

CHAPTER 647—S. F. No. 91

An act relating to the weighing of coal; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 216.42; and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 216.43, 216.44 and 216.45.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 216.42, is amended to read:

216.42 Weighing coal; track scales; powers of commission. The commission shall have power to enforce reasonable regulations for the weighing of cars of coal offered for shipment in carload lots in this state, except coal shipped by any person, company or corporation for their own use or consumption.

All track scales now or hereafter used by common carriers or by shippers of coal for the purpose of weighing carload lots of coal shall be under the control and jurisdiction of and subject to inspection by such commission, and such scales over which the commission assumes control and jurisdiction, shall be exempt from the jurisdiction of sealers of weights and measures.

Sec. 2. **Repealer.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 216.43, 216.44 and 216.45 are hereby repealed as of December 31, 1958.

Sec. 3. **Termination of duties, Railroad and Warehouse Commission.** The duties and responsibilities of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission imposed by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 216.43, 216.44 and 216.45 may be terminated at the discretion of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission and shall terminate the same not later than December 31, 1958.

Approved April 25, 1957.

CHAPTER 648—H. F. No. 1748

An act relating to port authorities, authorizing county tax levies and bonds in aid of seaway port development and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 458.14, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 458.14, as

amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 685, Section 3, is amended to read:

458.14 **Right to levy taxes or special assessments forbidden.** The port authority shall have no right or authority to levy any tax or special assessment, nor to pledge the credit of the state, or any other subdivision or municipal corporation thereof; nor to incur any obligation enforceable upon any property, either within or without the port district, other than property owned by the port authority. Annually, at such time as may be fixed by charter, resolution, or ordinance of the city in and for which any such port authority is created, the port authority shall transmit to the council of such city a detailed estimate, in writing, of the amount of money which in its opinion will be required for the business and proper conduct of its affairs during the next ensuing fiscal year, in excess of any expected receipts from the conduct of its business, or other sources, and any such city, in addition to all other powers now possessed thereby, and in addition to, and in excess of any limitation upon the amount it is otherwise permitted by law to levy as taxes, is hereby granted the power and authority, in its discretion, to levy taxes for the benefit of, and for expenditure by, such port authority, not exceeding in any one year an amount equal to a tax of 15 one-hundredths of one mill upon the dollar of the assessed valuation thereof, upon all the taxable property in such city, excluding money and credits, and any amount so levied for such purposes shall be paid over by the city treasurer to the treasurer of the port authority, for expenditure by it, as above provided. The fiscal year of such port authority shall be identical with the fiscal year of such city. The board of county commissioners of any county in which any such city is located, is also hereby authorized to appropriate for the use of such port authority, and to include therefor in its levy for general revenue purposes, such amount as it may deem proper; provided, that the total amount permitted by law to be levied by any county for general revenue purposes shall not be deemed increased by this provision; the board of county commissioners in any county *entitled to appoint members of a seaway port authority, may annually, upon receipt of a budget as specified above from such port authority, in its discretion levy a tax sufficient to produce a sum not exceeding \$50,000 for the benefit of and for expenditure by such port authority to defray the costs of its current operations in the next ensuing fiscal year which levy shall not be included in computing the amount of levies subject to tax limitations under any other provision of law. The appropriation to a port authority of monies derived from any of the county taxes herein authorized shall not be subject*

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to any budgetary law applicable to said county. Any amounts so appropriated or levied by the county shall be paid over by the county treasurer to the port authority for expenditure by it as herein provided, at such times and in such manner as the county board may provide. *When any city entitled to appoint members of a seaway port authority has secured the approval of two-thirds of the members of the city council of such city to issue its general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which are to be appropriated to such seaway port authority, the board of county commissioners of any county entitled to appoint members of such seaway port authority may by five-sevenths vote issue general obligation bonds of the county in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000, and appropriate the proceeds thereof to be used by such port authority for any or all of the purposes specified in Section 458.15, if the county board by resolution determines that the conservation, development, reclamation, protection and improvement of lands under the jurisdiction of such port authority and the construction of port facilities thereon will promote the public welfare of the county at large and the economic well-being of its people, industries and commerce, and is an essential governmental function of the county, and can best be performed through the medium of such port authority. Any such bonds shall be issued, sold and secured as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 475.60 to 475.753; an election shall not be necessary to the validity of such bonds.*

Approved April 25, 1957.

CHAPTER 649—H. F. No. 1921

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing certain counties to contract with or lease to private parties for the operation of county owned nursing homes.

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

Section 1. Contracts, nursing homes. When the county board of any county having a population of not less than 10,000 nor more than 15,000, and having not more than 28 townships, and having an assessed valuation of taxable property therein of not more than \$4,500,000 has submitted to the electors of the county the question of issuing bonds in an amount not exceeding \$80,000 for the establishment of a county nursing home and at least 77 percent of the electors voting on the question voted in the affirmative, such board may con-