

without first having the appraised value of the timber thereon approved by the commissioner of conservation as therein provided, such sale may be ratified by the commissioner of taxation in the manner herein provided, if prior to the making of application therefor the entire purchase price of said tax-forfeited land has been paid.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 10] Ratification of sale by county board. The purchaser at such sale or the county auditor of the county in which said land is located shall file an application for the ratification of the sale with the board of county commissioners of said county, submitting therewith a statement of the facts of the case and satisfactory proof that the purchase price of such land at the sale has been paid in full. Such application shall be considered by the county board and shall thereafter be submitted by it to the commissioner of taxation with the recommendation of the county board and of the county auditor in all cases wherein he is not the applicant. The commissioner of taxation shall consider said application and if he determines that the conditions above referred to exist he shall make his order ratifying the sale of said tax-forfeited land and transmit a copy thereof to the county auditor of the county in which said tax-forfeited land is located. If any such sale be ratified by the commissioner of taxation, it shall not thereafter be subject to attack for failure to have the timber appraisal approved before the sale. If no conveyance by the state has theretofore been made, the county auditor, upon receipt of said order, shall request the issuance of an appropriate conveyance as provided for in said section 2139-15. If a conveyance has been made by the state of said land pursuant to said section 2139-15, said conveyance shall not thereafter be subject to attack on account of the failure to have the timber appraisal approved before the sale.

Sec. 3. [Subd. 11.] Pending actions, not affected. The provisions of this act shall not apply so as to prejudice the rights of any person in any action or proceeding heretofore commenced to the sale in any court of this state.

Approved April 26, 1957.

CHAPTER 668—H. F. No. 1436

An act relating to fees to be paid to the state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 232.02, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 232.02, as

amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 820, Section 20, is amended to read:

232.02 Licenses. Any person, firm, or corporation operating a public local grain warehouse shall be licensed to buy grain annually by the commission. Application for license must be filed with the commission and the license issued before transacting warehouse business.

Every license shall expire at midnight on the thirtieth day of June, the fee shall be \$10 for each license issued and a license shall be required for each such warehouse operated. The fees collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the general revenue fund. Such license shall be revocable by the commission for cause upon notice and hearing. All licenses, grade rules, and all rules regulating public local grain warehouses shall, upon receipt thereof by the warehouseman, be posted in a protected place in the driveway to his warehouse.

Any person, firm, or corporation, other than a licensed warehouseman, who shall purchase grain from the owner thereof for the purpose of resale shall first procure a license therefor from the commission before transacting such business and shall be subject to the same laws, rules, and regulations as may govern public local grain warehousemen insofar as they may apply. Such license shall be renewed annually and shall also expire on June thirtieth. The fee for each such buyer's license shall be \$10. *The commission may require a separate license for each truck or tractor-trailer unit used in such grain buying.* Before any such license shall be issued the applicant therefor shall file with the commission a bond to the state with a corporate surety, approved by the commission, in a penal sum *to be prescribed by the commission but not less than \$2,500*, conditioned that the applicant will pay upon demand to such owner the purchase price of such grain. Nothing in this section shall apply to anyone purchasing seed grain for his own use or to any person who engages in the purchase of grain for his own use or consumption; but the word "use" or the word "consumption," as used herein, shall not be construed to mean or include the sale of such grain at retail or wholesale; provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to persons, firms or corporations or their employees buying or selling grain in any Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, or Grain Exchange.

Any public local grain warehouseman or such purchaser of grain operating without first obtaining such license shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; each day of such operation

shall constitute a separate offense for which such public local grain warehouseman, or purchaser of grain, shall forfeit to the state \$50 and such operation may be enjoined upon complaint of the commission.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 1957.

Approved April 26, 1957.

CHAPTER 669—H. F. No. 1440

An act relating to buyers of flax straw, hay and flax tow; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 223.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 223.12, is amended to read:

223.12 Purchasers of flax straw. Subdivision 1. **License required; bond.** Any person, firm or corporation, other than a commission merchant, as defined in section 223.01, who shall purchase flax straw, flax tow *or hay* for the purpose of resale shall first procure a license therefor from the commission, before transacting such business. Such license shall be renewed annually, and shall expire on June 30. The license fee for each such buyer shall be \$10. Before any such license shall be issued, the applicant therefor shall file with the commission a bond to the state, with corporate surety approved by the commission, in a penal sum to be prescribed by the commission but not less than \$1,500 conditioned that the applicant will pay upon demand the purchase price of such flax straw, flax tow *or hay*.

Subd. 2. **Unlicensed purchasers guilty of misdemeanor.** Any such person, firm, or corporation purchasing flax straw, flax tow *or hay* for resale without first obtaining such license shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Each unlicensed purchase shall constitute a separate offense for which such person, firm or corporation shall forfeit to the state \$50 and in addition thereto, such unlicensed purchaser may be enjoined upon complaint of the commission.

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective July 1, 1957.

Approved April 26, 1957.
