

such sale was had, or if had within a city of the first class, then with the City Clerk of such city, a report of the proceedings on such sale, specifying therein the property sold, and that returned, if any, the amount received, the name of the purchaser, an itemized statement of all costs and expenses, the amount applied on the debt secured by the pledge, and the amount, if any, returned to the owner. Such report shall be made by the person conducting the sale and shall be verified or, if he be an officer, certified by him. There may be filed with such report the affidavit or, if he be an officer, the certificate of any person making service of or posting any notice to redeem such pledge or of such sale, and when so filed, said report of sale and of such service or posting, or a certified copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated.

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

Approved April 24, 1931.

CHAPTER 330—H. F. No. 658

An act authorizing the counties of the state to indemnify their officers and employes for loss and expense arising or resulting from claims for bodily injuries, death or property damage made upon said officers or employes by reason of their operation of motor vehicles while in the performance of their duties, to defend actions brought against such officers and employes to enforce such claims, and to pay premiums on insurance policies insuring against such liability, and legalizing payments of premiums on such insurance policies heretofore made.

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

Section 1. Counties may indemnify officers and employes.
—The county boards of all counties in this state are hereby authorized to indemnify their officers and employes for loss or expense arising or resulting from claims for bodily injuries, death or property damage made upon such officers or employes by reason of their operation of motor vehicles while in the performance of their official duties, and to defend, in the names of and on behalf of such officers and employes, any suits brought against them to enforce claims, whether groundless or not, arising out of their operation of motor vehicles under such circumstances, and to com-

promise and settle any such claims or suits and to pay the amount of such settlements or compromises or the amount of any judgments rendered against such officers or employes on any such claims without first requiring such officers or employes to pay the same.

Sec. 2. County board may pay premiums.—The county board at its discretion may pay the premiums on insurance policies insuring the individuals or groups of individuals referred to in Section 1 hereof against liability for injuries to person or property within the limitations of Section 1 hereof, and such payment of insurance premiums shall in no way impose upon any county any liability whatsoever. Such insurance may be written in any mutual company authorized to do business in this state.

Sec. 3. Payments legalized.—When any county shall have heretofore paid insurance premiums for the purposes indicated in Section 2 hereof such payments are hereby legalized.

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CHAPTER 331—H. F. No. 938

An act limiting the amount which may be paid to any public officer or employe by the state or any governmental subdivision thereof for the use of such officer's or employe's automobile by him in the performance of his duties.

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

Section. 1. Automobile expense limit. — The maximum amount which shall be paid by the state, any department or bureau thereof, or any county, city, village, town or school district to any officer or employe as compensation or reimbursement for the use by such officer or employe of his own automobile in the performance of his duties shall not exceed seven cents per mile.

Sec. 2. Construction.—This act shall be construed as amending all existing laws authorizing such allowances or reimbursement by imposing the maximum limit above set forth and shall not be construed as permitting the payment of such allowance or the making of such reimbursement to any officer or employe where it is not now permitted or hereafter authorized by law.

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