

Sec. 6. [168.231] **Tax proceeds, trunk highway sinking fund.** The proceeds of the tax imposed under the provisions of this act shall be collected by the registrar of motor vehicles and paid into the state treasury and credited to the Trunk Highway Sinking Fund.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 168.18, 168.19, 168.20, 168.21, 168.22, 168.23, as amended by the Laws of 1951, Chapter 359, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall become effective on September 1, 1953.

Approved April 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 699—S. F. No. 806

An act relating to veterans of the armed forces of the United States and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 43.171; 43.30; 43.245; 197.20; 197.211; 197.45, Subdivision 1; 197.59; 197.601, Subdivision 1; 197.63, Subdivision 1; 268.08, Subdivision 2; 282.031; 282.032, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 635, Section 1; 306.03; 374.23; 375.383; 462.421, Subdivisions 22 and 23, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 32, Section 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 43.171, is amended to read:

43.171 **Veterans, eligibility.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 43.17, Subdivision 2, any person who attended a Minnesota Highway Patrol training school and who qualified thereby for employment as a State Highway Patrolman and who, by reason of service in the armed forces during World War II or after active service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority, was unavailable for such employment is hereby declared to be eligible for employment as a State Highway Patrolman for a period of one year from the date hereof providing he is honorably discharged from service in World War II and is otherwise qualified to enter upon and perform the duties of such employment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 43.30, is amended to read:

43.30 **Veterans preference.** In all examinations under this chapter a veterans' preference shall be given to *every person who is a veteran as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.45*; who are citizens of the United States and have been residents of the state of Minnesota five years immediately preceding their application or who enlisted from the State of Minnesota, and to persons who served in the active military or naval service of any government allied with the United States in World War I or World War II, and have been honorably discharged therefrom, and who are citizens of the United States and were such citizens at the time of entrance into such active service, and have been residents of the state of Minnesota five years immediately preceding their application or who enlisted from the state of Minnesota. And the veterans thus preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position in the classified service on account of his age or by reason of any physical disability provided such age or physical disability does not render him incompetent to perform the duties of the position.

Recognizing that training and experience in the services of the government and loyalty and sacrifice for the government are qualifications of merit which cannot be readily discovered by examination; there shall be added to the examination rating of a disabled veteran a credit of ten points, and if such augmented rating gives to such disabled veteran a passing grade and such disabled veteran is able to perform the duties of the position sought with reasonable efficiency, his name shall be placed at the head of the eligible list for such position.

There shall be added to the examination rating of all other veterans a credit of five points, and if such augmented rating gives to such veteran a passing grade and if such veteran is able to perform the duties of the position with reasonable efficiency, his name shall be placed on the list of eligibles with the names of other eligible persons. The name of a veteran with such augmented rating shall be entered ahead of a non-veteran when their ratings are the same.

Such preference is hereby extended to the widows of deceased veterans and to the spouse of a disabled veteran, who because of such disability is unable to qualify.

The fact that an applicant has claimed a veteran's preference shall not be made known to the examiners and the preference credit shall be added to the examination rating by the director, and the records shall show the examination rating and the preference credit.

A disabled veteran is one who is rated or certified as disabled by the United States Veterans' Administration, or

by the retirement boards of the several branches of the armed forces, and which disability is existing at the time preference is claimed.

In the event of the rejection by the appointing officer of the person so preferred when certified for promotion or to fill a vacancy or a new position, the appointing officer shall forthwith file in writing with the director the reasons for such rejection and shall furnish to the rejected veteran a copy thereof.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 48.245, is amended to read:

48.245 War veteran, minority; contract for loan. The disability of minority of any person otherwise eligible for guaranty or insurance pursuant to the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (P. L. 346, 78th Congress, as amended), *the National Housing Act, as amended (P. L. 475, 81st Congress,) or the Defense Housing and Community Facilities and Services Act of 1951, P. L. 139, 82nd Congress*, and of the minor spouse of any eligible veteran irrespective of age, in connection with any transaction entered into pursuant thereto, is hereby removed for all purposes in connection with such transaction, including but not limited to incurring of indebtedness or obligations and acquiring, encumbering, selling, releasing, or conveying property or any interest therein and litigating or settling controversies arising therefrom, if all or part of any obligations incident to such transaction be guaranteed or insured by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to *any act hereinbefore referred to*; provided, that this section shall not be construed to impose any other or greater rights or liabilities than would exist if any such person were under no such disability.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.20, is amended to read:

