

land of such owner from taxation under sections 270.31 to 270.39 *after a hearing held by the county board, notice of which shall have been sent by registered mail to the last owner of record 30 days prior to the hearing*, but such action may be subject to review by the district court. Any lands so withdrawn from under sections 270.31 to 270.39 shall be withdrawn from such taxes at the end of the calendar year in which the actual withdrawal is made and in the succeeding calendar year shall be returned to taxation under the general provisions of the Minnesota Statutes relating to the taxation of lands.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 270.38, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. All taxes imposed by sections 270.31 to 270.39 shall be a lien upon the land and all forest products growing *thereon* and severed *therefrom* until the tax is paid. The tax shall be annually extended by the county auditor and shall be collected *and distributed* in the manner provided by law for the collection *and distribution* of ad valorem taxes.

Sec. 9. *Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 270.38, Subdivision 10, is hereby repealed.*

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CHAPTER 442—H. F. No. 1517

An act relating to firearms safety; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Sections 97.81, Subdivisions 1 and 2, 97.82, 97.83, Subdivision 1, 97.85, Subdivisions 1 and 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 97.84.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 97.81, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Safe use of firearms.** The commissioner of conservation is authorized and directed to publish rules and regulations establishing a state-wide program of instruction in the safe use of firearms.

Such regulations shall provide for courses of instruction in every municipality or school district in this state by the commissioner of conservation in cooperation with organizations, groups, associations and any private or public corporation or political subdivision of the state, the United

States, or any federal agency. The courses shall instruct the youth of the state in the commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and in the handling of all types of common hunting firearms.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 97.81, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The commissioner or his authorized agent shall issue a certificate of satisfactory completion of the course of instruction required by Laws 1957, Chapter 537, to any person entitled thereto. The form and content of the certificate shall be as prescribed by the commissioner.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 97.82, is amended to read:

97.82 Administration, supervision and enforcement.
The section of warden service of the division of game and fish shall be the commissioner's authorized agent to administer, supervise, and enforce this act. The commissioner shall appoint a qualified person from the section of warden service according to civil service regulations, as warden supervisor of hunting safety and shall prescribe his duties and responsibilities. The commissioner shall provide the section of warden service with such assistants and clerical help as the commissioner shall determine necessary. The commissioner may appoint one or more county directors of hunting safety in each county of the state. Such county director shall be responsible to the section of warden service, and shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation. *The section of warden service may appoint such instructors as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of Laws 1957, Chapter 537, who shall serve without compensation.*

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 97.83, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Possession of firearms.** *Except as hereinafter provided, it is unlawful for any person under the age of 16, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, to have in his possession or under his control any firearm or air gun of any kind for hunting or target practice or any other purpose. Any person between the ages of 14 to 16, who has a certificate herein provided for is hereby exempted. No certificate shall be issued to a person under 12 years of age. However, this section shall not apply to any person using firearms on land owned or occupied as a usual place of abode, by himself, parent or guardian. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 98.47, Subdivision 10 and Minnesota Stat-*

utes, Section 615.10 are not affected hereby, except that it is lawful for any person participating in the foregoing course of instruction to carry a properly encased and unloaded firearm to and from class and to handle the same during such instruction. Also, such person shall be allowed participation in organized target shooting programs conducted under qualified adult supervision.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 97.85, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Instruction fees.** For the purpose of defraying the expense of the program within the state, the division of game and fish shall collect a sum not to exceed \$2.00 from each person who has received the courses of instruction herein provided, and shall deposit the money with the state treasurer, who shall credit the game and fish fund. Counties are hereby authorized to defray expenses for materials and supplies necessary to carry out the firearms safety program from monies previously deposited with the county treasurers for this purpose, as long as such funds shall last, thereafter the section of warden service shall supply materials necessary for the volunteer instructors and directors to carry out the program.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 97.85, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Insurance against liability.** The commissioner shall procure insurance against all liability incurred by the county directors and instructors by reason of any claim for bodily injury, death or property damage made upon any such director or instructor by reason of the performance of their duties under Laws 1957, Chapter 537. Such policy of insurance shall contain a waiver of governmental immunity and such immunity shall not be raised as a defense by the insured, the state, or the county.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 97.84 is repealed.

Sec. 8. *This act shall be in effect on and after July 1, 1959.*

Approved April 24, 1959.
