

*this act shall expire on December 31, 1958, but may be renewed in accordance with the provisions of this section; provided, that the holder of such a license shall have within six months after the passage of this act furnished the secretary of state with the information and material required by sections 326.332 and 326.333.*

Approved April 27, 1957.

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CHAPTER 775—H. F. No. 1888

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the construction of the central office building for the department of highways, and appropriating money therefor.*

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

**Section 1. Highway department, central office building, enlargement authorized.** It is deemed to be in the public interest to modify the plans for the central office building of the department of highways now in the process of construction so as to provide two additional stories and changes incidental thereto. The modification of such plans is required by reason of the expanded highway program set in motion by the Federal Highway Act of 1956. In order that the State be able to avail itself of the benefits conferred by that act, the highway department must be expanded far beyond what was contemplated when the central highway office building was planned and construction commenced. It is further deemed to be in the public interest that the proper State officials be authorized to award contracts or modify existing contracts to carry out the construction of said central office building in accordance with such modification of plans heretofore referred to without complying with competitive bidding requirements.

**Sec. 2. Existing contracts modified.** The governor, the commissioner of administration and the commissioner of highways may award a contract or contracts or modify any existing contract or contracts relating to the enlargement of said central office building upon such terms and conditions as may be arrived at between the contracting parties. Those sections of chapter 16 and chapter 161 relating to competitive bidding, and any other law relating to competitive bidding, shall not apply to any contract or modification of contracts authorized by the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the trunk highway fund a sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect upon enactment.

Approved April 27, 1957.

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CHAPTER 776—H. F. No. 2050

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to certain school districts containing taconite plants; validating certificates of indebtedness issued for school building purposes; authorizing issuance of refunding bonds and the levy of taxes for payment thereof.*

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

**Section 1. School districts containing taconite plants, certificates of indebtedness, validated.** In any school district which has heretofore issued the entire principal amount of school building bonds authorized by Laws 1955, Chapter 540 and has incurred indebtedness exceeding the proceeds of such bonds and issued certificates of indebtedness in the amount of such excess and used the moneys so derived for the purposes for which such bonds were authorized, such certificates in the principal amount of \$336,000 are hereby declared valid general obligations of the school district. Such district is hereby authorized to issue its negotiable refunding bonds in a principal amount not exceeding \$349,500 to redeem and pay such certificates at their optionally callable date or dates, with interest thereon to the date of their redemption, and to pay fiscal and legal expenses incidental thereto. Except as herein-after specified, such bonds shall be authorized, issued, sold, executed and delivered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

**Sec. 2. Tax levy, payment of refunding bonds.** Taxes for payment of the principal of and interest on such refunding bonds shall be levied, certified, spread and collected upon the same classes of properties and in the same proportions and in the same manner as required by Laws 1955, Chapter 540 for the bonds authorized thereby, except that as to the taxes so to be levied upon taconite lands and properties as defined in said Chapter 540, any portion of such taxes levied for the payment of installments of principal of such refunding bonds may be paid without penalty on or before October 31 of the year