- Subd. 2. EXCEPTION. The provisions of subdivision 1 do not apply to the importation, acquisition, or exportation of a skunk by a publicly or privately owned zoological park or circus or any other show where a skunk is exhibited but is not in physical contact with the public, or by scientific or educational institutions for research or educational purposes.
- Subd. 3. COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, any person who, on the effective date of this section, is engaged in a business in this state which includes the buying or selling of skunks may continue to buy or sell skunks or to export skunks until January 1, 1985, but shall not import any live skunks after the effective date of this section. Any person may purchase a skunk from a person who is allowed to sell a skunk under this subdivision until January 1, 1985. This subdivision is repealed July 1, 1985.
  - Subd. 4. PENALTY. Violation of subdivisions 1 or 3 is a misdemeanor.
  - Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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## CHAPTER 592 — H.F.No. 1456

An act relating to probate; changing certain records-keeping requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Sections 488A.27, Subdivision 11; and 525.03; Laws 1979, Chapter 303, Article III, Section 43.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 488A.27, Subdivision 11, is amended to read:
- Subd. 11. PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS. Except where the county attorney is specifically designated by law as the prosecutor for the particular violation charged, the attorney of the municipality in which the violation is alleged to have occurred shall have charge of the prosecution of all violations of statutes, including gross misdemeanor violations, ordinances, charter provisions, rules or regulations triable in this court and shall prepare complaints for said the violations.
  - Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 525.03, is amended to read: 525.03 BOOKS OF RECORD RECORDS.

The court shall keep the following books of records:

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- (1) An index in which files pertaining to estates of deceased persons shall be indexed to the court records, in which all proceedings shall be entered in alphabetical order under the name of the decedent, those pertaining to guardianships under the name of the ward, those pertaining to a mentally ill, inebriate, mentally deficient, or epileptic person under the name of such person, those pertaining to wills deposited pursuant to section 525.22, under the name of the testator; after the name of each file shall be shown the file number and, if ordered by the court, the book and page of the register in which the documents pertaining to such file are listed, subject person, together with the case number and the date of the filing of the first document;
- (2) A register, properly indexed, in which shall be listed under the name of the decedent, ward, mentally ill, inebriate, mentally deficient, or epileptic person, or testator, all in which shall be entered the title of each proceeding, the case number and a listing of each document documents, filed pertaining thereto and in the order filed; such list shall show the name of the document, with the date of the filing thereof, and shall give a reference to the volume and page of any other book in which any record shall have been made of such document;
- (3) A record of wills, properly indexed, in which shall be recorded all probated wills with the order of probate thereof;
- (4) A record of bonds, if ordered by the court, properly indexed, in which may be recorded such bonds as may be ordered by the court to be recorded;
- (5) A record of letters, properly indexed, in which shall be entered all letters testamentary, of administration, and of conservatorship or guardianship issued;
- (6) A record of orders, properly indexed, in which shall be recorded all orders authorizing, or refusing to authorize, the sale, mortgage, or lease of real estate, or confirming, or refusing to confirm, the sale or lease of real estate; all orders directing, or refusing to direct, a conveyance or lease of real estate under contract; all orders vacating a previous appealable order, judgment, or decree; all orders refusing to vacate a previous appealable order, judgment, or decree alleged to have been procured by fraud or misrepresentation, or through surprise or excusable inadvertence or neglect; all judgments or decrees of partial or final distribution; all orders of distribution and general protection; and all orders granting or denying restoration to capacity.
- Sec. 3. Laws 1979, Chapter 303, Article III, Section 43, is amended to read:

## Sec. 43. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of section 5 which relate to payments for military service while the decedent was missing in action shall be effective for estates of decedents declared dead after January 1, 1975. The provisions of section 26 shall be

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effective the day following final enactment and shall relate to returns filed pursuant to chapters 291 and 292 prior to and after the effective date of this article. The provisions of section 32 shall be effective for estates of decedents dying after January 1, 1975. The remainder of this article is effective for estates of decedents dying after December 31, 1979 and gifts made after December 31, 1979.

## Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE,

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved March 22, 1982

# CHAPTER 593 — S.F.No. 1499

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for former prisoners of war; appropriating money; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 168.

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

Section 1. [168,125] SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.

Subdivision 1. SPECIAL PLATES; APPLICATION; FEE; TRANS-FER. The registrar shall issue special license plates bearing the inscription "EX-POW" to any applicant who is both a former prisoner of war and an owner or joint owner of a motor vehicle upon the applicant's compliance with all the laws of this state relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers. The special license plates shall be of a design and size to be determined by the commissioner. Plates bearing the "EX-POW" inscription may be issued for only one motor vehicle per applicant.

Application for issuance of these plates shall be made at the time of renewal or first application for registration. The application shall include a certification by the commissioner of veterans' affairs that the applicant was a member of the military forces of the United States who was captured, separated, and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of armed conflict.

The applicant shall pay, in addition to the registration tax required by law, a fee of \$10 for the special license plates issued under this section. The additional fee is payable only when the plates are issued and no additional fee is payable in any year in which tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of number plates. All fees from the sale of the special license plates shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the highway user tax distribution fund.

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