

Subd. 18. Except as otherwise specifically permitted, it shall be unlawful to have in possession in an automobile or any vehicle or on their person, or at or near any waters, a spear, trap, net, seine, or any other device capable of taking fish, except dip nets which may be possessed between the hours of sunrise and sunset during the period of February 16 to April 30, inclusive, and except when acting under permit or contract to trap or seine from the division of fisheries, during the period of February 16 to the opening day for the taking of walleyed pike April 30, inclusive and except that spears, dip nets, bows and arrows, and devices permitted in section 101.51 used for the taking of rough fish may be possessed between the hours of sunrise and sunset after April 30. This subdivision does not apply to nets used in the taking of trout and smelt in season or to seines or traps used for the taking of minnows for bait.

Sec. 3. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 7, 1979.

CHAPTER 71—S.F.No.362

An act relating to Hennepin County; providing for the appointment, compensation, and duties of the medical examiner; amending Laws 1963, Chapter 848, Section 1, Subdivision 2; Section 5; repealing Laws 1963, Chapter 848, Section 1, Subdivision 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Laws 1963, Chapter 848, Section 1, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The board of county commissioners of such county shall designate three duly licensed physicians who shall constitute a Medical Examiner Board. One of such physicians shall be a dean of a Class A medical school as designated by the American Medical Association or a professor of the Department of Pathology in any such medical school, one shall be a member of the Minnesota State Association of Clinical Pathologists. The third member shall be submitted for designation by the Hennepin County Medical Association from its membership. The Medical Examiner Board shall accept and consider applications from doctors of medicine who shall be graduates of a medical school recognized by the American Medical Association and who are members of good standing in the medical profession for appointment to the office of County Medical Examiner and shall rank the applicants such board deems qualified according to the board's opinion of their qualifications and shall submit to the board of county commissioners of such county a report containing the names of the ~~three~~ seven highest ranked applicants, together with a summary of the qualifications of each. The board of county commissioners shall appoint one of the applicants named in such report as County Medical Examiner for a term of four years from the date of such appointment, on a full or part time basis. The County Medical Examiner shall be paid such compensation as the board of county commissioners shall prescribe ~~not to exceed \$12,000 annually~~. Any reappointment to the office of County Medical Examiner shall be made at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the term of such office. Any appointment, other than temporary, to the office of

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County Medical Examiner shall be made by the board of county commissioners as herein provided. The necessary expenses of the Medical Examiner Board shall be paid on order of the board of county commissioners of said county.

Sec. 2. Laws 1963, Chapter 848, Section 5, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Upon notification of such death, the County Medical Examiner or a ~~deputy~~ designee shall proceed to the body, take charge of the same, and, when necessary, shall order that there be no interference with the body or the scene of death. He shall make inquiry regarding the cause and manner of death, reduce his findings to writing and promptly file a full report thereof in the office of the County Medical Examiner. Whenever, in his opinion, death may have resulted from a criminal act, and further investigation is deemed advisable, he shall forward a copy of such report to the county attorney for such county. If he deems it necessary, the County Medical Examiner shall take possession of all property of value of the deceased, shall mark the same with suitable identification, and shall make an exact inventory thereof in his report. He shall take possession of all articles which may be useful in establishing the cause of death, mark the same for identification, and shall retain them safely in his possession as long as the county attorney shall deem them necessary as evidence or for other purposes of criminal investigation. The County Medical Examiner shall release to any law enforcement officer any such property as is needed for the purposes of criminal investigation, and such officer shall return such property immediately upon completion of the investigation. When such property is no longer needed for the purposes of his investigation, or as evidence, the County Medical Examiner shall release the same to the person or persons entitled thereto, and when such deceased person is unknown, the County Medical Examiner shall dispose of such property in the same manner as is provided for coroners by Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 525.393.

Sec. 3. Laws 1963, Chapter 848, Section 1, Subdivision 4, is repealed.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon approval by the governing body of the county of Hennepin and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 7, 1979.

CHAPTER 72—S.F.No.538

An act relating to state lands; authorizing the lease of certain state lands in Itasca County for use by the Itasca Ski and Outing Club, Inc.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. LEASE OF STATE LANDS; ITASCA COUNTY; ITASCA SKI AND OUTING CLUB, INC. Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding the ten year limitation on terms of leases imposed by Minnesota Statutes, Section 92.50, the commissioner of natural resources for such consideration and under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe

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