

brought to the attention of the coroner wherein he does not deem it necessary to hold an inquest, he shall *forthwith* file with such clerk a certificate setting forth the facts in relation thereto. For the taking of such testimony the coroner shall be allowed 15 cents a folio and 25 cents for such certificate. The clerk of the district court shall forthwith duly file *and* index such case or proceeding.

Approved February 28, 1955.

CHAPTER 74—H. F. No. 624

An act relating to economic poison; amending the definition of economic poison to include weeds and to the powers of the commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food in relation thereto; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 24.02, Subdivision 6, Section 24.074 and Section 24.077.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 24.02, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Economic poison.** The term "economic poison" shall include any substance or mixture of substances intended for use in preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any and all insects, rodents, fungi (including bacteria), *weeds*, and other forms of plant or animal life which the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dairy and Food shall declare to be a pest.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 24.02, is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

The term "Herbicide" shall include any substance or mixture of substances intended for use to prevent, destroy, repel or mitigate weeds or other forms of plant life which the commissioner shall declare to be a pest.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 24.074 is amended to read:

24.074 Rules. For the purposes aforesaid, it shall also be the duty of the commissioner to make and publish uniform rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for carrying out and enforcing the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 427, *as amended*, which rules and regulations shall be *promulgated in accordance with section 15.042*. Any person who shall manufacture, use, sell, transport, offer for use, sale or

transportation, or have in possession with intent to use, sell or transport any economic poison or similar article contrary to the provisions of any such rule or regulation or who shall fail to comply with any such rule or regulation, shall be guilty of a violation of Laws 1945, Chapter 427.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 24.077, is amended to read:

24.077 Penalties. *Whoever shall expose for sale or sell within this state any economic poison which is labeled, adulterated or misbranded in any manner other than as specified or required by Section 24.02, Subdivisions 8, 13, 14, 15 and 16 or which is not accurately labeled in the manner specified and required by said subdivisions of section 24.02 or any person violating any of the provisions of laws 1945, Chapter 427 or any regulations made hereunder or now in force, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days for the first offense and in the sum of not less than \$50 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 60 days or both for each subsequent offense.*

Approved February 28, 1955.

CHAPTER 75—S. F. 85

[Not Coded]

An act relating to Firemen's Relief Association and firemen's pensions and levies therefor in cities of the third class having an assessed valuation of over \$5,000,000 and less than \$6,000,000.

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

Section 1. Moorehead, firemen's relief association. The fire department of each city of the third class having an assessed valuation of over \$5,000,000 but less than \$6,000,000 employing 12 or more regular and fully paid firemen and seven or more volunteer firemen and having a population of more than 14,000 but less than 15,000 according to the 1950 federal census shall maintain a firemen's relief association incorporated under the laws of the state. The association shall have perpetual existence.

Sec. 2. Organization, management. The relief association shall be organized, operated and maintained in accordance with its articles of incorporation and its by-laws by fire-