

CHAPTER 646

EXPRESS REPEALS BY REVISED LAWS 1905

NOTE: Annotations relating to express repeals by R. L. 1905 may be found in Annotations to Minnesota Statutes, Volume 2, beginning at page 4435.

The latest expression of the supreme court relating to results of a general revision is *State ex rel v Washburn*, 224 M 269, 28 NW(2d) 652. A revision of an existing statute is presumed not to change its meaning, even if there be alterations in the phraseology, unless such intention to change the law clearly appears from the language of the revised statute. In reenacting a statute, however, intention to change the meaning may as clearly appear from the omission of old as by adding new language. Enactment of statutes lies wholly within the legislative field, and what the legislature has authority to enact it has like authority to amend or even repeal. When in 1945 the legislature adopted and enacted the compilation and revision of the general statutes of this state as the "Minnesota Revised Statutes," it thereby recognized and declared the same to be an official compilation, revision, and code. As such, the language chosen and used in the revised statutes must be given effect as the latest expression of the legislative will. Where the statutory language is clear and unambiguous, there is no room for construction or interpretation.