

## CHAPTER 712—H. F. No. 159

*An act relating to actions for death by wrongful act, the recovery therefor, changing the method of distribution; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 573.02, Subdivision 1, as amended.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 573.02, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 407, is amended to read:

**573.02 Action for death by wrongful act.** Subdivision 1. When death is caused by the wrongful act or omission of any person or corporation, the trustee appointed as provided in subdivision 2 may maintain an action therefor if the decedent might have maintained an action, had he lived, for an injury caused by such wrongful act or omission. The action may be commenced within three years after the act or omission. The recovery in such action is such an amount as the jury deems fair and just in reference to the pecuniary loss resulting from such death, shall not exceed \$25,000, and shall be for the exclusive benefit of the surviving spouse and next of kin, proportionate to the pecuniary loss severally suffered by the death. *The court then determines the proportionate pecuniary loss of the persons entitled to the recovery and orders distribution accordingly.* Funeral expenses and any demand for the support of the decedent, other than old age assistance, allowed by the court having jurisdiction of the action, are first deducted and paid.

If an action for such injury was commenced by the decedent and not finally determined during his life, it may be continued by the trustee for recovery of such damages for the exclusive benefit of the surviving spouse and next of kin, proportionate to the pecuniary loss severally suffered by the death. The court on motion shall make an order allowing such continuance and directing pleadings to be made and issues framed as in actions begun under this section.

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CHAPTER 713—H. F. No. 345

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*An act relating to wild animals and to licenses for the taking thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 98.47.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 98.47, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

[Subd. 12.] *Any inmate of a state mental or penal institution may be permitted to fish in waters contiguous to the lands of the mental or penal institution during the open season so long as they are inmates without obtaining a license but subject to the written consent of the superintendent of such institution.*

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CHAPTER 714—H. F. No. 601

*An act relating to registration, re-registration, and taxation of motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 168.09, 168.10, Subdivision 1, as amended, and 168.31.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.09, is amended to read:

**168.09 Registration; re-registration.** Subdivision 1. No motor vehicle, except as is exempted by section 168.012, shall use or be operated upon the public streets or highways of the state in any calendar year until it shall have been registered, as hereinafter required, and the motor vehicle tax and fees herein provided shall have been duly paid and the number plates issued therefor shall be duly displayed on such vehicle. No motor vehicle, except as provided by section 168.012, which shall for any reason not be subject to taxation as herein provided, shall use or be operated upon the public streets or highways of this state until it shall have been duly registered, as herein provided, and shall duly display number plates as required by the provisions of this chapter, except that the purchaser of a new motor vehicle may operate his motor vehicle without plates, provided that:

(1) Such purchaser shall secure from a person appointed by the registrar for that purpose a permit so to operate his motor vehicle, of which permit such person shall keep a record, on a blank provided by the registrar for that purpose;

(2) The person granting such permit shall forward a copy thereof to the registrar, together with the purchaser's application for registration of the motor vehicle and his payment of the tax;