or physical conditions of intermittent or continuing nature that might reasonably affect his ability to operate a school bus shall be denied a school bus driver's license. No school bus driver's license shall be issued to any person less than 18 years of age. In addition the tests for a school bus driver's license shall include knowledge of the operation of the particular equipment the applicant

will handle and knowledge of the special laws and equipment and devices peculiar to school buses as well as the general knowledge of motor vehicle operation, equipment, laws and rules. The state board of education and the commissioner of highways shall jointly prescribe rules governing the taking of these examinations and may prescribe other rules for the purpose of determining the qualifications of such applicant.

In the preparation of examinations to be given school bus drivers, the registrar shall include any questions or other tests that the board of education may order, *except that the application or examination required for renewal of a school bus driver's license shall contain only such questions as may be necessary for the secretary of state to determine if the licensee is entitled to renew the license previously issued.* The secretary of state shall issue a school bus driver's license or renewal thereof to such applicant who has qualified for such license under the provisions of this act.

School bus driver's licenses shall expire on June 30, 1956, and shall thereafter be issued for the fiscal year ending on June 30 of each year; provided a physical examination may be required oftener upon demand of any school district from or to which such school bus driver shall be carrying passengers. Such extra examination shall be paid for by the district demanding it. Any licensed school bus driver may also operate a motor vehicle as a chauffeur.

For failure to pass such physical examination or for any of the grounds set forth in section 168.44, the school bus driver's license may be revoked, and in the manner set forth in section 168.44.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.43, is amended to read:

168.43 **Members of armed forces, renewal of licenses.** Applications for examination and license hereunder shall be in writing upon such forms and shall contain such needed information as the secretary of state may prescribe, and shall be accompanied by the payment of an examination and license fee *in the case of chauffeurs of \$1.50, and in the case of school bus drivers of \$2.00.* The fee for renewal of a chauffeur's license shall be \$1.00, if the application for renewal is made during the month of February; otherwise it shall be \$1.50. *The fee for renewal of a school bus driver's license shall be \$1.50, if application is made during the month of May; otherwise it shall be \$2.00.* All fees collected pursuant to sections 163.39 to 168.45 shall be deposited in the general revenue fund. No fees, except overpayments and fees for renewals which

are not allowed, that have been paid into the general revenue fund shall be refunded, but the secretary of state in his discretion, upon proper application within three months thereafter, may grant one re-examination without additional fee to a person who has been refused a license on a previous application. Refunds permitted by sections 168.39 to 168.45 shall be made in the manner provided by law for making refunds and paid out of the general revenue fund.

Approved March 30, 1955.

CHAPTER 284—S. F. No. 761

An act relating to county public health nursing services, authorizing the employment by counties of licensed, practical nurses and registered nurses for home nursing care services under public health nurses, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 145.08 and 145.10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 145.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

[Subd. 4.] **Home nursing care services.** *Every board of county commissioners as authorized in subdivision 1, or every nursing district formed under the provisions of subdivision 3 of this section, which employs public health nurses is hereby authorized and empowered to employ and to make appropriations for the compensation and necessary expenses of licensed practical nurses or registered nurses who will provide under the supervision of such public health nurses such home nursing care services as may be deemed necessary.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 145.10, is amended to read:

145.10 State board to furnish list of nurses. There shall be available from the state board, for the use of councils and boards included in sections 145.08 to 145.12, employing such nurses, a list of nurses qualified for public health duties, approved and certified by a majority of a committee consisting of a physician appointed by the state medical association and four registered nurses; one representing the faculty of the course in public health nursing of the University of Minnesota, one representing the Minnesota league for nursing, one rep-