

CHAPTER 566—S. F. No. 1353

An act relating to the installation and maintenance of waiting benches at streetcar and bus stops on state maintained highways within the corporate limits of cities and villages; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 160.34.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 160.34, is amended to read:

160.34. Obstruction of or damages to highways. Subdivision 1. **Injuring road or ditch.** Any person who shall obstruct any of the public highways of this state in any manner or who shall dig any holes therein or remove any earth, gravel, or rock therefrom, or any part thereof, or who shall in any manner obstruct any ditch on the side of any such highways and thereby damage the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. *Provided, however, for the comfort and convenience of persons waiting for streetcars and buses, that nothing herein shall be deemed to apply to the placing and maintenance of any bench upon any portion of the highway not prepared and maintained for vehicular traffic at any streetcar or bus stop within the corporate limits of any city or village, the installation and maintenance of which is duly licensed or expressly permitted by such city or village.* It is hereby made the duty of the county attorney to prosecute all violations of the provisions of this section occurring in the county.

Subd. 2. Tampering with road equipment; penalty. Any person who wilfully, maliciously, or with intent to annoy shall in any manner deface, damage, or tamper with any structure, work, material, equipment, tools, signs, markers, signals, paving, guard-rails, drains, or any other highway appurtenances on or along any public highway or road or the right of way thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, that nothing herein shall restrict the actions of persons who shall or may have proper authority therefor.

Subd. 3. Advertising forbidden. Any person who in any manner places, puts, or maintains any advertisement within the limits of a public highway or who in any manner paints, prints, places, puts, or affixes or causes to be painted, printed, placed, or affixed any advertisement on or to any stone, tree,

fence, stump, pole, mile-board, mile-stone, danger-sign, danger-signal, guide sign, guide-post, billboard, building, or other object within the limits of a public highway shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. *Provided, however, for the comfort and convenience of persons waiting for streetcars and buses, that nothing shall be deemed to apply to any advertisements placed upon any benches upon any portion of the highway not prepared and maintained for vehicular traffic at any streetcar or bus stop within the corporate limits of any city or village, the installation and maintenance of which is duly licensed or expressly permitted by such city or village.* None of the provisions of Chapters 160 to 164 shall prohibit the placing of public notices on billboards erected for that purpose by authority of the governing body of a municipality. Any advertisement in or upon a public highway in violation of the provisions of this subdivision may be taken down, removed, or destroyed by direction or authority of the commissioner of highways, in the case of state trunk highways, by the county board, in the case of county and state aid roads, or by the town board, in the case of town roads.

Approved April 21, 1949.

CHAPTER 567—S. F. No. 1356

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the appointment, tenure of office, and salary of stenographic reporters of the municipal court of the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; amending Laws 1909, Chapter 225, as amended; and repealing Laws 1947, Chapter 442.

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

Section 1. Laws 1909, Chapter 225, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1913, Chapter 517, Section 1, by Laws 1919, Chapter 331, Section 1, by Laws 1929, Chapter 128, Section 1, by Laws 1941, Chapter 30, Section 1, and by Laws 1943, Chapter 461, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Compensation of stenographic reporters of municipal court of city of Minneapolis.** Each judge of the