233.27; 233.28; 233.29; 233.30; 233.31; 233.32; 233.34; 233.35; 233.37; 233.38; 233.39; 233.40; 235.03; 235.11; 235.12; 235.14; 235.15; 235.16; 235.17; and 235.19, are repealed.

Sec. 33. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act takes effect the day following its final enactment.

Approved April 11, 1974.

## **CHAPTER 549—H.F.No.3368**

An act relating to veterans; rewards and privileges; preference; removal; requiring a veteran to request in writing a hearing on removal; requiring notification of intent to discharge to be in writing; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 197.46.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 197.46, is amended to read:

197.46 VETERANS PREFERENCE ACT; REMOVAL FORBID-DEN; RIGHT OF MANDAMUS. Any person whose rights may be in any way prejudiced contrary to any of the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus to remedy the wrong. No person holding a position by appointment or employment in the state of Minnesota or in the several counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts and all other political subdivisions or agencies thereof, who is an honorably discharged veteran, shall be removed from such position or employment except for incompetency or misconduct shown after a hearing, upon due notice, upon stated charges, in writing.

Any veteran who has been notified of the intent to discharge him from an appointed position or employment pursuant to this section shall be notified in writing of such intent to discharge and of his right to request a hearing within 60 days of receipt of the notice of intent to discharge. The failure of a veteran to request a hearing within the provided 60-day period shall constitute a waiver of his right to a hearing. Such failure shall also waive all other available legal remedies for reinstatement.

Request for a hearing concerning such a discharge shall be made in writing and submitted by mail or personal service to the employment office of the concerned employer or other appropriate office or person.

In all governmental subdivisions having an established civil service board or commission, or merit system authority, such hearing for

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removal or discharge shall be held before such civil service board or commission or merit system authority. Where no such civil service board or commission or merit system authority exists, such hearing shall be held by a board of three persons appointed as follows: one by the governmental subdivision, one by the veteran, and the third by the two so selected. In the event the two persons so selected do not appoint the third person within ten days after the appointment of the last of the two, then the judge of the district court of the county wherein the proceeding is pending, or if there be more than one judge in said county then any judge in chambers, shall have jurisdiction to appoint. and upon application of either or both of the two so selected shall appoint, the third person to the board and the person so appointed by the judge with the two first selected shall constitute the board. The veteran may appeal from the decision of the board upon the charges to the district court by causing written notice of appeal, stating the grounds thereof, to be served upon the governmental subdivision or officer making the charges within 15 days after notice of the decision and by filing the original notice of appeal with proof of service thereof in the office of the clerk of the district court within ten days after service thereof. Nothing in sections 197.45 and 197.46 shall be construed to apply to the position of private secretary, teacher, superintendent of schools, or one chief deputy of any elected official or head of a department, or to any person holding a strictly confidential relation to the appointing officer. The burden of establishing such relationship shall be upon the appointing officer in all proceedings and actions relating thereto.

All officers, boards, commissions, and employees shall conform to, comply with, and aid in all proper ways in carrying into effect the provisions of sections 197.45 and 197.46. Any wilful violation of such sections by officers, officials, or employees is a misdemeanor.

Approved April 11, 1974.

## CHAPTER 550—H.F.No.3436 [Coded]

An act relating to public safety; authorizing the commissioner of public safety to promulgate a uniform fire code; adopting the uniform fire code, 1973 edition, promulgated by the international conference of building officials and the western fire chiefs association, until the commissioner promulgates a code.

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

Section 1. [299F.011] UNIFORM FIRE CODE; ADOPTION. Subdivision 1. The commissioner of public safety through the division of fire marshall may promulgate a uniform fire code and make amendments thereto in accordance with the administrative procedure act,

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