

## CHAPTER 478—S. F. No. 179.

*An act amending Section 1142, General Statutes 1913, relating to the duties of town boards.*

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

Section 1. **Board of supervisors—Duties.**—That Section 1142, General Statutes 1913, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

1142. **How constituted—Duties.**—The supervisors of each town shall constitute a board to be designated "The town board of ....., " and any two shall constitute a quorum, except when otherwise provided. They shall have charge of all the affairs of the town not by law committed to other officers. They shall draw orders on the treasurer for the disbursement of money to pay the town expenses, and for all moneys raised by the town to be disbursed for any other purpose. They may prohibit or license and regulate the keeping of billiard, pool, and pigeonhole tables, bowling alleys and may license and regulate public dancing places, fix the price and time of continuance of such license, and, whenever in their opinion the public interest requires it, revoke the same. They may select and designate a bank as the depository of town moneys for a time not extending beyond their official term, on the execution by such bank of a sufficient bond to the town, in double the sum deposited, to be approved by the board and filed in the office of the town clerk, and thereupon may require the treasurer to deposit all or any part of the town moneys in such bank. Such designation shall be in writing, and shall set forth all the terms and conditions upon which the deposits are made, be signed by the chairman and clerk, and filed with the clerk. The town treasurer shall not be liable for the loss of moneys while so deposited, and all interest thereon shall belong to the town.

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

Approved April 23, 1921.

## CHAPTER 479—S. F. No. 262.

*An act amending Chapter 511 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1919 relating to hotel and inn-keepers.*

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

Section 1. **Hotel and innkeepers to have safes.**—Amend Section 1 of said Chapter 511 of the Session Laws of 1919 so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. No inn or hotel keeper who has constantly in his or its inn or hotel a metal safe or suitable vault in good order and fit

for the custody of money, bank notes, jewelry, articles of gold and silver manufacture, precious stones, personal ornaments, railway mileage books or tickets, negotiable or valuable papers, and bullion, and who keeps on the doors of the sleeping rooms used by guests suitable locks or bolts and suitable fastenings on the transoms and windows of said rooms, and who keeps a copy of this section, printed in distinct type, constantly and conspicuously posted in the office and on the inside of the entrance door of every bedroom and to every parlor and other public room in the building, shall be liable for the loss of or injury to property suffered by any guest unless such guest has offered to deliver the same to such innkeeper or hotel keeper for custody in such metal safe or vault, and such innkeeper or hotel keeper has omitted or refused to take the same and deposit it in such safe or vault for custody and to give such guest a receipt therefor. Provided, however, that the keeper of any such inn or hotel shall not be liable for the loss, destruction or injury of or to any property hereinbefore described for more than the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) unless the same shall be lost, destroyed or injured through theft or negligence of such innkeeper or hotel keeper. *Provided further that no keeper of any inn or hotel shall be required to accept for safe keeping as aforesaid property in excess of the value of five hundred (\$500) dollars unless such acceptance thereof is in writing.*

Sec. 2. **Liability of hotel and innkeeper.**—Add to said Chapter 511 of the Session Laws of 1919 another section to be known as Section 2½ to be inserted between Sections 2 and 3 of said Chapter 511, which new section so inserted shall read as follows:

"Section 2½. The liability of the keeper of a hotel or inn for loss, injury or damage to the personal property of a guest of the character described in Section 2 aforesaid, while contained in the room assigned to such guest, shall be that of a bailee for hire and such liability shall not exceed for any one guest on account of such property the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, provided that such loss or damage to such property shall not have resulted from the fault or negligence of such hotel or innkeeper."

Approved April 23, 1921.

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#### CHAPTER 480—S. F. No. 373.

*An act to amend Chapter 141 of the Laws of 1913 relative to the sale of agricultural seeds, their labeling and supervision for the enforcement of this act and the free testing of crop seeds by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.*

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

Section 1. **Definitions.**—The term "agricultural seeds" or "agricultural seed" as used in this act shall include the seeds of red