

to examination by the commissioner at any time. *It shall be unlawful for the commissioner, or any public official or employee to divulge or otherwise make known in any manner any particulars set forth or disclosed in any report or return required by this section, or any information concerning the business transacted by any such person, owner or operator so reporting, acquired from his or its records, officers or employees while examining or inspecting any of his or its books or records kept and maintained as required by section 32.18, except as such information is required or authorized to be disclosed in a judicial proceeding by order of the District Court. Except as last stated and with the authority there required, any person violating the provision of this section establishing the confidential character of such information and the reports or returns required to be made and filed with the commissioner shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.*

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the commissioner from publishing statistics so classified as not to disclose the identity of particular returns or reports or any item or entry therein contained.

Approved April 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 661—S. F. No. 795

An act relating to increase in the amount of maximum pay for prisoners in correctional institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 640.31.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 640.31, is amended to read :

640.31 Compensation paid to prisoners. The commissioner of public welfare is authorized and empowered to provide for the payment to prisoners confined in the state prison or in the state reformatory for men, and the state reformatory for women of such pecuniary compensation as he may deem proper, such payment to be not less than 15 cents nor more than 80 cents per day for each day worked, the amount of compensation to depend upon the quality and character of the work performed as determined by the commissioner of public welfare and the warden or superintendent, provided that such prisoners who because of illness or physical disability cannot work may be paid not to exceed 15 cents per day. Such earnings shall be paid out of the fund provided for the carrying on

of the work in which the prisoner is engaged when employed on state account, or from the current expense fund of the institution as the commissioner of public welfare shall determine.

Approved April 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 662—S. F. No. 796

An act relating to the state institution for mentally deficient at Faribault and the state institution for mentally deficient and epileptic at Cambridge, amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 252.015.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 252.015 is amended to read:

252.015 State schools and hospitals. The state institution for the mentally deficient located at Faribault shall hereafter be known and designated as the *Faribault State School and Hospital*, and the state institution for the *mentally deficient or epileptic* located at Cambridge shall hereafter be known and designated as the Cambridge State School and Hospital.

Approved April 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 663—S. F. No. 856

An act relating to the purchase of tax-forfeited lands by veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.031.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.031, is amended to read:

282.031 Agricultural land, purchase by veterans. Any veteran of World War I or II or any veteran who has had active service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority, who is desirous of securing land for agricultural development may at any time prior to June 30, 1957, make application to the county board of the county in which the land is located to purchase not to exceed 200 acres of *contiguous* tax-forfeited land which has been classified as non-conservation or agri-