

"160.32. **Acquisition of lands containing road building materials.** When the commissioner of highways, or any county board, town board, or council of any village or city shall deem it necessary for the purpose of building or repairing public roads or streets within his or its jurisdiction, he or it may procure by purchase or condemnation in the manner provided by law any plot of ground not exceeding 40 acres containing *any* materials suitable for road purposes, together with the right of way to the same of sufficient width to allow teams, trucks, or other vehicles to pass, and on the most practicable route to the nearest public road.

"When any county board or town board shall deem it necessary for the purpose of building or repairing public roads or streets within its jurisdiction, it may purchase any plot of ground located in an adjoining town or county not exceeding 40 acres containing *any* materials suitable for road purposes, together with the right of way to the same of sufficient width to allow teams, trucks, or other vehicles to pass, and on the most practicable route to the nearest public road."

Approved March 7, 1945.

CHAPTER 60—H. F. No. 375

An act relating to inspection of bridges; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 161.03, Subdivision 14.

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

Section 1. **Repeal.** Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 161.03, Subdivision 14 is hereby repealed.

Approved March 7, 1945.

CHAPTER 61—H. F. No. 376

An act relating to the manner of conducting work on trunk highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 161.03, Subdivision 6.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 161.03, Subdivision 6, is amended to read as follows:

"161.03. Subdivision 6. Manner of conducting work on trunk highways. The commissioner of highways may conduct the work or any part thereof, incidental to the construction and maintenance of the trunk highways by labor employed therefor or by contract. In cases of construction work, the commissioner of highways shall first advertise for bids for contracts and, if no satisfactory bids are received, he shall have the right to reject all bids and readvertise or do the work by labor employed therefor. When work is to be let under contract he shall publish a notice to the effect, for three successive weeks prior to the date such bids are to be received, in such local newspaper or other periodicals as may be deemed advisable; provided, that in case of emergency requiring immediate action, contract may be awarded without published notice. Emergency shall be defined as the doing of such work on the highways of the state of Minnesota as is necessary for immediate action in order to maintain existing highways in a passable condition; provided, no emergencies shall be declared to exist except upon the written authority of the commissioner of highways or his deputy. *Provided further that bids may be received between March first and June first each year and contracts not to exceed \$25,000 individually may be let for repairing and restoring trunk highways damaged by the spring breakup upon publication of notice for one week prior to the date such bids are to be received, and in addition thereto upon the mailing of such notices to all contractors who have filed a written request therefor.* Where relief work is employed, payable out of federal funds in the construction or reconstruction of trunk highways, and where the state is the sponsor of such projects, also necessitating the use of trunk highway funds in order to complete such construction or reconstruction, the commissioner of highways is authorized to furnish supervision, equipment, equipment operators, materials, and such labor as is necessary therefor."

Approved March 7, 1945.

CHAPTER 62—H. F. No. 561

An act relating to restrictions upon the total liability to a bank of any individual, partnership, unincorporated association, or corporation, and of officers and directors, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 48.24, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 23.