

dealt with by action in the name of the state, brought by the county attorney at the request of the county auditor.

Subd. 6. Timber held exempt from yield tax. Timber cut from an auxiliary forest by an owner and used by him for fuel, fencing, or building on land occupied by him which is within or contiguous to the auxiliary forest where cut shall be exempt from the yield tax, and as to timber so cut and used the requirements of subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section shall not be applicable and in lieu thereof the owner shall prior to cutting file with the county auditor, on a form prepared by the commissioner, a statement showing the quantity of each kind of forest products he proposes to cut and the purposes for which the same will be used.

Sec. 4. [88.523] Auxiliary forest contracts, supplemental agreements. *Upon application of the owner, any auxiliary forest contract heretofore or hereafter executed may be made subject to any provisions of law enacted subsequent to the execution of the contract and in force at the time of application, so far as not already applicable, with the approval of the county board and the commissioner of conservation. As evidence thereof a supplemental agreement in a form prescribed by the commissioner and approved by the attorney general shall be executed by the commissioner in behalf of the state and by the owner. Such supplemental agreement shall be filed and recorded in like manner as the original contract, and shall thereupon take effect.*

Approved April 7, 1953.

CHAPTER 247—H. F. No. 593

An act relating to bounties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 348.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 348.12, is amended to read:

348.12 Bounties, certain birds and animals. Any county board or board of town supervisors may, by resolution, offer a bounty for the destruction of gophers, ground squirrels, ground hogs, or woodchucks, rattlesnakes, crows, or black-birds. The resolution may be made to cover the whole or any part of the county, and may be annually renewed, but it shall have force and effect only during the calendar year in which it was adopted or renewed. The bounty shall in no case exceed 20

cents for each pocket gopher; three cents for each common gopher or ground squirrel; 15 cents for each ground hog or woodchuck; \$1 for each rattlesnake, and ten cents a dozen for blackbirds, and 20 cents for each crow killed during such months, as may be designated by the county board or board of town supervisors by resolution.

Approved April 7, 1953.

CHAPTER 248—H. F. No. 777

[Coded]

An act relating to county nursing homes for the care of chronically ill and convalescent persons; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 610, Section 1.

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 610, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. [376.55] **County nursing home.** Subdivision 1. **Authority.** (a) Any county, or any group of counties acting jointly are hereby authorized to establish a county nursing home, in sections 376.55 to 376.66 also termed "nursing home", for the care and treatment of chronically ill or convalescent persons with the unanimous consent of the county board;

(b) In addition to its usual meaning, the phrase "chronically ill or convalescent persons" as used in sections 376.55 to 376.66 includes persons who need nursing home care because old age or infirmity renders them unable to properly care for themselves;

(c) Nursing homes established under sections 376.55 to 376.66 shall be devoted primarily to the care and treatment of persons requiring welfare services.

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The county board of any county, or any group of counties acting jointly, may establish a nursing home as provided in sections 376.55 to 376.66, by converting suitable existing county-owned buildings, or by acquiring by gift, purchase, or condemnation proceedings instituted in the name of the county, or counties, a suitable site, and erecting suitable buildings thereon, and to equip and maintain the same as a nursing home for chronically ill and convalescent persons; provided, however, that no new site shall be established or a new building constructed for a nursing home unless
