

on may forfeit the penal sum of said bond or policy, or any part thereof, to the state or municipality named as obligee in such bond or policy.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 340.41, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

340.41 Subdivision 1. **Liquor stores, sale of other commodities.** In any village or in any city of the second class, third class, or fourth class situated in any county containing a city of the first class and having a population of not less than 450,000, and public corporations created under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 360.101 to 360.125, as to major airports operated by such public corporations where the lands constituting the same or any thereof have been detached from cities and villages under and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1957, Sections 360.126 to 360.132, the sale of food, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, nonintoxicating malt beverages, and soft drinks, may be permitted in any liquor store having an on sale license or on sale and off sale licenses which licenses may be issued in combination by the governing body of the municipality.

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#### CHAPTER 541—H. F. No. 1595

*An act relating to taxation of real property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 273.13, Subdivision 14.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 273.13, Subdivision 14, is amended to read:

Subd. 14. **Parking ramps in certain first class cities.** In any city of the first class having a population of not less than 300,000 and not more than 450,000 inhabitants that portion of real property which is assessed as a structure upon the land which is used for the sole purpose of a motor vehicle public parking ramp garage, and purposes incidental thereto which is subject to a general property tax, shall be classified for purposes of taxation, for a period of 15 years from the date of completion of original construction, or the date of initial, though partial, use, whichever is the earlier date, as follows: That part, section, floor or area of such real property

shall be valued and assessed at 20 percent of the full and true value thereof.

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CHAPTER 542—H. F. No. 1239

[Not Coded]

*An act pertaining to the City of Saint Paul and the County of Ramsey; providing for a system of central purchasing to be done by the City of Saint Paul and the County of Ramsey in joint participation; providing that the purchasing for the County of Ramsey be done through the office of the purchasing agent of the City of Saint Paul; and providing for standardization of materials purchased and a procedure for the testing of materials delivered to the City of Saint Paul and County of Ramsey in such joint purchasing participation.*

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

**Section 1. Joint purchasing program.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter provision, city ordinance, or prior law to the contrary pertaining to purchasing by the city of Saint Paul or the county of Ramsey, and in order to promote competitive bidding, effect economies in volume buying, and provide better service, the city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey shall establish a joint purchasing program.

**Sec. 2.** The board of county commissioners of the county of Ramsey and the board of public welfare of the county of Ramsey shall hereafter do and perform all acts necessary and instrumental to the purchase or contract for all supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services required by any department or agency of the county government through facilities of the purchasing department of the city of Saint Paul and for this service shall pay to the city of Saint Paul the cost incurred in providing such services. Such costs shall be determined through an analysis and evaluation of all purchases processed through December 31, 1959, and thereafter through each succeeding calendar year. The manner and methods of computing this cost will be the joint responsibility of the county auditor and the city comptroller. They shall certify the amount of the exact cost to the board of county commissioners and the city council of Saint Paul.