

hereunder. No such Savings Bank shall loan upon or invest in bonds of such public utility companies in an amount exceeding in the aggregate 20 per cent of its deposits and surplus, nor exceeding five per cent thereof in the bonds of any one public utility company."

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CHAPTER 423—H. F. No. 656

An act relating to the breeding of game birds and quadrupeds and the issuance of permits to engage in the raising and selling of such animals, and repealing Section 5623, General Statutes 1923.

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

Section 1. Permits to engage in raising of wild animals.—The owner or lessee of any lands within the State of Minnesota suitable for breeding and propagating muskrats, beaver, mink, otter, marten, fisher, raccoon, skunks or game birds shall have the right to establish, operate, and maintain thereon a farm for the purpose of breeding, propagating, and dealing in such animals or game birds and their pelts or products, upon enclosing said lands or portions thereof as hereinafter provided and upon complying with the provisions of this act and obtaining a license therefor as hereinafter provided. Lands to be used for a muskrat and/or beaver farm shall be enclosed with a substantial muskrat and/or beaver proof fence. Lands to be used as a farm for raising other fur bearing animals or game birds shall have suitable enclosures for confining the respective kinds of animals or game birds to be raised thereon.

Sec. 2. Application must be made to commissioner of game and fish.—Application for such license shall be filed by such owner or lessee with the Commissioner of Game and Fish, describing the lands which the applicant desires to use for the purpose specified, setting forth the title or leasehold of the applicant and the number of acres enclosed, specifying the kinds of animals or game birds which the applicant desires to keep and raise, and stating the number and kind thereof already in his possession, if any, and that he obtained the same in lawful manner. Upon the filing of such application the Commissioner shall forthwith investigate the same, and may require the applicant to produce satisfactory evidence of the facts therein stated and of compliance by the applicant with the provisions of this act. If upon such examination it shall appear that the applicant is the owner or lessee of such lands

and intends in good faith to establish, operate, and maintain a farm for the raising of such animals or game birds in accordance with this act, and has complied with all the provisions of this act, the Commissioner shall issue a license to the applicant, describing the lands and certifying that the licensee is lawfully entitled to use the same for breeding, propagating, trapping, and dealing in the kind or kinds of animals or game birds therein specified.

When such license has been granted the licensee shall become the owner of all animals of the kind or kinds specified in the license lawfully held in captivity on such lands as provided by this act and of all their offspring remaining thereon; provided that as to muskrats and/or beaver the provisions of Section 3 of this act shall be complied with.

Sec. 3. Licensee to purchase animals on land.—Upon the filing with the Commissioner of an application for a license for a muskrat and/or beaver farm, the Commissioner shall appoint the game warden stationed nearest to the premises described in the application, the applicant one man, and these two shall select a third man to act as a board to go upon the lands embraced within the license and determine as nearly as possible the number of muskrats and/or beaver thereon at the time of the granting of the license. The necessary expenses of all the members of such Board shall be paid by the licensee. Within ten days after the date of such determination, the licensee shall pay to the Commissioner of Game and Fish 50 cents for each muskrat, and \$2.50 for each beaver so found on said lands. When such payment has been made, the licensee shall become the owner of all the muskrats and/or beaver on said lands and of all of their offspring.

Sec. 4. Licensee shall manage and control land.—The holder of any license issued pursuant to this act shall have the right to manage and control the land described therein and all animals or game birds of the kind or kinds specified in the license, lawfully enclosed or held in captivity thereon as provided by this act and to take and trap the same at any time or in any manner which he sees fit and deems to the best advantage of his business, and to sell and transport the same or the pelts or products therefrom at any time. Such license shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and proceedings of the lawful right of the licensee therein named or his or its successors or assigns, for the term of the license, to establish and operate a farm for the raising of the kind or kinds of animals or game birds specified in the license upon the premises described therein, and shall entitle the licensee therein named or his or its successors or assigns to the exclusive right for and during said term to breed, propagate, trap and deal in

such animals or game birds, their pelts and products, and to the exclusive and sole ownership of any property and of such animals or game birds caught or taken thereupon.

Sec. 5. Pelts to be tagged by commissioner.—When any pelts or products of any animals or game birds raised by any licensee under the provisions of this act are sold or transported, the same shall be tagged with a tag, to be furnished by the Commissioner to the licensee at cost, not exceeding one cent each. Such tags shall be numbered to correspond with the number of the license held by the licensee.

Sec. 6. Fee.—The holder of any such license shall pay an annual license fee of three dollars for any such farm of ten acres or under, and an additional fee of fifteen cents per acre for any additional land actually devoted to the raising of animals or game birds of any kind or kinds specified in the license. Such licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of December of each year, but may be renewed from year to year upon payment by the licensee of the annual license fee.

