

(7) The port authority shall have no power to levy special assessments or establish local improvement districts;

(8) The city of Winona, or the port authority, with the approval by resolution of the city council, may exercise any and all of the powers referred to in Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.191 for the acquisition and betterment of recreational land, buildings, and facilities within or outside their corporate limits; ~~and~~

(9) On or before October 15 in each year the port authority shall report to the city council the amount of earnings, income, or other surplus funds which are in its judgment available for transfer to the sinking fund for any general obligation bonds of the authority, for the reduction of tax levies for the payment of such bonds, and the council shall determine by resolution what amount shall be so transferred; and

(10) The port authority shall have the power to purchase or lease real property in the state of Wisconsin for barge fleeting purposes or recreation activities or both.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon approval of the port authority of Winona and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 19, 1973.

CHAPTER 115—H.F.No.1268

An act relating to railroads; regulations; requiring certain equipment on caboose cars; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 219.56.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 219.56, is amended to read:

219.56 RAILROADS; CABOOSE CARS; EQUIPMENT. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or company operating any railroad in the state to require or permit the use of any caboose cars unless the caboose cars be at least 24 feet in length, exclusive of platforms, and be provided with a door at each end thereof, and with dry hopper, gas or electric incinerator or other

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suitable toilet facilities, cupolas, or bay windows, platforms, guard rails, grab irons, and steps for the safety of persons in alighting or getting on the caboose cars and the caboose cars shall be equipped with at least two four-wheeled trucks. Shatter-proof glass shall be used in the door or doors of the caboose when the present glass in the door or doors is replaced. Each caboose, when placed in service, shall be provided with paper cups and potable water in an amount of not less than one gallon to be supplied by a water cooler, the same to be kept in a sanitary, clean and operating condition. In the event a failure of the required equipment or standards of maintenance occurs after a caboose has commenced to move in service, the railroad operating that caboose shall not be deemed in violation of this section if said failure of equipment or standards of maintenance is corrected at the next initial terminal as defined in section 219.551, subdivision 2. All caboose cars built or purchased after January 1, 1968, shall have the underframing and superstructure thereof, constructed of steel or a material of equivalent strength and, after January 1, 1972, shall also be equipped with a cushioned underframe or cushioned draft gears and shatter-proof glass in all doors and windows, and when said caboose cars are operated at the rear of a train, shall be equipped with a marker or markers which may consist of flags, lamps, flashing lights or reflectorized devices.

Sec. 2. This act is effective January 1, 1974.

Approved April 19, 1973.

CHAPTER 116—S.F.No.244

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An act relating to a uniform act for recognition of acknowledgments; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 358.12, 358.13, 358.22, 358.23, 358.24, 358.26, and 358.27.

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

Section 1. **[358.32] UNIFORM RECOGNITION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ACT.** For the purposes of this act, "notarial acts" means acts which the laws and regulations of this state authorize notaries public of this state to perform, including the administering of oaths and affirmations, taking proof of execution and acknowledgments of instruments, and attesting documents. Notarial acts may be performed outside this state for use in this

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