

~~season, or the expiration of a beaver trapping permit, every licensee or permittee having taken beaver or otter, shall present each skin and such other portions of every such beaver or otter as may be required by the commissioner, to the inspection of a state conservation officer, who shall affix to each skin a metal locking seal, in the presence of the licensee or permittee.~~

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

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CHAPTER 207—H.F.No.694

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the state zoological board; regulating the powers and duties of the state zoological board; appropriating money from the Minnesota zoological garden account in the general fund for the acquisition and betterment of public land, buildings, and improvements of a capital nature needed for the Minnesota zoological garden; authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds for this purpose under the provisions of Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution, and appropriating money in connection therewith; creating a state zoological garden bond account in the Minnesota state bond fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 85A.02, Subdivisions 2 and 5; 85A.03, by adding a subdivision; and 85A.04; Chapter 85A, by adding a section; and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 85A.02, Subdivision 8.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 85A.02, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN.** The board may accept and use gifts, grants or contributions from any source ~~for or appropriations made by the legislature for the purpose of~~ the establishment and operation of the zoological garden or for the establishment, improvement or operation of facilities related thereto and necessary therefor at the sites of other zoological gardens located within owned by governmental subdivisions of the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 85A.04, is amended to read:

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85A.04 ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN ACCOUNTS IN THE GENERAL FUND. Subdivision 1. MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN GENERAL ACCOUNT. A Minnesota zoological garden ~~general account in the state treasury~~ is created in the general fund. All receipts from the operation of the Minnesota zoological garden, ~~taxes, gifts, or contributions~~ shall be deposited to the credit of such account and are hereby appropriated annually to the state zoological board to carry out the terms and provisions of ~~sections 85A.01 to 85A.04 this chapter.~~ Such moneys Money in this account may be expended for operation, capital improvements, and equipment of the Minnesota zoological garden and for acquisition of wild and domestic animals for the Minnesota zoological garden or therefor and for grants to other public zoological gardens for similar purposes as authorized by section 85A.02, subdivision 8 payment of the principal of and interest on Minnesota state zoological garden bonds. From and after the completion of the Minnesota zoological garden and related facilities, the balance, if any, on hand in this account on November 1 in each year, in excess of the amount determined by the board to be needed for the maintenance of an adequate working capital and for compliance with the terms of any gifts of money then in the account, shall be transferred to the state zoological garden bond account in the state bond fund, to the amount required for compliance with section 3, subdivision 4.

Subd. 2. MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN BUILDING ACCOUNT. A Minnesota zoological garden building account is also created in the general fund, for the purpose of providing money to the state zoological board for the acquisition and betterment of public land, buildings, and improvements of a capital nature needed for the Minnesota zoological garden; including but not limited to interest to accrue during the period of the construction thereof on money borrowed by the state for such construction. On November 1 in each year prior to the completion of the Minnesota zoological garden and related facilities the balance, if any, on hand in this account in excess of the amount determined by the board to be needed for the payment of claims then due and payable for necessary expenses of such completion shall be transferred to the state zoological garden bond account in the state bond fund, to the amount required for compliance with section 3, subdivision 4. Proceeds of state bonds credited to this fund are appropriated for construction and other permanent improvement and shall be available until the purposes for which the appropriation was made have been accomplished or abandoned, and none of such money shall be canceled. Income from investment of such money shall be credited to this account in each fiscal year. When the purpose of any such appropriation has been accomplished or abandoned, the state zoological board shall so certify to the state auditor. Thereupon the unexpended balance of such appropriation, unless transferred under authority of the appropriation act to another purpose therein

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designated, shall be transferred and credited to the state bond fund. Amounts so transferred and credited are appropriated for the purpose of reducing the amount of tax otherwise required to be levied for the state bond fund by Article IX, Section 6, Subdivision 4 of the Constitution, or for reimbursing the bond fund for amounts previously transferred to the state zoological garden bond account so as to eliminate any prior deficiency covered by the state bond fund, the general fund in the state treasury, or through a tax levy.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 85A, is amended by adding a section to read:

[85A.05] MINNESOTA STATE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN BONDS. Subdivision 1. PURPOSE AND APPROPRIATION. For the purpose of providing money appropriated to the state zoological board from the Minnesota zoological garden building account for the acquisition and betterment of public land, buildings, and improvements of a capital nature, when authorized by law and requested by the board, the state auditor shall sell and issue bonds of the state of Minnesota for the prompt and full payment of which, with interest thereon, the full faith, credit, and taxing powers of the state are irrevocably pledged. The proceeds of such bonds shall be credited to the building account, except that accrued interest and any premium received on sale of the bonds shall be credited to the state bond fund account referred to in subdivision 4, together with any additional sum directed to be so credited by any law authorizing an issue of such bonds. Bonds shall be issued pursuant to this section only as authorized by subdivision 6 or by another law in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Article IX, Section 6, Subdivision 4. Any law authorizing the issuance of bonds in the manner provided in this section shall, together with this section, constitute complete authority for such issue, and such bonds shall not be subject to restrictions or limitations contained in any other law.

