

Sec. 5. [Subd. 5.] The board shall have power to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the operation of plans established under this act, the eligibility and qualifications of state employees participating therein, the character and quality of suggestions and accomplishments submitted for consideration, the method of their submission and the procedure for their review, nominations for merit awards, and the kind and value of such awards, and such other rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary or appropriate for the proper administration of this chapter and for the accomplishment of the purposes thereof.

Sec. 6. **Appropriation.** Beginning July 1, 1955, \$10,000 is appropriated to defray the expenses incurred by the merit award board and for the payments of awards.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 1955.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 754—H. F. No. 1780

An act relating to the powers of the commissioner of administration; authorizing the purchase, acceptance and distribution of commodities or equipment sold or made available by the federal government; appropriating money therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.06, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.06, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Purchases from federal agencies. The commissioner of administration may purchase, accept, and provide for the distribution of commodities or equipment directly sold or made available by the federal government or any of its agencies to the state at public auction or otherwise upon such terms and conditions as he may agree upon with the federal government or its agencies and in compliance with federal law and the rules and regulations provided thereunder. The commissioner of administration may authorize the head of any state department or agency to do any of the things provided in section 1 hereof under rules and regulations prescribed by him.

Sec. 2. Powers additional. *This act is in addition to*

the powers now imposed upon or vested in state officers or departments and relating to their dealings with the federal government or any of its agencies.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 755—H. F. No. 1783

An act relating to wild animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 100.29, Subdivision 10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 100.29, Subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. It shall be unlawful to throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light on any highway, or in any field, woodland, or forest, for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking any wild animal, except raccoons when treed with the aid of dogs, while having in possession or under control, either singly or as one of a group of persons, any firearms, *bow or other implement whereby big game could be killed, unless the firearm is unloaded in both barrels and magazine and properly encased or contained in the trunk of the car with the trunk door closed and in the case of a bow, unless the same is encased or unstrung or contained in the trunk of the car with the trunk door closed.*

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 756—H. F. No. 1816

[Not Coded]

An act creating a commission to make plans for a centennial celebration, commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the states admission to the union.

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

Section 1. **Centennial celebration, state.** The act by which Minnesota was admitted to the Union was passed on May 11, 1858 and in the year 1958, one hundred years of statehood will have elapsed. It is fitting and proper that this notable centennial should be observed and celebrated in the year 1958.

Sec. 2. **Commission.** For the purpose of this great