

ployer shall upon the request of the surviving spouse forthwith pay said indebtedness, in such an amount as may be due not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), to the said surviving spouse. The employer shall require proof of claimant's relationship to decedent by affidavit, and shall require claimant to acknowledge receipt of such payment in writing. Any payments made by an employer pursuant to the provisions of this act shall operate as a full and complete discharge of the employer's indebtedness to the extent of said payment, and no employer shall thereafter be liable therefor to the decedent's estate, or the decedent's executor or administrator thereafter appointed. Provided, however, that any amount so received by a spouse shall be considered in diminution of the allowance to the spouse under Laws of 1935, Chapter 72, Section 28.

Approved April 24, 1941.

CHAPTER 409—S. F. No. 254

An act relating to limitation of actions in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Limitations of actions.—No action or proceeding against the state of Minnesota, its officers or agents, shall be maintained on account of the construction, reconstruction, operation or maintenance of any dam or appurtenant structures designed to maintain water levels above natural ordinary high or on account of the maintenance of such levels, where such levels have been maintained for a period of 15 years or more, prior to January 1, 1941.

Sec. 2. Effective September 1, 1941.—This law shall be in force and effect from and after the first day of September, 1941.

Approved April 24, 1941.

CHAPTER 410—S. F. No. 374

An act relating to traffic in furs and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5547.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5547, be amended to read as follows:

"5547. **Traffic in furs.**—Nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting the buying, shipping or having in possession at any time, of the skins of fur-bearing animals legally killed within or without the state, and of the hides of moose or deer legally killed within or without the state, upon proof that such furs and hides were legally taken. No person shall engage in the business of buying furs until he shall have procured a license so to do from the director of game and fish. Fees, payable to the director of game and fish for such license shall be as follows: For a local resident fur buyer's license, \$5.00; for a resident traveling fur buyer's license, \$10.00; for a non-resident local or traveling fur buyer's license, \$200.00; for a resident wholesale fur buyer's license, \$5.00. Such fur buyer's licenses shall be issued for the calendar year and shall be revoked by the director of game and fish for any violation of the law relating to wild animals or for fraudulent practices employed in connection with the buying of furs under such license. All fur buyers shall furnish to the director of game and fish such reports as he may require for statistical purposes on blanks furnished them for this purpose, and shall keep a correct and complete book record in the English language of all transactions in the buying and selling of raw furs carried on by the licensee. Such record shall and must show from whom purchased and to whom sold giving the postoffice addresses, together with the date of receipt and shipping of such furs, and a detailed account as to the number and kinds of raw furs in each shipment that is purchased or sold by them. This record shall be open for inspection by the director of game and fish, his agents or deputies at all reasonable hours. Said record shall be kept intact for a period of two years after the expiration of any license issued under the provisions of this act as relates to the transactions carried on while such license was effective. Any person applying for a fur buyer's license shall at the time of his application furnish a corporate surety bond in favor of the state in the penal sum of \$1,000.00 conditioned upon the observance of all laws of this state relating to wild animals. No beaver trapping license shall be issued to any person to whom a fur buyer's license shall have been issued and in force. For the purpose of this act a local resident fur buyer shall be defined as a person who buys or purchases furs at definitely established place of business as distinguished from an itinerant or traveling buyer."

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