

in question of toxic chemicals in sufficient quantities to be harmful to humans, animals or poultry.

Subd. 2. It shall also be unlawful for any person knowingly to sell, or offer for sale, or expose for sale any grain for human, animal or poultry consumption, containing toxic chemicals in any quantity, without informing the purchaser, in writing, of such fact.

Sec. 3. [17.43] **Violations.** Any person violating section 2, subdivision 1, or section 2, subdivision 2, of this act shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$250 or be imprisoned for not less than 60 days, or both.

Sec. 4. [17.44] **Seizure of chemically treated grain.** Subdivision 1. In the event grain is sold or offered for sale for the purpose of human, animal, or poultry consumption, which contains toxic chemicals in sufficient quantities to be harmful to humans, animals, or poultry, the district court of the judicial district in which the grain is found may, upon complaint and showing made by the commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food, order said grain to be seized. In the event the court finds that the grain is subject to seizure, it shall order the grain to be sold or otherwise disposed of for purposes other than human, animal, or poultry consumption. To this end the court may require the grain to be specially labeled, dyed or otherwise altered in appearance. Upon application of the owner or any other person interested in the grain, the court shall permit such person at his own expense to recondition said grain and if, after reconditioning, it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the toxic chemicals have been removed so that the grain is no longer harmful to humans, animals, or poultry, the court then shall release the grain.

Subd. 2. The court at any time after seizure and up to a reasonable time before trial shall allow any interested party, his attorney or agent, to obtain a representative sample of the grain seized and a true copy of the analysis on which the seizure is based.

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#### CHAPTER 416—H. F. No. 999

*An act relating to school districts, providing for additional levies to retire certain bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 275.121.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 275.121 is amended to read :

**275.121 Bonds of certain school districts, tax levy additional.** In the case of school districts having not more than 1,600 nor less than 1,500 inhabitants, *according to the last federal census*, bonds issued pursuant to Laws 1943, Chapter 526, may be paid by levies in excess of the limitations imposed by Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.12.

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CHAPTER 417—H. F. No. 1067

[Coded]

*An act relating to water conservation and marsh income production through encouraging the establishment of muskrat marshes, providing for the breeding and raising of muskrats thereon, and for the harvesting thereof.*

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

Section 1. [99.28] **Muskrat farms.** Subdivision 1. The owner of any lands within the state suitable for the breeding and propagation of muskrats shall have the right upon complying with the provisions of this act to establish, operate and maintain on said lands a muskrat farm, for the purpose of breeding, propagating, trapping and dealing in muskrats.

Subd. 2. Such owner desiring to establish, operate and maintain a muskrat farm, shall file with the commissioner of conservation a verified declaration describing the lands which such applicant desires to use for the purpose of breeding and propagating muskrats, and setting forth the title of the applicant and the number of acres embraced in the tract.

Subd. 3. Upon the filing of such declaration the commissioner of conservation shall forthwith investigate the same and may require the applicant to produce satisfactory evidence of the facts therein stated. If upon such examination it shall appear that the applicant is the owner of said lands, and the applicant intends in good faith to establish, operate and maintain a muskrat farm, and that the establishment of the proposed area as a muskrat farm is desirable in the furtherance of a sound program of conserving the natural resources