

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 31.31, is amended to read:

31.31 Commercial canneries. All commercial vegetable and fruit canneries, shall be under the supervision and regulation of the commissioner. For the purpose of sections 31.02 to 31.17 and 31.28 to 31.43, a commercial cannery is defined to *mean any place or building where vegetables, fruits, fish or other food is received in a raw or partly processed form, except meat products processed in commercial canneries which are inspected by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, for the purpose of canning in hermetically sealed containers where sterilization by heat is used, or by freezing the same for sale as and for food in any other type of vessel, bottle, can, bag, container or other type or form of package, and the products placed on the market for general consumption as human food; but shall not include private homes where farmers or others may pack or preserve vegetables, fruits, fish or other food products for their own use. At such times as the commissioner may deem proper, he shall cause all commercial canneries to be inspected, and shall require the correction of all unsanitary conditions or practices found therein, and may search and enter all cupboards, closets, or any other places in such canneries for the purpose of discovering any chemical preservatives or adulterants which he has reason to believe are used or intended to be used in the canning, freezing or preserving of vegetables, fruits, fish or other food products, except meat products processed in commercial canneries which are inspected by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, and for enforcing the provisions thereof.*

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 500—H. F. No. 1012

An act granting to certain towns certain powers regarding a system of waterworks and sewage disposal plant therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 368.50, 368.51, 368.52, 368.53; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 368.54, 368.55.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 368.50, is amended to read:

368.50 Towns; waterworks system and sewage disposal

plant. *In addition to the existing powers of the town, the town board of any town having more than 3,000 inhabitants, excluding the inhabitants of incorporated villages or cities therein, and an assessed valuation of taxable property, exclusive of money and credits, of more than \$10,000,000, may erect, construct, maintain, and operate a system of waterworks and sewage disposal plant and lay and construct within the platted area thereof such sewers leading to the plant and other equipment necessary to the operation thereof as the board deems advisable. The board may enter into a contract with any city or village located in the town or adjacent thereto for the care, maintenance, and operation of the waterworks, sewage disposal plant, and sewers.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 368.51, is amended to read:

368.51 Payment of cost, bonds. *The cost thereof may be paid from the general revenue funds. If these funds are insufficient therefor the board may issue the negotiable bonds of the town to the amount authorized by the board. The board fixes the denominations and the place and time of payment thereof, which time shall not be more than 25 years from the date thereof. The bonds mature serially and bear interest at a rate not in excess of five percent per annum payable semi-annually. The bonds may not be sold for less than their par value and accrued interest thereon. Section 475.60 governs the issuance, negotiation, and sale of the bonds and the proceeds of the bonds may be used only in payment of the cost of the erection, construction, maintenance, and operation of the system of waterworks and sewage disposal plant in the event the general revenue funds are insufficient to pay that cost.*

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 368.52, is amended to read:

368.52 Tax levy. *The full faith and credit of the town is pledged for the payment of these bonds and the current interest thereon. Each year the board shall include in the tax levy an amount sufficient to pay interest on the bonds as it accrues and to accumulate a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds at maturity. The town board may levy a tax to pay the principal and interest owing on the bonds commencing with the year 1951 and continuing until the bonds and interest are paid in full in addition to the annual tax levy now permitted by law in the town.*

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 368.53, is amended to read:

368.53 Bonds; form, sale. *These bonds when issued*

shall be sealed with the *town* seal and signed by the chairman of the board and the town clerk, but the signatures to any coupons attached to the bonds may be lithographed thereon. The bonds shall be sold in such proportions of the whole amount authorized as the town board determines. The total principal amount of bonds issued may not exceed \$131,000.

Sec. 5. **Repealer.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 368.54, 368.55, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 501—H. F. No. 1143

[Coded]

An act relating to fire protection for unorganized townships and authorizing the county board to levy taxes for said purpose.

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

Section 1. [365.243] **Fire protection for unorganized townships.** [Subdivision 1.] In any county of this state containing one or more unorganized townships the county board may provide fire protection for such unorganized township or townships and may levy taxes upon the property in such unorganized township or townships for such purpose.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] Under Minnesota Statutes 1953, sections 365.15 to 365.18 and section 365.20 a county board acts for unorganized territory within its county and no authority from the electors of such territory to the county board is required; any act of a county board in providing fire protection in and levying taxes therefor in unorganized territory is valid to the same extent as a similar act of a town board of an organized township duly authorized by the electors of the town.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 502—H. F. No. 1180

[Coded]

An act relating to the use of ferrets in the taking of wild animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 100.29.

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