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221.64 MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIERS; PIPELINE CARRIERS

INTERSTATE OPERATIONS

221.64 Registration fee; exemptions

Such registration as herein provided shall be granted upon application, without hearing, upon payment of an annual filing fee in the amount of \$25; provided, however, that any permit holder who pays the registration fee provided in section 221.131, shall be exempt from the payment of any fees provided in this section. Nothing in sections 221.61 to 221.68 shall be construed to require the payment of such registration fee by any person who is exempt from obtaining a permit as provided in section 221.011, subdivisions 14 and 22. Upon application, and payment of said fee if applicable, the department of public service shall furnish to the registration holder a distinguishing identification stamp for each motor vehicle included in said registration which stamp shall at all times be carried in the truck tractor of the registration holder. For each identification stamp issued, the department shall collect a fee of \$5 to be deposited in the state treasury, provided that a lesser fee may be collected pursuant to the terms of reciprocal agreements between the department and the regulatory bodies of other states or provinces of the dominion of Canada. Nothing in sections 221.61 to 221.68 shall be construed to require any registration pursuant to sections 221.61 to 221.68 by any motor vehicle carrier engaged exclusively in intrastate commerce. Motor vehicle carriers subject to chapter 221, shall register their operations in interstate commerce pursuant to sections 221.61 to 221.68 only at the time of and as part of their application for renewal or granting of a permit or certificate by the department of public service.

[1973 c 706 s 3]

CHAPTER 222. RAILWAYS, UTILITIES; GENERAL PROVISIONS

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222.14 Repealed.	222.37 Public roads; use restriction.
222.141 Mortgages and deeds of trust [New].	

222.14 [Repealed, 1973 c 652 s 2]

222.141 Mortgages and deeds of trust

In any case where any domestic or foreign telegraph or telephone company has mortgaged or executed deeds of trust of the whole or any part of its property or franchises and has issued its corporate bonds secured by such mortgages or deeds in compliance with section 300.10, such mortgages, deeds of trust and bonds are hereby legalized and made valid and effectual for all intents and purposes without regard to the rate of interest borne by such bonds.

[1973 c 652 s 1]

222.37 Public roads; use, restriction

Subdivision 1. Any water power, telegraph, telephone, pneumatic tube, community antenna television, or electric light, heat, or power company may use public roads for the purpose of constructing, using, operating, and maintaining lines, subways, canals, or conduits, for their business, but such lines shall be so located as in no way to interfere with the safety and convenience of ordinary travel along or over the same; and, in the construction and maintenance of such line, subway, canal, or conduit, the company shall be subject to all reasonable regulations imposed by the governing body of any county, town, village, borough or city in which such public road may be. Nothing herein shall be construed to grant to any person any rights for the maintenance of a telegraph, telephone, pneumatic tube, community antenna television system, light, heat, or power system within the corporate limits of any

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city, village or borough until such person shall have obtained the right to maintain such system within such city, village or borough, or for a period beyond that for which the right to operate such system is granted by such city, village or borough.

[1973 c 568 s 20]

[For text of subd. 2, see M.S.1971]

CHAPTER 238. CABLE COMMUNICATIONS [NEW]

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238.01 Declaration of legislative findings and intent

Upon investigation of the public interest associated with cable communications, the legislature of the state of Minnesota has determined that while cable communications serve in part as an extension of interstate broadcasting, that their operations also involve public rights-of-way, municipal franchising, and vital business and community service, which are of state concern; that while said operations must be subject to state oversight, they also must be protected from undue restraint and regulation so as to assure development of cable systems with optimum technology and maximum penetration in this state as rapidly as economically and technically feasible; that the municipalities and the state would benefit from valuable educational and public services through cable communications systems; that the cable communications industry must provide the opportunity for minority participation and benefit which its diversity promises; that the public and the business community would benefit if served by cable channels sufficient to meet the needs of producers and distributors of program and other communication content services; that the cable communications industry is in a period of rapid growth and corporate consolidation and should proceed in accord with regional and statewide service objectives; that these objectives should encourage area-wide service where consistent with the public interest and discourage concentration of control and ownership when not in the public interest; and that many municipalities lack the necessary resources and expertise to plan for and secure these benefits and to protect subscribers and other parties to the public interest in franchise negotiations.

There is, therefore, a need for a state agency to develop a state cable communications policy; to promote the rapid development of the cable communications industry responsive to community and public interest and consonant with policies, regulations and statutes of the federal government; to assure that cable communications companies provide adequate, economical and efficient service to their subscribers, the municipalities within which they are franchised and other parties to the public interest; to encourage the endeavors of public and private institutions, municipalities, associations and organizations in developing programming for public interest; and to provide minorities with the fullest opportunity to make effective use of the medium.

It is the intent of the legislature in the provisions of Laws 1973, Chapter 568 to vest authority in a commission to oversee development of the cable communications industry in Minnesota in accordance with the statewide service plan; to review the suitability to practices for franchising cable communications companies to protect the public interest; to set standards for cable communications systems and franchise practices; to assure channel availability for municipal services, educational television, program diversity, local ex-