

be paid from any moneys appropriated to the use of the Compensation Insurance Board their expenses actually and necessarily incurred in performing their duties under this act. The majority of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the performance of the duties of the board. The said board shall maintain an office at the State Capitol, but it may hold sessions or conduct investigations at any place in the state other than the Capitol when deemed necessary to facilitate the discharge of its duties.

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CHAPTER 406—H. F. No. 941

An act to regulate the use of aircraft and to license and regulate operators thereof and prescribing penalties.

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

Section 1. Use of aircraft regulated—License.—No person shall operate any aircraft of any description, other than aircraft owned and operated by the state or the United States, within or over the State of Minnesota, unless such aircraft has first been inspected by the adjutant general as to its safe condition and airworthiness within six months prior to such operation, and certified by him to be safe and airworthy. Such certificate shall be in the form of an official seal or device furnished by the adjutant general to be attached to the aircraft at all times while operated. The maximum passenger carrying capacity of all such aircraft used or which can be used for carrying passengers will be determined by the adjutant general upon such inspection and stated upon such seal or device. No such aircraft shall be operated unless such certificate is attached thereto, nor while carrying a greater number of passengers than the maximum permitted by such certificate.

Sec. 2. Pilots license must be secured.—No person other than members of the military or naval forces of the state or of the United States or employes of the post office department acting in line of duty as such, shall operate any aircraft of any description within or over the State of Minnesota, unless he holds a pilot's license therefor issued by the adjutant general, upon application and after such examination and tests as may be prescribed by him. Such license shall be subject to revocation by the adjutant general at any time for reckless or wild flying or handling aircraft in such manner as to endanger life or property, by the licensee. Such license shall be carried by the licensee at all times when operating aircraft, and shall be exhibited to any person upon request therefor made.

Sec. 3. Certain exhibitions prohibited.—Stunting exhibitions

with aircraft directly over crowds or assemblages of people, or over any city or village and operating aircraft over any city or village at so low a height that it may be impractical without power at any time to glide to a safe landing, are hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful.

Sec. 4. **Fees.**—The fee for the certificate provided in Section 1 hereof shall be \$10.00, provided that every renewal certificate shall be issued for \$2.00. The fee for the pilot's license provided in Section 2 hereof shall be \$10.00. The fees received by the Adjutant General under this act shall be retained and disbursed by his department for the purpose of administering the provisions hereof.

Sec. 5. **Adjutant General to enforce provisions.**—The adjutant general is hereby charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. **Violation a misdemeanor.**—Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 407--H. F. No. 658.

An act codifying, revising and supplementing the laws relating to forestry and to forest and prairie fires; prescribing liabilities and penalties both civil and criminal; and repealing inconsistent acts.

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

Section 1. **Acts supplemental.**—This act shall be deemed and construed as a codification, revision and expansion of, and as supplementary to and taking the place of, the existing laws relating to forestry and to forest and prairie fires, including Chapter 125, General Laws of 1911, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, Chapter 159, General Laws 1913, Chapter 325, Session Laws 1915, Chapter 32, Special Session Laws 1919, and Chapter 33, Special Session Laws 1919, but without abridging or destroying any rights, obligations, liabilities or penalties arising from or under any of said laws prior to the taking effect of this act.

This act shall apply only to the forest areas of this state. Every county now or hereafter having within its boundaries any tract or area of one thousand or more contiguous acres of standing or growing timber or of unbroken prairie land or of cut-over timber land not cleared or otherwise denuded of combustible or inflammable growth, is hereby declared to be a forest area within this act; and every other county is hereby declared not to be such forest area nor within this act. But in the prosecution of any civil or criminal action or proceeding under this act, it shall not be necessary to prove that any county comes within the purview of this act; but the contrary may be proven by any party to such action or proceeding.