

persons involved in an accident, the name and address of any witnesses to the accident, the name and address of any officer who has investigated the accident, the license of any motor vehicle involved therein, and the date and place of the accident. No such report shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, except that the department shall furnish upon the demand of any person who has, or claims to have, made such a report, or, upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the department solely to prove a compliance or a failure to comply with the requirements that such report be made to the department. Disclosing any information contained in any accident report, except as provided herein, is unlawful and a misdemeanor.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any person who has made a report pursuant to this chapter from testifying in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, as to facts within his knowledge. It is intended by this subdivision to render privileged the reports required but it is not intended to prohibit proof of the facts to which such reports relate. Legally qualified newspaper publications shall upon request to a law enforcement agency be given an oral statement covering only the time and place of the accident, the names and addresses of the parties involved, and a general statement as to how the accident happened without attempting to fix liability upon anyone, but said legally qualified newspaper publications shall not be given access to the hereinbefore mentioned confidential reports, nor shall any such statements or information so orally given be used as evidence in any court proceeding, but shall merely be used for the purpose of a proper publication of the news.

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CHAPTER 115—H. F. No. 67

[Coded as Section 162.01, Subdivision 6]

An act authorizing use of money resulting from taxes levied under authority of Laws 1917, Chapter 75.

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

162.01. Section 1. Powers of county board. Subd. 6. Certain taxes used as in Subd. 5. When taxes have heretofore

been levied by authority of Laws 1917, Chapter 75, for the purpose of matching funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States, provided by Act of July 11, 1916, and the Congress failed to make an appropriation available to match such levy, the money realized from taxes paid by reason of such levy may be used by the county in addition to money collected from taxes imposed by authority of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 162.01, Subdivision 5, and for the same purposes.

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CHAPTER 116—H. F. No. 168
[Not Coded]

An act legalizing and validating certain deeds executed by the trustees of religious corporations.

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

Section 1. Conveyance by religious corporation legalized. All deeds of real property heretofore made by the trustees of any religious corporation conveying real property within this state belonging to such corporation which were recorded prior to January 1, 1941, in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county in which the real estate conveyed thereby is situate, and the record thereof, are hereby legalized, validated and confirmed, notwithstanding that the church records do not disclose that the execution of such deeds was authorized by the congregation of said religious corporation in the manner provided by law.

Sec. 2. Evidence. The records of any such deeds shall in all respects have the same force and effect as it would have if such deed had been legally authorized, and a duly authenticated copy of the record of any such deeds may be read in evidence in any court within this state with the same effect as the original record thereof.

Sec. 3. Not to affect pending legislation. This act shall not affect any conveyance the validity of which is questioned in any litigation now pending.

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