

Appropriation. Sec. 15. The following sums are hereby appropriated from the general revenue fund to the commissioner for the administration of this act: \$30,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947; \$75,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948; and \$90,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949.

Approved April 28, 1947.

CHAPTER 620—H. F. No. 632

An act relating to the Board of Examiners in Watchmaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 326.541, 326.542 and 326.544.

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.541, is amended to read as follows:

326.541. Board of examiners in watchmaking. (1) There is created a board to be known as the "Minnesota Board of Examiners in Watchmaking", whose duties it shall be to administer the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 474. Such board shall consist of five members, appointed by the governor within 60 days after the effective date of Laws 1943, Chapter 474. All persons so appointed shall have been residents of this state and actually engaged in watchmaking, as defined in section 326.01, subdivision 20, for at least five years immediately preceding the time of their appointment. Each member of the board shall hold office for four years and until his successor shall be appointed, and qualifies, except that in the first appointments three members shall be appointed for four years, two for two years, and the term of office in such case shall be designated by the governor at the time of the appointment. The board of five to consist of not less than two employees.

(2) The board shall choose annually, one of its members as president and one as secretary, who shall severally have power to administer oaths and take affidavits certifying thereto under the seal of the board. The board shall meet at such times and places as the officers may direct. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. The secretary shall give such bond as the board shall determine to be proper. The secretary shall keep a full record of its proceedings, which shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times.

The members and officers of the board shall be *paid a per diem of \$15.00 for time spent in the performance of his duties but not to exceed in one year the total sum of \$225*; also they shall be paid mileage of five cents per mile, and *actual and necessary expenses for lodging and meals*. The secretary, in addition to such per diem and expenses, may be paid an annual salary not to exceed \$1,500. All expenses connected with the operation of the board shall be defrayed from the revenue derived from the licenses, *renewals*, and examination fees.

(3) The board shall establish suitable and proper uniform apprenticeship regulations; may retain administrative or legal counsel, if it deems needed or proper; and to appoint one clerk or assistant to the secretary, exempt from civil service, and to fix the salary therefor.

(4) The secretary shall collect the fees and shall pay the same into the state treasury, to be kept by the state treasurer in a fund entitled "Watchmakers' Fund." The secretary shall draw by warrant for necessary expenses which shall be paid from said fund.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.542, is amended to read as follows:

326.542. **Examinations; fees.** Applicants for certificates shall be examined at a time and place fixed by the board. Applications for examinations shall be filed with the board at least ten days before the date set for the examination and shall be accompanied by an examination fee of \$15.00. The applicant shall be of good character, at least 19 years of age, and *possess such training and experience as the board shall determine to be requisite*.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.544, is amended to read as follows:

326.544. **Certificates of registration.** (1) If the applicant successfully passes the examination, the secretary of the board shall register such fact and shall issue to him a certificate of registration.

(2) A watchmaker in good standing, registered and licensed in another state or states and having engaged in watchmaking therein for two years immediately preceding his application for a certificate, upon filing with the board satis-

factory proof thereof shall be issued a certificate, without examination upon the payment of a fee of \$15.00.

(3) Watchmakers of this state who are in the armed forces of the United States of America at the time Laws 1943, Chapter 474, becomes a law, shall be exempt from taking the examination herein provided upon making application for certificate within one year after his discharge from service, accompanied by an application fee of \$10.00.

(4) Certificates of registration shall expire on the 30th day of June each year and must be renewed within 30 days for one year upon payment of a fee of \$5.00, or less at the discretion of the board. *If such certificate of registration is not renewed on or before August 1st of the year in which issued, such registrant may be required to pay a penalty of \$1.50 in addition to the renewal fee.* Application may be made for renewal after the fifteenth day of June of each year.

(5) The board shall issue a temporary 60 days certificate upon payment of a fee of \$1.00.

Approved April 28, 1947.

CHAPTER 621—H. F. No. 684

An act authorizing cities of the second, third, and fourth class, however organized, villages, and boroughs to acquire, maintain and operate automobile parking facilities, to finance the cost of providing such facilities by the issuance of bonds or the imposition of special assessments against benefited property, and to make charges for the use of such facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 459.14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 459.14, is amended to read as follows:

459.14. **Villages and cities of the second, third, and fourth class may acquire parking places.** *Subdivision 1. - Acquire automobile parking facilities. Any city of the second, third, or fourth class, however organized, and any village or borough may acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation proceedings, construct, or otherwise provided, [provide] equip, maintain and operate automobile parking facilities and may expend municipal funds for these purposes. The term "automobile parking*