

CHAPTER 137—H. F. No. 673

An act relating to the propagation of game fish.

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

Section 1. Private organizations may engage in propagation of game fish in certain cases.—It shall be lawful for any bona fide organization or association of sportsmen within the state to engage in the propagation of game fish by use of rearing ponds, whenever the fish so raised therein or produced therefrom are used exclusively for transplanting in the public lakes and streams of this state.

Sec. 2. May obtain live brood stock from public waters.—Any such organization or association may, under the supervision of the local game warden or other person designated by the director of game and fish, acquire from public waters by seining, for rearing pond propagation, such number of live brood stock and such species as may be approved by the director of game and fish; and such brood stock when so obtained may be lawfully kept and retained in possession provided the same are used exclusively for the propagation and reproduction of fish life.

Sec. 3. May use nets and seines.—Any such organization may acquire, use and maintain such nets or other equipment as are suitable for the proper seining of brood stock and the proper seining of said rearing ponds. Provided, however, all such equipment, the possession of which is otherwise illegal except for the provisions of this act, when not actually in use shall be kept and maintained in the custody of the local game warden.

Sec. 4. All work to be done under rules promulgated by director of game and fish.—All seining of brood stock and planting of fish reared under the provisions of this act shall be done in accordance with rules and regulations to be adopted by the director of game and fish and said director is hereby authorized and it shall be his duty to cooperate in every way with such organizations and to afford such aid and assistance in equipment and personnel as may be available.

Sec. 5. Director of game and fish to make rules.—The director of game and fish shall prescribe such reasonable rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary and advisable to give effect to the intent and purpose of this act; provided that all such rules and regulations shall be designed to encourage and foster the propagation of game fish and in the manner herein contemplated and shall be designed to encourage the

devotion of voluntary services, moneys and equipment not otherwise available to the state in the propagation of game fish; and provided further that no fee shall be required from any such organization or association of sportsmen in order to engage in the activities herein set forth.

Sec. 6. Where game fish shall be planted.—All game fish reared under the authority of this act shall be planted in such public waters of the state as are selected and designated by the organization operating said rearing pond, subject, however, to the approval of the director of game and fish or his agents.

Approved April 9, 1941.

CHAPTER 138—H. F. No. 702

An act relating to conservation, changing the designation of the division of drainage and waters.

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

Section 1. Division of water resources and engineering.—That hereafter the division of drainage and waters, established under Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-23 $\frac{1}{2}$ n, as a division of the department of conservation, shall be known and designated as the division of water resources and engineering.

Approved April 9, 1941.

CHAPTER 139—H. F. No. 737

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 5172 and 5173, relating to warehousemen.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5172, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"5172. Supervision by commission over warehouseman.—That the Railroad and Warehouse Commission shall have general supervision of all warehousemen doing business in cities and villages in this state having a population of 5,000 or more persons according to the last federal census or within five miles of the boundary of such cities or villages, as warehousemen