

In Ramsey county, the sheriff shall charge ~~a~~an additional fee ~~of \$1 to be set by the county board~~ for receiving, indexing and putting in line for service each summons and complaint left with him for service. This fee is in addition to other fees now provided by law, and is to be absorbed by the plaintiff in the action. It is not to be charged to the defendant nor taxed as costs against him in the action or any proceedings ancillary thereto.

Sec. 2. APPROVAL BY BOARD. This act shall take effect upon its approval by the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved February 20, 1976.

CHAPTER 14—S.F.No.1541

[Not Coded]

An act relating to counties and the government thereof and, in particular, to Ramsey county; deleting welfare budget deadline as it applies to Ramsey county.

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

Section 1. **RAMSEY COUNTY; WELFARE BUDGET; DEADLINE.** Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 393.08, does not apply to Ramsey county.

Approved February 20, 1976.

CHAPTER 15—S.F.No.1584

[Coded]

An act relating to public safety; providing for the reporting of malicious false fire alarms and establishing procedures for deactivations of fire alarm systems in educational facilities.

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

Section 1. **[299F.451] PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS; DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. Except where the context requires otherwise, the terms defined in subdivisions 2 to 5 have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Educational facility" means a building used for the gathering of groups of six or more persons for purposes of instruction, including schools, day care facilities, kindergartens, academies, col-

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leges, and universities.

Subd. 3. "Malicious false fire alarm" means an intentional activation of a fire alarm system for mischievous purposes with the foreknowledge that no fire, hazard, or other appropriate threat exists.

Sec. 2. **[299F.452] REPORTING OF MALICIOUS FALSE FIRE ALARMS.** The principal, headmaster, administrator, or supervisor of an educational facility shall report all malicious false fire alarms and the circumstances surrounding the incident to the local fire service.

Sec. 3. **[299F.453] DEACTIVATION OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.** No one shall disconnect or cause to be disconnected all or part of a fire alarm system without the prior knowledge and approval of the local fire marshal or fire chief and the state fire marshal.

Sec. 4. **[299F.454] REQUESTS FOR DEACTIVATION OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.** Subdivision 1. The principal, headmaster, administrator, or supervisor of an educational facility experiencing repeated malicious false alarms may request approval for the deactivation of the fire alarm system only after he has exhausted all other means of stopping the malicious false alarms with the guidance of the local fire service personnel. Requests for approval to disconnect a fire alarm system shall be made in writing to the local fire chief or to the state fire marshal if not in a city of the first class. The request shall include the times, dates, and exact locations of the facilities where the malicious false alarms were initiated as well as all pertinent details regarding these incidents and the effect they have on the educational process of the facility.

Subd. 2. The local fire chief or state fire inspector shall investigate the justification for the requested disconnection of the fire alarm system. This investigation shall be completed and its results transmitted to the state fire marshal within ten working days of receipt of the request for deactivation of fire alarm.

Subd. 3. The state fire marshal shall review each request for deactivation of fire alarms together with the investigation report and shall either approve the request and issue a permit stating the conditions and limitations under which it is approved, or disapprove the request stating the reasons why it has been disapproved and what additional action may be taken by the principal, headmaster, administrator, or supervisor of the facility to eliminate or reduce malicious false alarms in the facility.

Subd. 4. The state fire marshal shall act on each request for disconnection of a fire alarm system within 30 days. An interim permit with specific temporary measures supervised by the local fire chief, fire marshal, or state fire inspector may be issued by the state fire marshal to prevent malicious false alarms while the matter is being reviewed.

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Subd. 5. Additional times beyond the limits set in subdivisions 2, 3, and 4 shall be allowed officials acting on requests for disconnections of fire alarm systems when it is reasonably necessary.

Subd. 6. Approval of deactivation of a fire alarm system shall be valid for a period of three years or less. Conditions under which the request was approved shall be observed by the facility.

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CHAPTER 16—S.F.No.1647

An act relating to natural resources; transferring forest pest control jurisdiction from the commissioner of agriculture to commissioner of natural resources; expanding volunteer programs; eliminating certain restrictions on acquisition of public access; changing license fees for commercial fishing on Lake Superior; prohibiting decoys and erection of blinds on public lands; prescribing penalties for certain violations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 18.341, Subdivision 3; 18.391, Subdivision 1; 85.041, Subdivision 1; 97.55, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4; 98.46, Subdivision 12; 98.47, Subdivision 9; 100.29, Subdivision 18; and 102.28, Subdivisions 2, 3 and 4; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 97.48, Subdivision 15; repealing Laws 1963, Chapter 70, Section 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 18.341, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **NATURAL RESOURCES; REGULATIONS.** Commissioner, shall mean the commissioner of the ~~department of agriculture-~~
natural resources.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 18.391, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

18.391 EXPENSES. Subdivision 1. At the end of each fiscal year and upon completion of the infestation control measures in any zone of infestation, the commissioner shall prepare a certified statement of expenses incurred in carrying out such measures, including expenses of owners covered by agreements entered into pursuant to section 18.381. The statement shall show the amount which the commissioner determines to be its share of the expenses. The share of the commissioner may include funds and the value of other contributions made available by the federal government and other cooperators. The balance of such costs shall constitute a charge on an acreage basis as provided herein against the owners of lands in the zone containing trees valuable or potentially valuable for commercial timber purposes and affected or likely to be affected by the forest pests for which control measures

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