

of \$1,300 or more per pupil unit in average daily attendance shall receive any aid under the provisions of sections 127.053 and 127.054, but this subdivision does not apply in the case of any consolidated school district formed in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 123.23, in which not less than 85 percent of the lands therein are tax exempt, and this subdivision does not apply in the case of any school district with more than 30 townships in which not less than 50 percent of the lands therein are tax exempt.

Approved April 24, 1957.

CHAPTER 636—S. F. No. 5765

An act relating to chauffeur's licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.44.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.44, is amended to read:

168.44 **Licenses, revocation; limited licenses.** For sufficient cause upon complaint and after hearing, or upon report of conviction by any court in this state of violation of any provision of the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, or a municipal traffic ordinance, or upon report of conviction of any offense in any other state or in any Province of the Dominion of Canada, which, if committed in this state, would be cause for revocation, the secretary of state may revoke the license of any chauffeur who, in the judgment of the secretary of state, should not be permitted to continue as a licensed chauffeur. If a licensed chauffeur is convicted in this state of a major offense, revocation by the secretary of state of his chauffeur's license shall be mandatory. For the purposes of this section, the term "major offense" shall be used to refer to any of the following offenses:

(a) Manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle;

(b) Driving a motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a chauffeur's license, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug;

(c) Any crime punishable as a felony under the motor vehicle laws of this state or any other felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used;

(d) Forfeiture of bail upon three charges of reckless driving all within the preceding 12 months;

(e) Failure of a driver of a motor vehicle involved in an accident to stop and disclose his identity at the scene of an accident resulting in the death or injury of a person.

Whenever a person is brought before any court charged with a "major offense," whether the charge be under state law or municipal ordinance, the court shall, before accepting a plea of guilty or entertaining a judgment of conviction pursuant thereto, inform the defendant that upon conviction not only will he be liable to a penalty, but the chauffeur's license that he may have must be revoked. Whenever in any court a licensed chauffeur is convicted of any violation of the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, or a municipal traffic ordinance, the court shall promptly report such conviction to the secretary of state together with any recommendations that the court may wish to make with reference to the chauffeur's license. Whenever the offense of which the licensed chauffeur is convicted is a "major offense" the court shall, as a part of the penalty, order the convicted chauffeur to return his chauffeur's license promptly to the secretary of state. Failure on the part of a chauffeur to return the license promptly to the secretary of state as ordered by the court shall constitute "contempt of court." The revocation of a chauffeur's license upon his conviction of a "major offense" shall be for a period of *one*, three, six, nine, or twelve months, the length of the period to be in each particular case as recommended by the court on the basis of the seriousness of the offense and the interest of public safety and welfare.

When at least *one month* of a period for which a chauffeur's license has been revoked have elapsed, and if the chauffeur's livelihood depends upon his employment as a licensed chauffeur, the secretary of state may, upon recommendation by the court in which the chauffeur was convicted, issue a limited license to such chauffeur on condition that proof of financial responsibility covering the vehicle or vehicles to be operated shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of the financial responsibility act. The secretary of state in issuing such limited license may impose such condition and limitation as in his judgment are necessary in the interest of public safety and welfare, including re-examination as to the chauffeur's qualifications. Such license may be limited to the operation of particular vehicles, to particular classes of operation, and to particular conditions of traffic.

The limited license issued by the secretary of state shall clearly indicate the limitations imposed and the chauffeur

operating under such limited license shall have such license in his immediate possession at all times when operating as a chauffeur. Such a limited chauffeur's license may also be issued by the secretary of state when in his judgment the privileges of a chauffeur should be limited in that manner because of convictions of other than major offenses against the traffic laws or ordinances or other conditions pertaining to the chauffeur's qualifications.

Approved April 24, 1957.

CHAPTER 637—S. F. No. 588

An act relating to county fair associations in certain counties and providing for payment of certain obligations thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 38.15.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 38.15, is amended to read:

38.15 Sites and buildings. The county board in any such county may also annually appropriate such further sum as it may desire, not exceeding \$7,500, for the purpose of procuring a suitable site and the erection of a suitable county building thereon, for the building or repairing of a race track and for grading and improving the grounds, to be used in connection with such county fair, but the site and the building and improvements shall be and remain the property of the county, and the annual appropriation shall be used only for the purpose of so acquiring the site and building and grading and for the necessary care, repair, maintenance, and up-keep thereof. *In any county in this state now or hereafter having a population in excess of 150,000 and an area of more than 5,000 square miles, the county agricultural society may expend funds appropriated to it for the year 1957 for the payment of debts and liabilities incurred during the year 1956 in the construction of county fair buildings, notwithstanding the provisions of Laws 1941, Chapter 118.*

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CHAPTER 638—S. F. No. 1044

An act relating to drainage; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.031, Subdivision 1, as amended.