

technical assistants and employees as it deems necessary, and it may do all things reasonably necessary and convenient to enable it to accomplish its purposes. The commission shall use the available facilities and personnel of the Legislative Research Committee unless the commission by resolution determines a special need or reason exists for the use of other facilities or personnel.

Sec. 5. Cooperation. Each political subdivision and its officers and employees shall cooperate with the commission in the discharge of its duties and shall furnish it with available records, reports, and other pertinent information upon request.

Sec. 6. Expenses. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made pursuant to the rules governing state employees.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay expenses incurred by the commission. The payment of such expenses shall be approved on behalf of the commission by the chairman and at least one other member of the commission and then shall be made in the manner provided by law. A general statement of expenses of the commission shall be included with its report.

Approved April 29, 1957.

CHAPTER 834—H. F. No. 342

An act relating to occupational disease under the workmen's compensation act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 176.011, Subdivision 15, and Section 176.66, Subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapters 206 and 652.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 176.011, Subdivision 15, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 206, Section 1, [and Chapter 652, Section 1], is amended to read:

Subd. 15. **Occupational disease.** "Occupational disease" means a disease arising out of and in the course of employment peculiar to the occupation in which the employee is engaged and due to causes in excess of the hazards ordinary

of employment and shall include undulant fever. Ordinary diseases of life to which the general public is equally exposed outside of employment are not compensable, except where such diseases follow as an incident of an occupational disease, or where the exposure peculiar to the occupation makes such disease an occupational disease hazard. A disease arises out of the employment only if there be a direct causal connection between the conditions under which the work is performed and if the occupational disease follows as a natural incident of the work as a result of the exposure occasioned by the nature of the employment. An employer is not liable for compensation for any occupational disease which cannot be traced to the employment as a direct and proximate cause and is not recognized as a hazard characteristic of and peculiar to the trade, occupation, process, or employment or which results from a hazard to which the workman would have been equally exposed outside of the employment. If immediately preceding the date of his disablement or death, an employee was employed on active duty with an organized fire *or police* department of any municipality and his disease is that of myocarditis, coronary sclerosis, pneumonia or its sequel, and at the time of his employment such employee was given a thorough physical examination by a licensed doctor of medicine, and a written report thereof has been made and filed with such organized fire *or police* department which examination and report negatived any evidence of myocarditis, coronary sclerosis, pneumonia or its sequel, the disease is presumptively an occupational disease and shall be presumed to have been due to the nature of his employment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 176.66, Subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 206, Section 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Disease contracted within year, exceptions.** Neither the employee nor his dependents are entitled to compensation for disability or death resulting from occupational disease, unless such disease is due to the nature of his employment as defined in section 176.011, subdivision 15, and was contracted therein within 12 months previous to the date of disablement; except in the case of silicosis or asbestosis, in which cases disablement of the employee must occur within three years from the date of such employee's last exposure with an employer in an employment to the nature of which the disease may have been a hazard, and except if immediately preceding the date of his disablement or death, an employee was employed on active duty with an organized fire *or police* department of any municipality and his disease is that of myocarditis, coronary sclerosis, pneumonia or its sequel, the

disease shall be presumed to have been contracted therein within 12 months previous to the date of disablement.

Approved April 29, 1957.

CHAPTER 835—S. F. No. 1545

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the juvenile delinquency and adult crime commission established by Laws 1955, Chapter 789, and authorizing this commission to make further studies, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Interim commission, juvenile delinquency and adult crime. The commission established by Laws 1955, Chapter 789, is hereby authorized to continue the studies authorized by Chapter 789. The study includes but is not limited to the following :

- (a) the juvenile court code
- (b) the laws concerning the juvenile traffic offender and their administration
- (c) foster homes for delinquent children
- (d) detention of children pending disposition by court
- (e) the adequacy of state and county institutional facilities for handling increasing numbers of delinquent children incidental to the great expansion in the total teenage population
- (f) revision and recodification of the criminal laws of the state, substantive and procedural
- (g) sex offender laws and their administration
- (h) integration and modernization of the adult correctional system.

Sec. 2. Advisory committee. The commission is authorized to appoint advisory committees to give assistance, consultation and advice on matters relating to the study directed by this act. The size and number of such committees are left to the discretion of the commission. Members of the advisory committees shall serve without compensation. The commission shall use the available facilities and personnel of the Legislative Research Committee unless the commission by res-