Sec. 8. [221.68] Violations; penalties. Any person who violates or procures, aids, or abets violation of, or fails to comply with, the provisions of this act or any valid order or rule of the railroad and warehouse commission issued hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and, additionally, shall be subject to a penalty of \$50 for each and every day of such failure to so comply, to be recovered for the state in a civil action. Each distinct violation shall be a separate offense.

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## CHAPTER 400-H. F. No. 1315

An act relating to contracts and purchases of the state, providing for the acceptance of certain bids with alterations and erasures, amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 16.08.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 16.08, is amended to read:

16.08 State contracts; alterations or erasures on bids; explanation; contracts and purchases, award of. All contracts and purchases made by or under the supervision of the commissioner or any state department or agency for which competitive bids are required shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration conformity with the specifications, terms of delivery, and other conditions imposed in the call for bids. The commissioner shall have power to decide as to the lowest responsible bidder for all purchases. As to contracts other than for purchases, the head of the interested department or agency shall make the decision, subject to the approval of the commissioner. Any or all bids may be rejected, and a bid shall be rejected if it contains any alteration or erasure unless the alteration or erasure is corrected as herein provided. An alteration or erasure may be crossed out and the correction thereof printed in ink or typewritten adjacent thereto and initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. The person signing the bid shall also file a certificate with the bid explaining the correction of the alteration or erasure. The commissioner may reject the bid of any bidder who has failed to perform a previous contract with the state. A record shall be kept of all bids, with names of bidders and amounts of bids, and

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with the successful bid indicated thereon. Such record shall be open to public inspection. In any case where competitive bids are required and where all bids are rejected, new bids shall be called for as in the first instance, unless otherwise expressly provided by law.

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## CHAPTER 401—H. F. No. 1330

[Coded]

An act relating to the locating of deserting parents.

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

Abandonment of children; location Section 1. [256.978] of parents deserting their children, access to records. missioner of public welfare, in order to assist in the locating of fathers and mothers who have, or appear to have, deserted their children, may request and shall receive information from the records of all departments, boards, bureaus or other agencies of this state and they shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.61, section 268.12, subdivision 12 or any other existing law to the contrary, provide such information as is necessary for this purpose. Only information directly bearing on the identity and whereabouts of a person owing or alleged to be owing an obligation of support shall be requested and used or transmitted by the commissioner pursuant to the authority conferred by this act. The commissioner of public welfare may make such information available only to public officials and agencies of this state and its political subdivisions and other states of the union and their political subdivisions who are seeking to locate mothers and fathers who have, or appear to have, deserted their children, for the purpose of enforcing their liability for support.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon final enactment.

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