

or in the district court for Ramsey County. Such action may be commenced after the expiration of six months after the application is filed if the commissioner has not taken final action thereon and shall be commenced within 18 months after the date of the order denying the application. If the commissioner has not acted within two years after the application is filed, it shall be considered denied.

Sec. 3. **Repealer.** Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 291.19, Subdivisions 5, 6 and 7, are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 557—S. F. No. 1031

[Coded as Section 161.19]

An act relating to a new central office building for the department of highways, and repealing Laws 1943, Chapter 560.

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

[161.19] **Highway central office building.** Section 1. Subdivision 1. **Acquisition of land.** The Commissioner of Highways is authorized to acquire by purchase, gift or condemnation, a suitable tract of land in the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, for the construction of a new central office building for the department of highways, the location of the site selected to be approved by the Governor.

Sec. 2. Subd. 2. **Plans and specifications.** The Commissioner of Administration, with the approval of the Commissioner of Highways and of the Governor, shall prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for the construction of a new central office building for the Department of Highways to be submitted at the next session of the legislature for its consideration.

Sec. 3. Subd. 3. **Cooperation with other agencies.** The Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Administration and the Governor, in the selection of the site and the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of a new central office building for the Department of Highways as hereinbefore provided, shall cooperate with the State Veterans Service Building Commission in carrying out the

terms of this act in order that said new central office building may be built eventually in the vicinity of the State Capitol and harmonize with the development of the State Capitol grounds and related public buildings.

Sec. 4. Subd. 4. Payment for trunk highway fund. The cost of carrying out the terms of this act shall be paid from the trunk highway fund and so much thereof as is necessary therefor is hereby apportioned therefrom.

Sec. 5. Repealer. Laws 1943, Chapter 560, is hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 558—S. F. No. 1044

[Section 2 Coded as Section 31.311; Section 4 as Section 31.391; Section 5 as Section 31.392]

An act relating to commercial canners; providing for their supervision and the sanitary conditions thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 31.31 and 31.39.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 31.31, is amended to read as follows:

31.31. Commercial canneries; supervision; sanitary conditions. All commercial vegetable and fruit canneries, located within this state, shall be under the supervision and regulation of the commissioner. For the purpose of Sections 31.02 to 31.17 and 31.28 to 31.43, a commercial cannery is defined to be a place or building where vegetables, fruits, fish or other food products, except meat products processed in canneries which are inspected by the United States bureau of animal industry, are packed in hermetically sealed containers, where sterilization by heat is used, and the products placed on the market for general consumption as human food; but shall not include private homes where farmers or others may pack or preserve vegetables, fruits, fish or other food products for their own use. At such times as the commissioner may deem proper, he shall cause all commercial canneries to be inspected, and shall require the correction of all unsanitary conditions or practices found therein, and may search and enter all cupboards, closets, or any other places in such can-