

when handling or disposing of explosives in the course of their official duties under lawful authority.

**Sec. 18. Provisions severable.**—The provisions of this act shall be severable, and if any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

**Sec. 19. Effective date of act.**—This act shall take effect June 1, 1941; provided, that forms and regulations may be prescribed and licenses may be applied for and issued hereunder prior to said date, to become effective on said date, and this act shall continue in full force and effect until March 1, 1943.

Approved April 26, 1941.

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CHAPTER 475—S. F. No. 1035

*An act regulating school bus service; providing for minimum equipment of such buses; providing for the issuance of permits therefor and penalties for the violation thereof.*

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

**Section 1. Equipment of school buses.**—Every school bus used within this state in the transportation of school children shall, when in service, carry as minimum equipment the following:

- (a) "One First Aid Kit completely stocked according to the requirements of the State Department of Health.
- (b) Two United States Army hinged ring upper extremity splints, or in lieu thereof, two splints for the upper extremity, approved by the State Department of Health.
- (c) Two United States Army hinged half-ring lower extremity splints, or in lieu thereof, two lower extremity splints, approved by the State Department of Health."
- (d) Two clean, heavy woolen blankets.

**Sec. 2. Knowledge of first aid required.**—Every school bus, when in service, shall be accompanied by at least one person who has acquired theoretical or practical knowledge in first aid, evidenced by a certificate issued to such person by the State Department of Health or by the health officer of any municipality.

**Sec. 3. Permits to operate buses.**—No person, firm, association or corporation shall operate any such school bus on the streets or highways of this State without first obtaining a permit therefor from the State Department of Health. Such certificate may be obtained from the said State Department of Health upon the furnishing of evidence satisfactory to the State Department of Health that the person seeking the permit has complied with the minimum standards set forth in this Act, and upon the payment of a fee of \$1.00 at the time the initial application is made. Such permit shall be renewed annually upon the furnishing of evidence satisfactory to the said Department, that the holder thereof is complying with the minimum requirements of this Act and upon the payment of a renewal fee of \$1.00.

**Sec. 4. Application of act.**—The provisions of this Act shall not apply to the rendering of a gratuitous service, or to busses operated within cities of the first class, as common carriers of passengers and licensed under the jurisdiction of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, and which on certain occasions are used and operated as school busses, wholly within the limits of said cities.

**Sec. 5. Limitations of act.**—Nothing herein shall authorize any person, firm, association or corporation to engage, in any manner, in the practice of healing or the practice of medicine as defined by law.

**Sec. 6. Violation a misdemeanor.**—Every person, firm, association or corporation that violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved April 26, 1941.

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CHAPTER 476—S. F. No. 1104

*An act relating to the establishment of a merit plan for county welfare board employees, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-17.*

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