organized under the provisions of this chapter unless it complies with the provisions of Section 63.015.

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CHAPTER 545—H. F. No. 820 [Coded as Section 69.055]

An act relating to volunteer firemen; providing no minor under the age of 18 years be so employed; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 69.01 and 69.05.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 69.01, is amended to read:

- 69.01. Clerk to file certificate. On or before September 30, annually, the clerk of each city, village, borough, town, or township having an organized fire department, or a partly paid or volunteer department, shall file with the commissioner his certificate stating such fact, that no minor under the age of 18 is so employed, the system of water supply in use in such department, the number of its organized companies, steam, hand or other engines, hook and ladder trucks, hose carts, and feet of hose in actual use, and such other facts as the commissioner may require; provided that such clerk shall include in such certificate the name of each city, village, borough, town, or township served by such fire department under contract.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 69.05, is amended to read:
- 69.05. Annual report; examination of books. The secretary and treasurer of each such association shall annually prepare a detailed report of its receipts and expenditures for the preceding year, showing to whom and for what purpose the money has been paid and expended, and, on or before September 1, file it with the clerk of the municipality and a duplicate with the commissioner of insurance. No money shall be paid to such association until such report is so filed. No one serving as a substitute or on probation, nor any fireman in

a municipality having such association who is not a member thereof, nor any minor under the age of 18, shall be deemed a fireman within the meaning of this chapter. No treasurer of any such association shall enter upon his duties until he shall have given to the association a good and sufficient bond for the faithful discharge of his duty according to law. All the financial books and accounts of such association and municipality shall be subject at all times to examination by the public examiner, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make such examination when complaint is duly made to him that the money, or any part thereof, paid under the provisions of this chapter to the treasurer of any municipality or relief association, has been or is being expended for an unauthorized purpose, shall so report to the governor, upon whose direction to the auditor no further warrants shall be issued to such municipality until the money so expended has been replaced.

[69.055] Sec. 3. Persons under the age of 18. It is unlawful to employ a minor under the age of 18 as a volunteer fireman or to permit him to serve with a volunteer fire department.

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CHAPTER 546—H. F. N. 926

[Coded as Sections 88.641 to 88.649]

An act revising, consolidating, codifying the laws relating to decorative trees and their cutting and transportation; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 88.64 to 88.72.

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

- [88.641] Section 1. **Definitions.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this act the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings herein given, unless otherwise specifically defined, or unless another intention clearly appears or the context otherwise requires.
- Subd. 2. "Decorative Trees" means growing pines, spruce, balsam, cedar, evergreen or coniferous trees, bushes, saplings, seedlings, shrubs, boughs or branches, including the