CHAPTER 36—H. F. No. 112

An act relating to municipal obligations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 475.56.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 475.56, is amended to read:

475.56 Interest rates; coupons. Any municipality issuing obligations under any law may issue obligations bearing interest at a single rate or at rates varying from year to year which may be lower or higher in later years than in earlier years. Such higher rate for any period prior to maturity may be represented in part by separate coupons designated as additional coupons, extra coupons or B coupons. Each rate shall be in an integral multiple of ½ or 1/10 of 1 percent per annum as specified in the obligations, but the highest rate contracted to be so paid shall not exceed the maximum rate authorized by the law. This section does not authorize a provision in any such obligations for the payment of a higher rate of interest after maturity than before.

Approved February 23, 1959.

CHAPTER 37-H. F. No. 190

An act relating to the prevention of forest fires; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 88.22.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 88.22, is amended to read:

88.22 Closing of forest areas. When the commissioner of conservation shall determine that conditions conducive to forest fire hazards exist in the forest areas of the state and that the presence of persons in the forest areas tends to aggravate forest fire hazards, render forest trails impassable by driving thereon during wet seasons and hampers the effective enforcement of state timber trespass and game laws, he may by written order, close any road or trail leading into any land used for any conservation purposes, to all modes of travel except that considered essential such as residents traveling to and from their homes or in other cases to be determined by the authorized forest officers assigned to guard the area. The commissioner may also, upon such determination, by written

order, prohibit the building of all campfires except by permit issued by an authorized officer; and the *commissioner* also may, by written order, prohibit smoking except at places of habitation or automobiles or other enclosed vehicles properly equipped with an efficient ash tray.

The commissioner may close any public or private dumping area, by posting such area as closed to dumping, whenever he deems it necessary for the prevention of forest fires. Thereafter no person shall deposit refuse of any kind within, or adjacent to such closed area, or along the road leading thereto.

The commissioner shall establish such minimum standards governing public and private dumping areas as he deems necessary for the prevention of forest fires.

Any violations of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 38-H. F. No. 191

An act relating to the sale of timber in lots of limited value; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 90.46, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 90.46, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. State timberlands, bond. Before any permit for cutting timber sold hereunder shall be issued or shall become effective for any purpose, the purchaser shall give a good and sufficient bond to the state, in double the total sale price of the timber, with corporate surety, conditioned upon the faithful performance by the purchaser and his assigns or successors in interest of all the terms and conditions of the permit and all applicable provisions of law. The bond shall be approved as to form and execution by the attorney general, shall be approved by the commissioner, and shall be filed in the office of the commissioner or such other officer under his authority as he may direct. If such bond is not furnished within 90 days after the date of the sale, the sale shall be void and the deposit made by the purchaser shall be forfeited to the state.

Approved February 23, 1959.