Subd. 2. ISSUANCE OF BONDS. Upon request by resolution of the state zoological board and upon authorization as provided in subdivision 1 the state auditor shall sell and issue Minnesota zoological garden bonds in the aggregate amount requested, upon sealed bids and upon such notice, at such price, in such form and denominations, bearing interest at such rate or rates, maturing in such amounts and on such dates, without option of prepayment or subject to prepayment upon such notice and at such times and prices, payable at such bank or banks within or outside the state, with such provisions for registration, conversion, and exchange and for the issuance of notes in anticipation of the sale or delivery of definitive bonds, and in accordance with such further regulations, as the auditor shall determine, subject to the approval of the attorney general, but not subject to the provisions of sections

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15.0411 to 15.0422. The bonds shall be executed by the state auditor and attested by the state treasurer under their official seals. The signatures of the officers on the bonds and any appurtenant interest coupons and their seals may be printed, lithographed, engraved, or stamped thereon, except that each bond shall be authenticated by the manual signature on its face of one of the officers or of an officer of a bank designated by them as authenticating agent. The state auditor shall ascertain and certify to the purchasers of the bonds the performance and existence of all acts, conditions, and things necessary to make them valid and binding general obligations of the state of Minnesota, subject to the approval of the attorney general.

Subd. 3. EXPENSES. All expenses incidental to the sale, execution, delivery and other expenses of bonds pursuant to this section, including but not limited to actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses of state officers and employees for such purposes, shall be paid from the Minnesota zoological garden building account in the general fund, and the amounts necessary therefor are appropriated from that account; provided that if any amount is specifically appropriated for this purpose in an act authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to this section, such expenses shall be limited to the amount so appropriated.

Subd. 4. MINNESOTA STATE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN BOND ACCOUNT IN THE STATE BOND FUND. The state auditor shall maintain in the state bond fund a separate bookkeeping account which shall be designated as the state zoological garden bond account, to record receipts and disbursements of money transferred to the fund to pay Minnesota zoological garden bonds and income from the investment of such money, which income shall be credited to the account in each fiscal year. The amounts directed by section 85A.04, subdivisions 1 and 2 to be transferred annually to this bond account are appropriated thereto, and the legislature may also appropriate to the bond account any other money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. On November 1 of each year there shall be transferred to the bond account all of the money then available under any such appropriation or such lesser sum as will be sufficient, with all money previously transferred to the account and all income from the investment of such money, to pay all principal and interest then and theretofore due and all principal and interest to become due to and including July 1 in the second ensuing year on Minnesota zoological garden bonds. All money so transferred and all income from the investment thereof shall be available for the payment of such bonds and interest thereon, and so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for such payments. The state auditor and treasurer are directed to make the appropriate entries in the accounts of the respective funds.

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Subd. 5. TAX LEVY. On or before December 1 in each year the state auditor shall levy on all taxable property within the state whatever tax may be necessary to produce an amount sufficient, with all money then and theretofore credited to the Minnesota zoological garden bond account, to pay the entire amount of principal and interest then and theretofore due and principal and interest to become due on or before July 1 in the second year thereafter on Minnesota zoological garden bonds. This tax shall be levied upon all real property used for the purposes of a homestead, as well as other taxable property, notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 273.13, Subdivisions 6 and 7, and shall be subject to no limitation of rate or amount until all such bonds and interest thereon are fully paid. The proceeds of this tax are appropriated and shall be credited to the state bond fund, and the principal of and interest on the bonds are payable from such proceeds, and the whole thereof, or so much as may be necessary, is appropriated for such payments. If at any time there is insufficient money from the proceeds of such taxes to pay the principal and interest when due on Minnesota zoological garden bonds, such principal and interest shall be paid out of the general fund in the state treasury, and the amount necessary therefor is hereby appropriated, with such sums from tax levies and the general fund subject to future reimbursement to the bond fund by the Minnesota zoological garden bond account as indicated in section 2, subdivision 2 of this act.