Sec. 7. Licensee to mark boundary of farm.—Within 30 days after the date of the issuance of any such license the licensee shall erect posts or stakes at intervals of not more than 20 rods within the boundary of the lands embraced in said license, wherever the same are not already enclosed, and shall post and maintain upon said posts, stakes or other enclosures at intervals of not more than 20 rods, notices furnished by the Commissioner of Game and Fish proclaiming the establishment of a farm of the kind specified in the license. For such notices the licensee shall pay to the Commissioner of Game and Fish the sum of 12 cents each.

Sec. 8. Trespassers.—Any person other than the licensee or his agents who shall hunt, trap, take or attempt to take animals or game birds of any kind or kinds specified in the license upon any land described in any such license shall be liable to the licensee in the sum of \$25.00 in addition to all damage which he may do to said farm or to such animals or game birds and property thereon, but all action for such trespass shall be brought by such licensee.

Sec. 9. Licensee to report annually.—On or before the first day of March of each year each such licensee shall make a report verified by affidavit to the Commissioner of Game and Fish covering the period from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December of the previous year, upon blanks furnished by the Commissioner, stating the number of his license and the total number of animals or game birds of each kind specified in the license killed, transported or sold from the farm operated under such license.

Sec. 10. Construction.—Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect any public right of hunting, trapping, fishing or navigation except as herein expressly provided. Nothing in this act shall be construed as giving any person, firm or corporation the right to interfere with, abrogate, impair or diminish the riparian or surface rights of any adjacent or adjoining property owners in any manner whatsoever, and any and all rights and licenses which may be granted by or pursuant to this act shall be subject thereto.

Sec. 11. Additional license.—Any person desiring to obtain a license for raising fur bearing animals or game birds or a kind specified in this act upon the same premises already licensed for raising such animals or game birds of another kind specified in this act and for which a license fee has already been paid, shall be entitled to obtain a license for the raising of such additional kind or kinds of animals or game birds upon such premises upon making application therefor and complying with the provisions of this act as hereinbefore provided, but no additional license fee shall be charged therefor, and the raising of different kinds of animals or game birds on the same premises shall be permitted upon the payment of one license fee for said premises.

Sec. 12. Violations—penalties.—Any holder of a license issued pursuant to this act who shall, during the term of such license, violate any of the provisions of this act, or who shall, during the term of such license, unlawfully take, buy, sell, transport, ship, or have in his possession any wild animal or game bird of any of the kinds specified in his license, or any part thereof, and any person who shall sell, transport, or ship any such wild animal or game bird or any part thereof, falsely pretending or representing the same to have been raised by any licensee under any such license, or who shall use any tag issued by the Commissioner of Game and Fish pursuant to this act upon or for any such wild animal or game bird or part thereof, or who shall unlawfully buy, sell, transport, ship or have in his possession upon the premises of any such licensee any such wild animal or game bird, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail, not exceeding 90 days.

Sec. 13. Permit to capture wild animals.—Wild animals may be captured and may be taken, and thereafter had in possession, for the purpose of breeding under permit issued by the Commissioner. Such permit shall be issued only to licensees under this act; shall specify the quantity, the locality where, and the period during which such animals may be taken. Such permit shall be granted only when the Commissioner is

satisfied that the taking of said animals will not unduly deplete the number or endanger the species in the locality for which permit is asked. The amounts specified in Section 3 shall be paid to the state for each beaver and muskrat taken under this Section, and for other animals such amount as the commissioner may determine.

Sec. 14. Acts repealed.—General Statutes 1923, Sections 5623, and 5624 are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 424—H. F. No. 447

An act to amend Sections 2, 7, 18 and 20 Chapter 34, Special Laws 1889, as heretofore amended, said Chapter 34 being an act to consolidate and amend the several acts relating to the municipal court of the City of Minneapolis; and to amend Section 245, General Statutes 1923, relating to the salaries and fixing the duties of certain city officers.

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

Section 1. **Municipal Court City of Minneapolis.**—That Section 2, Chapter 34, Special Laws 1889, as amended by chapter 407, General Laws 1917, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. There shall be established in the City of Minneapolis, in the County of Hennepin, a Municipal Court for the transaction of all business which may lawfully come before it. Said Court shall be a court of record and shall have a clerk and a seal, and shall have jurisdiction to hear, try and determine civil actions at law, where the amount in controversy does not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, excepting causes involving title to real estate. Provided, however, that said Court shall have jurisdiction of action of forcible entry and unlawful detainer whether involving the title to real estate or not.

It shall also have exclusive jurisdiction to hear all complaints and conduct all examinations and trials in criminal cases, arising or triable within the City of Minneapolis, heretofore cognizable before a justice of the peace.

It shall not have jurisdiction of actions for divorce, nor of any action where the relief asked for in the complaint is purely equitable in its nature.

Where no provision is otherwise made in this act, said Municipal Court is vested with all the powers which are possessed by the District Courts of the State, and all laws of a general