Sec. 4. [138.74] CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS. The governing bodies of the subdivisions of the state in which these historic districts are located shall have the power to create an historic district board or commission for the purpose of providing architectural control of these areas.

Said board or commission shall have the power to provide special zoning conditions for these historic districts, whether owned or controlled privately or by a public body, to impose regulations governing construction, alteration, demolition and use, and to adopt other measures appropriate for the preservation, protection and perpetuation of these historic districts designated by the state of Minnesota.

The governing body of the subdivision of the state in which these historic districts are located may amend zoning ordinances to encompass these historic districts in zoning legislation to insure the maintenance of the character of each historic district designated in this act.

Said governing body shall have the authority to prevent the construction of buildings of a character not in conformity with that of the historic district.

Said governing body shall have the authority to remove blighting influences, including signs, unsightly structures and debris, incompatible with the maintenance of the physical well-being of the historic district.

- Sec. 5. [138.75] CITATION. This act may be cited as "The Minnesota Historic District Act of 1971."
- Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is in effect on and after July 1, 1971.

Approved June 3, 1971.

## CHAPTER 710-H.F.No.2116

An act relating to fireworks; permissible uses for blank cartridges; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 624.23.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 624.23, is amended to read:

Changes or additions indicated by underline, deletions by strikeout.

624.23 FIREWORKS; BLANK CARTRIDGES AS BIRD OR ANIMAL REPELLING DEVICES. Nothing in sections 624.20 to 624.25 shall be construed to prohibit any resident wholesaler, dealer, or jobber, from selling at wholesale such fireworks as are not herein prohibited; or the sale of any kind of fireworks for shipment directly out of the state; or the use of fireworks by airplanes and railroads, or other transportation agencies for signal purposes or illumination; or the sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or theater, or for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports, or for use by military organizations or for use as a bird or animal repelling device.

Approved June 3, 1971.

## CHAPTER 711—H.F.No.2127

[Not Coded]

An act relating to Independent School District No. 709; permitting the mandatory retirement of employees after age 65.

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

Section 1. INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709; MANDATORY RETIREMENT. The school board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis county, Minnesota, is hereby empowered to adopt by policy, rule or agreement a provision for the mandatory retirement of all employees of the school district on or after their 65th birthday but in no event later than their 68th birthday for certified employees and 67th birthday for all civil service employees.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1971, and upon approval by the school board of Independent School District No. 709 and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved June 3, 1971.

## CHAPTER 712—H.F.No.2159

[Not Coded]

An act relating to Independent School District No. 625; providing funds for construction and equipping of administration building.

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