

which shall be considered by the fence viewers as equivalent to any of the fences herein described shall be deemed legal and sufficient fences. In all cases where adjoining land owners disagree as to the kind of fence to be built on any division line, the matter shall be referred to the fence viewers who shall determine what kind of fence shall be built on such line and shall order such fence built according to law. Whenever the lands of two persons adjoin, and the land of one of such persons is enclosed on all sides except the side forming a division line between such lands by a woven wire fence, then and in such case each of such persons shall erect a fence of like character and quality along such division line for a distance of one-half the total length thereof, and shall thereafter maintain the same in equal shares.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1917.

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#### CHAPTER 409—H. F. No. 706.

*An act giving the state of Minnesota a claim in certain cases against the estate of insane persons who died while within a state institution.*

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

Section 1. **Claim for maintenance of patient in state institutions.**—Whenever any patient in a state institution for the insane dies and does not leave surviving him spouse, children, grandchildren or parents, then and in such case the state shall have a claim for maintenance, treatment and support against the estate of such deceased person, which claim shall be computed at the rate of one hundred twenty dollars per year for the time such person was in such institution and be verified by the superintendent of the institution wherein such deceased person was confined. Provided, however, that the estate of such deceased insane person shall be entitled to a credit upon such claim of any sum or sums of money that may have been paid to the state for his or her maintenance, treatment or support in such institution.

Sec. 2. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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