

number plates, the registrar, upon receiving and filing a sworn statement of the vehicle owner, setting forth the circumstances, together with any defaced plates and the payment of a \$1 fee, shall issue duplicate plates specially designed for that purpose. The registrar shall then note on his records the issue of such new number plates and shall proceed in such manner as he may deem advisable to cancel and call in the original plates.

Approved April 17, 1959.

CHAPTER 316—H. F. No. 1148

An act relating to port authorities and seaway port authorities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 458.09.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 458.09, is amended to read:

458.09 Port authority commissions; application to seaway port authorities. *Subdivision 1.* A commission to be known as "Port Authority of" is hereby established in and for every city of the state which has, or shall have over 50,000 inhabitants and which is or shall be situated upon, or adjacent to, or which embraces or shall embrace within its boundaries, in whole or in part a port or harbor located on a navigable lake or stream. Sections 458.09 to 458.19 are expressly declared to be applicable to all such cities, whether now or hereafter existing under a charter framed and adopted under the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article 4, Section 36, or not. Those port authorities now or hereafter having jurisdiction over harbors located on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway system shall be known and are referred to in Sections 458.09 to 458.19 as seaway port authorities. Any such port authority shall be a body politic and corporate in the State of Minnesota with the right to sue and be sued in the names above designated. Any such port authority shall also be considered a governmental subdivision within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01. The exercise by any such authority or commission of any of its powers shall be deemed and held to be essential governmental functions of the State of Minnesota, but any such authority shall not be immune from liability by reason thereof.

Subd. 2. Any port authority, created and existing pursuant to this section, the membership of which has been ap-

pointed under Minnesota Statutes, section 458.10, subdivision 1, shall have jurisdiction and shall be empowered to exercise and apply any and all of its powers and duties, as defined in sections 458.09 to 458.1991, at any place or places within the entire geographical area included within the boundary limits of the city of the first class in which said port authority is located, and said area of operations shall be known and described as the port district. The power to lease property which the port authority, in its discretion, believes suitable and proper to be put to use by the port authority in the execution of its duties and responsibilities is not to be deemed limited to said port district, but the port authority shall have the power to lease such property either within or without said port district for such purpose.

Subd. 3. The provisions of sections 458.09 to 458.19 only shall be applicable to seaway port authorities and the term "port authority" when used in those sections shall be deemed to include seaway port authorities. The provisions of sections 458.191 to 458.1991 shall not be applicable to seaway port authorities.

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CHAPTER 317—H. F. No. 1293

An act relating to private detectives; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Sections 326.331; 326.333; 326.334, Subdivisions 1 and 4; 326.336; 326.337; and 326.338.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.331, is amended to read:

326.331 Licenses. No person shall engage in the business of private detective, investigator, or protective agent for fee or reward unless previously licensed as herein provided. Any person desiring to engage in such business may for each office or agency to be maintained by such person apply to the secretary of state for a license. Upon application by any person qualified under sections 326.331 to 326.339 to engage in such business, the secretary of state shall issue such a license for a period of two years upon the conditions herein set forth, such license to continue for said period so long as such licensee remains a qualified person and complies with the provisions of section 326.331 to 326.339 and with the laws of Minnesota. No person shall be deemed qualified to hold such