

the commissioner and the holder of such lease, shall be effective to extend the lease for the period hereinbefore specified.

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CHAPTER 723—H. F. No. 1535

[Coded]

An act authorizing the state fire marshal to establish a fire safety code, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

Section 1. [73.41] **Fire safety code.** The state fire marshal after holding a public hearing in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.042, shall establish a fire safety code. The regulations in the code shall provide for reasonable safety from fire, smoke, and panic therefrom, in all hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, board and care homes, as defined by the State Board of Health, schools, hotels, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 60.91, Subdivision 2.

Sec. 2. [73.42] **Requirements of code, state fire marshal.** The code shall specify reasonable minimum requirements for fire safety in new and existing buildings and facilities. *Regulations may be in accordance with the size, type of construction and nature of use or occupancy of such buildings or facilities.* No regulation made in accordance with sections 1 to 3, shall be inconsistent with the provisions of the statutes nor impair the rights of municipalities to enact ordinances and make orders with respect to buildings as provided by law, so far as such ordinances or orders specify requirements equal to, additional to or more stringent than the regulations issued under the authority of sections 1 to 3.

Sec. 3. [73.43] **Filing of code and amendments.** The code and all amendments thereto shall be filed with the secretary of state and published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 15.046 to 15.049, and in addition thereto a copy shall be provided each local fire marshal, fire chief, building inspector, or other governmental official who request a copy of the code.

Sec. 4. [73.44] **Violations.** Any person who violates any provision of the fire safety code shall be fined not more than \$200 or imprisoned not more than three months or

both. No person shall be convicted of violating the fire safety code unless he shall have been given notice of the violation in writing and reasonable time to comply.

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CHAPTER 724—H. F. No. 1639

An act relating to noxious bushes and weeds; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 20.01, 20.03, 20.04, 20.05, 20.13, 20.19, 20.20, 20.22; Section 20.01, Subdivision 5; Section 20.09, Subdivision 1; Section 20.11, Subdivisions 1, 3; Section 20.12, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4; Section 20.15, Subdivisions 2, 3; Section 20.11, Subdivision 2, as amended; and repealing Sections 20.17, 20.23, 20.24, 20.25, and 219.38.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.01, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Noxious weeds.** "Noxious weeds" means the annual, biennial, and perennial plants *which are deemed by the commissioner to be injurious to public health, public roads, crops, livestock and other property.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.03, is amended to read:

20.03 Authority of state entomologist. *The commissioner shall cause all such rust-producing Mahonia bushes or barberry bushes to be eradicated. He shall make rules and regulations relating to the most convenient and expedient method of eradicating and destroying such rust-producing Mahonia bushes or barberry bushes. He shall appoint agents to enforce the provisions of sections 20.02 to 20.05. He and his agents shall have free access, at all reasonable hours, to any premises to determine whether such rust-producing Mahonia bushes or barberry bushes are growing thereon. He shall require reports from the owners or occupants of any premises as to the presence of such bushes thereon.*

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.04, is amended to read:

20.04 Destruction of bushes. *In pursuance of his powers granted by sections 20.02 to 20.05, when the commissioner, or his agents, shall have found Mahonia bushes or barberry bushes of such rust-producing varieties on any premises, it shall be the duty of the commissioner, or his agents, as*