

deposited and shall constitute and be a part of the separate account known as the "seed act account" created by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 3957-1 to 3957-12, inclusive, as amended. *The number or name used to designate any hybrid seed field corn in the registration thereof shall be the only variety name of all seed corn covered by or sold under such registration and renewal thereof.*

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 21.24, Subdivision 1, is amended to read as follows:

21.24. Violations; penalties. Subdivision 1. Any person violating any of the provisions of *the agricultural seed sections of this chapter* shall be guilty of a misdemeanor *for the first offense; and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$10.00 and the costs of such prosecution, not more than \$100.00 and the costs of such prosecution, or, in default in payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than ten, nor more than 90, days. Upon the second or any subsequent conviction, such person shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$25.00 and the costs of such prosecution, nor more than \$500.00 and the costs of such prosecution, or, in default in payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not less than 30, nor more than 150, days.*

Sec. 12. **Repeal.** Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 21.01, Subdivision 18; Section 21.101, Subdivisions 4 and 5; Sections 21.102 and 21.23; and Section 21.24, Subdivision 3, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 13. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1945.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 544—S. F. No. 908

An act regulating the charges which may be made by banks, trust companies or national banks for certain installment loans.

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

Section 1. Banks; installment loans; interest in advance. Any bank or trust company organized under the laws of this

state, or any national banking association doing business in the state, making any loan of money not exceeding \$500 repayable in installments, may make a charge for such loan computed at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum upon the total amount of the loan from the date thereof until the stated maturity date of the final installment thereof, notwithstanding that such loan is required to be repaid in installments or that the loan is secured by mortgage, pledge or other collateral or by a deposit account opened concurrently with the making of the loan and assigned as collateral security therefor, which deposit account may evidence deposits made or required to be made periodically, with or without interest, throughout the term of said loan. If the charge so computed shall be less than three dollars, the amount so charged may nevertheless be three dollars. Any charge authorized by this act may be deducted in advance from the proceeds of such loan or may be included in the principal amount of the note or other instrument evidencing said loan and the aggregate amount thereof be payable in installments.

Sec. 2. Prepayment; refund; limitation. The borrower may repay the entire balance of such a loan at any time, and upon such prepayment the borrower shall be entitled to a refund, computed at the rate at which the original charge was computed, upon the amount so prepaid from the date of such prepayment to the stated maturity date of the final installment, provided, however, that in any event the lender may retain at least \$3.00 of the original charge.

Sec. 3. Allowable additional charges. No charge other than those provided for in Sections 1 and 2 hereof shall be made directly or indirectly for any such loan except that there may be charged to the borrower:

(a) in case of default, a late charge of five per cent of the amount of the delinquent installment with a maximum late charge of fifty cents on any one installment, or interest on the delinquent installment at the rate of six per cent per annum, whichever is greater;

(b) any lawful fees paid or to be paid by the lender for any abstract or to any public officer for filing or recording in any public office or for acknowledging any instrument securing the loan;

(c) the premium on any life, property or other insurance taken as security for the loan, provided, however, that the borrower may himself, at his own cost, procure and deposit with the lender any such insurance if written by a responsible company.

Sec. 4. **Loan due on default.** Nothing herein shall prohibit the lender from declaring the whole of such loan immediately due and payable upon default if the loan agreement shall so provide.

Sec. 5. **Copy of note to borrower.** At the time of making an installment loan under the provisions of this act, the borrower shall be furnished a copy of the note that he signed and also a copy or statement of all charges made by the bank on such loan.

Sec. 6. **Implied repeals.** All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 545—S. F. No. 916

An act relating to the payment of state owned debts of certain towns and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. **Definitions.** Subdivision 1. The word "town" as used herein refers to a town organized under the laws of the state or heretofore so organized and thereafter dissolved.

Subdivision 2. The words "distressed town" mean any town which at the time of the approval thereof was qualified to receive relief under the provisions of the Laws 1943, Chapter 598, Section 2, whether such relief has been granted to it under the provisions of said law or not.

Subdivision 3. The words "state owned debt" mean any bonds, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness, including the interest thereon, which are owned by the state of Minnesota, State Board of Investment, or any department, governmental subdivision or agency of the state.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund in the state treasury to the Executive Council for the purpose of paying the state owned debts of distressed towns to be available for the biennium ending June 30, 1947.