

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

Section 1. [15.31] **State employees, liability insurance, payment of premiums.** The state shall pay premiums on insurance policies insuring its employees against liability from claims for bodily injuries, death or property damage made upon such employees while operating state owned vehicles in the performance of, in connection with or incidental to their duties as state employees. Payment of such premiums shall be made from funds appropriated or otherwise available to the various departments and agencies of the state. The payment of such premiums shall not impose upon the state any liability whatsoever for the payment of damages as a result of a claim against the state employee.

Approved April 23, 1953.

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CHAPTER 677—H. F. No. 1305

[Not Coded]

*An act fixing the salaries of the aldermen in all cities of the first class now or hereafter having over 450,000 inhabitants.*

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

Section 1. **Minneapolis; Aldermen's salaries.** In cities of the first class now or hereafter having 450,000 inhabitants or over, the salary of each alderman shall be the sum of \$5,000 per annum, payable pro rata monthly out of the city treasury.

Sec. 2. **Salary as member of board or commission.** In addition to the salary fixed in Section 1 hereof, any alderman who is or may become a member of a board or commission now or hereafter created by charter or statute, and who is allowed compensation for his services as such member, shall be entitled to such compensation in addition to the salary set forth in Section 1 hereof.

Sec. 3. **Expiration.** This act shall be in force and take effect at the beginning of the 1953 term of any such alderman and shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1955.

Approved April 23, 1953.

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CHAPTER 678—H. F. No. 1323

*An act relating to charges by the state for care and treatment of feeble-minded and epileptic persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 252.04.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 252.04, is amended to read :

**252.04 Persons admitted.** All feeble-minded persons, resident of the state, duly committed to the guardianship of the director of social welfare, who, in his opinion, are in need of care and training at some state institution for the feeble-minded, may be admitted to such an institution; and epileptic persons who are not feeble-minded may, on their own application, be admitted to the colony for epileptics, under such conditions and regulations as the director of public institutions shall prescribe. *The director of public institutions shall determine annually the combined average per capita cost for mentally deficient and epileptic patients at the Minnesota School and Colony and the Cambridge State School and Hospital for the preceding year; and, the person legally responsible for the support of any person so admitted, shall pay quarterly to the director of public institutions a sum equal to one-fourth of 52 percent of the last such per capita cost so determined by the director of public institutions; but, if the person so liable fails or refuses to pay such sum, of which nonpayment the certificate of the director of public institutions shall be prima facie evidence, it is hereby made a charge in the sum hereinafter provided upon the county in which the person so admitted has a legal settlement for the purpose of poor relief, if he has a settlement within the state; and, if not, upon the county from which he was admitted; and, upon the presentation of a certificate of the director of public institutions to the welfare board of the county, that such person is a regular and proper inmate of such institution and of the quarterly sum so fixed by the director of public institutions as hereinbefore provided the welfare board shall immediately remit to the director of public institutions the sum of \$80 per patient annually which shall be billed quarterly to the county welfare boards, and such payments shall continue so long as such person remains an inmate of the institution, which sums may be recovered by the county from any person of sufficient ability legally responsible for the support of such inmate. The director of public institutions shall transmit the funds so received to the state treasurer to be credited to the proper funds of the institution, as required by law in the case of other current receipts, and the director of public institutions shall have authority to reimburse pro rata the persons and counties so paying, respectively, from the general support fund of the institution in case of the death or removal of such person so admitted, before the termination of the quarterly period for which such payment is made. Any*

crippled or deformed child who is helpless and who cannot be benefited by treatment at the state hospital for crippled and deformed children, or any child who is physically helpless from any chronic disease of the nervous system or any child or adult suffering from such or other incurable chronic invalidism, may be admitted to the department for incurables in the institution in the discretion of and under such conditions as the director of social welfare shall determine.

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1954.*

Approved April 23, 1953.

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CHAPTER 679—H. F. No. 1518

[Coded]

*An act relating to the licensing of milk and cream buyers and testers; amending Laws 1949, Chapter 176, Section 4.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1949, Chapter 176, Section 4, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. [32.074] **Licensed dairy plant; licensed person to grade and test.** Every milk and cream buyer shall maintain at each licensed dairy plant where milk and cream is purchased, a licensed person to grade and test milk and cream.

*Any person gathering cream or milk and transporting it by bulk pickup and not in individual containers from farm to plant shall have a license to grade and sample such milk and cream.*

Approved April 23, 1953.

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CHAPTER 680—H. F. No. 1519

[Coded]

*An act relating to defamation by radio; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 532, Section 1.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 532, is amended to read:

Section 1. [544.043] **Defamation by radio, defense.** *The owner, licensee or operator of a visual or sound radio broadcasting station or network of stations, or any agent or*