Subd. 6. BOND AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS. For the purpose of providing money for the acquisition and betterment of public land, buildings, and improvements of a capital nature needed for the Minnesota zoological garden in accordance with the comprehensive plan of the state zoological board adopted in accordance with section 85A.02, subdivision 2, the state auditor is directed to sell and issue Minnesota zoological garden bonds in the amount of \$23,025,000 in the manner and upon the conditions provided in subdivisions 1 to 5. The state auditor may sell or issue an additional \$2,350,000 of bonds, but no part thereof shall be expended unless equally matched by other than state appropriations. The bonds may include a sum representing interest to accrue on the bonds from and after its date of issue through the anticipated period of construction and development of the zoological garden, which sum is needed for the payment and security of the interest payments during that period, but in no event shall the bonds exceed the maximum amount stated above. The bonds shall be sold, issued, and secured as provided in subdivisions 1 to 5 and in Article IX, Section 6, Subdivision 4 of the Constitution, except that none of the bonds of any series issued pursuant to this authorization shall mature earlier than one year after the date of completion of the Minnesota zoological garden and related facilities as estimated by the state zoological board at the time of the issuance of such

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series. The proceeds of the bonds, except premium and accrued interest, are appropriated to the Minnesota zoological garden building account in the general fund, for expenditure by the state zoological board for the purpose for which the bonds are authorized in accordance with the provisions of section 85A.04, subdivision 2. In order to reduce the amount of taxes otherwise required by the Constitution to be levied for the payment of interest and principal on the bonds, there is also appropriated annually to the Minnesota state zoological bond account in the state bond fund from the general fund a sum of money sufficient in amount, when added to the balance on hand on November 1 in each year in the bond account, to pay all principal and interest due and to become due on the bonds to and including July 1 in the second ensuing year. The money received and on hand pursuant to this annual appropriation is available in the state bond fund prior to the levy of the tax in any year required by the Constitution and by subdivision 5 and shall be used to reduce the amount of the tax otherwise required to be levied.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 85A.02, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The board shall acquire, ~~purchase~~, construct, equip, operate and maintain the Minnesota zoological garden at a site to be selected by the board but which must be located within the area comprised of the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington. Prior to selection of the site the board shall prepare a comprehensive plan for site location and development which shall be submitted to the metropolitan council for consideration under provisions in section 473B.06, subdivision 6. Any of the above named counties may acquire by gift, purchase, or condemnation a site for the Minnesota zoological garden if the site has been designated by the board as the site for the Minnesota zoological garden, after review by the appropriate legislative committee, and shall convey, without consideration any such site to the state of Minnesota for zoological garden purposes. The zoological garden shall consist of adequate facilities and structures for the collection, habitation, preservation, care, exhibition, examination or study of wild and domestic animals, including, but not limited to mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, crustaceans and mollusks. The board may provide such lands, buildings and equipment as it deems necessary for parking, transportation, entertainment, education or instruction of the public in connection with such zoological garden.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 85A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. In order to encourage and permit the use of and access to the Minnesota zoological garden, the board shall establish

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an admissions policy providing for free admission to the Minnesota zoological garden for all visitors on certain days distributed throughout each year.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 85A.02, Subdivision 8, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 208—H.F.No.723

An act relating to motor vehicles; registration and taxation; vehicles exempt from license fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.012, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.012, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

168.012 MOTOR VEHICLES; VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM LICENSE FEES. Subdivision 1. Vehicles owned and used solely in the transaction of official business by representatives of foreign powers, by the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or vehicles owned and used exclusively by educational institutions and used solely in the transportation of pupils to and from such institutions, shall be exempt from the provision of this chapter requiring payment of tax or registration fees, ~~but all such vehicles except those.~~ Vehicles owned by the federal government, municipal fire apparatus, police patrols and ambulances, the general appearance of which is unmistakable, shall ~~be registered as herein required and display tax exempt number plates furnished by the registrar at cost.~~ In the case of vehicles used in general police work the passenger vehicle classification license number plates shall be displayed and furnished by the registrar at cost; but the exemption herein provided shall not apply to any vehicles, except such vehicles used in general police work, and buses owned and used by the state hospitals and institutions for the mentally ill and mentally retarded or epileptic, unless the name of the state department or political subdivision owning such vehicle shall be plainly printed on both sides not be required to register or display number plates. Vehicles used in general police work shall be registered and shall display passenger vehicle classification license number plates which shall be furnished by the

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