

amount to be raised by the tax levy for that taxable year shall be reduced by the amount transferred. The state auditor and the state treasurer are authorized and directed to make the appropriate entries in the accounts of the respective funds.

Subd. 2. [(2)] All moneys transferred from the State Airports Fund to the Minnesota Aeronautics Fund shall be available for the payment of outstanding certificates of indebtedness and interest thereon and deficiencies in the proceeds of prior tax levies, if any, in the same manner as the proceeds of taxes provided for in section 1 of this act, and so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for such payments.

Subd. 3. [(3)] Notwithstanding any provision of any other statute appropriating moneys in the State Airports Fund, all those moneys over and above the amounts required to be transferred as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 360.306 and 360.36, and the amounts required to reimburse the general revenue fund as otherwise provided by law, shall be used only for the purpose of making the transfers provided for by subdivision 1 of this section and thus reducing the amounts to be raised by the tax levies provided for by section 1 of this act, until after the date prescribed for the making of the last of those levies, or until they are otherwise canceled by law.

Subd. 4. [(4)] The appropriation to the governor made by section 4 is in addition to any other appropriation made to him out of the Minnesota Aeronautics Fund by any other statute.

Approved April 22, 1953.

CHAPTER 637—H. F. No. 1242

[Not Coded]

An act providing that counties or cities of the state may indemnify officers, nurses, physicians, and other hospital employees for loss or expense arising or resulting from malpractice or negligence claims.

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

Section 1. Joint county and city hospital, indemnifying of employees. Any county containing a city of the first class and city of the first class operating jointly a public hospital in a county containing not less than 300,000 or more than 450,000 population may indemnify officers, nurses, physicians, and other employees for loss or expense arising from malpractice

or other negligence claims for damage made upon such officers, nurses, physicians, or other employees based on their activities while in the performance of their public duties in the treatment of patients in such public hospital, and may defend in the names of or on behalf of such officers, nurses, physicians, or other employees any suits brought against them to enforce claims arising out of such activities as such officers, nurses, physicians or employees of such public hospital. The county or city or both operating such public hospital, by action of the appropriate board or governmental body in charge of the operation of such hospital, is authorized to compromise and settle any such claims or suits, and to pay the amount of such settlement or compromise, or the amount of the judgment rendered against such officer, nurse, physician, or employee on any such claim, without first requiring such officer, nurse, physician, or other employee to pay the same. The maximum amount which may be paid on behalf of any one employee shall be \$4,000.

Sec. 2. **Liability of county or city.** Nothing herein contained shall in any way impose upon such county or city any liability whatsoever not already imposed by existing laws of the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. **Resolution of governing body of hospital.** The provisions of this act may be made applicable to officers, nurses, physicians, or other employees of such public hospital operated by a county or a city or both of this state, by resolution of the governing body of such hospital, and the provisions of this act may, by appropriate resolution of such governing body, be made retroactive to apply to judgments previously rendered against any such officer, nurse, physician or other employee, and which remain unsatisfied and in force as of the effective date of this act.

Approved April 22, 1953.

CHAPTER 638—H. F. No. 1365

[Not Coded]

An act relating to certain conservation lands; providing for the restoration thereof as tax-forfeited lands subject to repurchase.

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

Section 1. Tax-forfeited lands subject to repurchase. Any tax-forfeited land which has been withdrawn from sale and dedicated to conservation purposes, pursuant to Chapter