CHAPTER 262—S.F.No.1174

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An act relating to the city of Mankato; authorizing residential property rehabilitation loans and grants.

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

Section 1. MANKATO, CITY OF; RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY REHABILITATION LOANS. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, charter or ordinance, in addition to powers presently held by the housing and redevelopment authority of Mankato, the authority shall have the power to make loans and grants to property owners for the purpose of rehabilitation of residential properties within the city of Mankato, including grants to reduce the effective interest rate on rehabilitation loans made by third parties.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon its approval by the governing body of the city of Mankato and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 25, 1977.

CHAPTER 263—S.F.No.1175

An act relating to taxation; exempting probate deeds of distribution from conveyance recording requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 272.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 272.12, is amended to read:

272.12 CONVEYANCES, TAXES PAID BEFORE RECORDING. When a deed or other instrument conveying land, or a plat of any town site or addition thereto, or a survey required pursuant to section 508.47, is presented to the county auditor for transfer, he shall ascertain from his records if there be taxes delinquent upon the land described therein, or if it has been sold for taxes. If there are taxes delinquent, he shall certify to the same; and upon payment of such taxes, or in case no taxes are delinquent, he shall transfer the land upon the books of his office, and note upon the instrument, over his official signature, the words, "no delinquent taxes and transfer entered," or, if the land described has been sold or assigned to an actual purchaser for taxes, the words "paid by sale of land described within;" and, unless such statement is made upon such instrument, the county recorder or the registrar of titles shall refuse to receive or record the same; provided, that sheriff's or referees' certificates of sale on execution or foreclosure of a lien or mortgage, deeds of distribution made by a personal representative in probate

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proceedings, decrees and judgments, receivers receipts, patents, and copies of town or statutory city plats, in case the original plat filed in the office of the county recorder has been lost or destroyed, and the instruments releasing, removing and discharging reversionary and forfeiture provisions affecting title to land and instruments releasing, removing or discharging easement rights in land or building or other restrictions, may be recorded without such certificate; and, provided that instruments conveying land and, as appurtenant thereto an easement over adjacent tract or tracts of land, may be recorded without such certificate as to the land covered by such easement; and, provided, further, that any instrument granting an easement made in favor of any public utility or pipe line for conveying gas, liquids or solids in suspension, in the nature of a right of way over, along, across or under a tract of land may be recorded without such certificate as to the land covered by such easement.

A violation of this section by the county recorder or the registrar of titles shall be a gross misdemeanor, and, in addition to the punishment therefor, he shall be liable to the grantee of any instrument so recorded for the amount of any damages sustained.

When, as a condition to permitting the recording of deed or other instrument affecting the title to real estate previously forfeited to the state under the provisions of sections 281.16 to 281.27, county officials, after such real estate has been purchased or repurchased, have required the payment of taxes erroneously assumed to have accrued against such real estate after forfeiture and before the date of purchase or repurchase, the sum required to be so paid shall be refunded to the persons entitled thereto out of moneys in the funds in which the sum so paid was placed. Delinquent taxes are those taxes deemed delinquent under section 279.02.

Approved May 25, 1977.

CHAPTER 264-S.F.No.1293

An act relating to the Minnesota humane society; restructuring its board; making miscellaneous operational changes; repealing obsolete language; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 343.01; 343.06 and 343.08; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 343.02; 343.04; 343.05; 343.07 and 343.09.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 343.01, is amended to read:

343.01 HUMANE SOCIETY; LAW REVISION; PURPOSES; POWERS; COUNTY ORGANIZATION. Subdivision 1. The Minnesota society for the prevention of eruclty which may also be known or designate itself as the Minnesota humane society is hereby confirmed and continued, with all existing powers, for the purpose of inculcating humane principles, the enforcement of law, and the prevention of cruelty, especially to animals. The Minnesota humane society may make reasonable rules governing the humane care, treatment, transportation, and in extreme cases the disposition by death or

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