197.20 Burial of soldiers. The commissioner of veterans' affairs, hereinafter referred to as the commissioner, shall cause to be decently buried, within or without the state, at a cost to the state of not more than \$100, the body of any person, male or female, who *is a veteran as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.45*, and of any person not a soldier who actually served in this state, or is a resident thereof, in the Indian war of 1862, and who dies within the state or is brought thereto for interment, and has not left sufficient means to defray the expenses of suitable burial. Such interment shall not be made in any place used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, and the relatives or comrades of the deceased, if they so desire, shall be permitted to conduct the

burial service. The commissioner shall furnish at a cost of not to exceed \$7.00 a United States flag for each such veteran. All funds appropriated for the purposes of sections 197.20 to 197.24 shall be disbursed by the commissioner in the same manner which other funds of the department are disbursed. The commissioner shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 197.20 to 197.24.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.211, is amended to read:

197.211 Persons qualified for benefits. *Subdivision 1.* Any person, male or female, who entered the armed forces of the United States on or after September 10, 1940, and who died prior to the effective date of Laws 1945, Chapter 377, is qualified for any of the benefits provided in Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 197.21.

Subd. 2. Any person, male or female, who entered the armed forces of the United States on and after June 27, 1950, and who died prior to the effective date of this act, is qualified for any of the benefits provided in Minnesota Statutes 1949, section 197.21.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.45, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

197.45 Preference in public appointments. *Subdivision 1.* The word "veteran" as used in this section and section 197.46 means any man or woman honorably discharged from the army, navy, marine corps, or Women's Auxiliary Army Corps of the United States in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, China Relief Expedition, or any armed expedition for which Congress has awarded a campaign badge or medal, World War wherein the United States of America and the allied nations of England, France, and others were engaged in war against the Imperial German Government and its allies, the war between the United States of America and its allies, and Germany, Japan, Italy and their allies, or after active service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority, who is a citizen of the United States, and has been a resident of the state of Minnesota and of the county, city, town, village, school district, or political subdivision thereof to which application is made for five years immediately preceding his application, or who enlisted from the state of Minnesota, and persons who served in the active military or naval service of any government allied with the United States in World War I or World War II, and have been honorably discharged there-

from, and who are citizens of the United States and were such citizens at the time of entrance into such active service, and have been residents of the state of Minnesota five years immediately preceding their application or who enlisted from the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.59, is amended to read:

197.59 Veterans, exempt from license fees; rules. No license fee or other charge provided by any law of the state shall be required by any honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine who served the United States in the civil war, *and is a veteran as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.45*, for the privilege of hawking or peddling goods and merchandise, not prohibited by law or ordinance, in the county where he has established a bona fide residence, solely upon his own account. Nothing herein contained shall prevent any city, village, borough, or other municipality from levying and collecting such license fee for hawking or peddling within its corporate limits. Upon application therefor, accompanied by proof of such discharge, to any clerk or other officer authorized to issue such license, the same shall forthwith be granted. Every such clerk or other officer issuing such license shall ascertain that the applicant is entitled thereto; and any such clerk or other officer issuing a license to any person who is not entitled to receive one under the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Every violation hereof shall be deemed a misdemeanor, the minimum punishment whereof shall be a fine of \$10.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.601, is amended to read:

197.601 Qualification. No person shall be appointed a veterans service officer under sections 197.60 to 197.607 unless he has the following qualifications:

- (1) Residence in the state of Minnesota for at least five years prior to his appointment;
- (2) Citizenship in the United States;
- (3) *Veteran as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.45;*
- (4) Education and training for the duties of veterans service officer;
- (5) Knowledge of the law and the regulations and rulings of the United States Veterans Administration applicable to cases before it and the administration thereof.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.63, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

197.63 Vital statistics records, certified copies. Subdivision 1. **Issued without charge.** A certified copy of a birth, death, marriage, divorce record, or certified copy of veteran's discharge recorded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 386.20, shall be issued promptly by the officer charged with the keeping of such records upon the request of, and without any charge to, any veteran, the surviving spouse or next of kin thereof, service officers of any veterans organization chartered by the Congress of the United States, or the Department of Veterans Affairs, for use in the presentation of claims to the United States Veterans Administration or in connection with any such veterans organization or the Department of Veterans Affairs. The word "veteran" as used in this section means any man or woman *who is a veteran as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.45, and who is a citizen of the United States.*

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 268.08, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. No week shall be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of this section;

(1) Unless it occurs subsequent to the filing of a valid claim for benefits;

(2) Unless it occurs after benefits first could become payable to any individual under sections 268.03 to 268.24;

(3) With respect to which he is receiving, has received, or has filed a claim for unemployment compensation benefits under any other law of this state, or of any other state, or the federal government, including readjustment allowances under Title V, Servicemen's Readjustment Act, 1944, *but not including benefits under the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 or any other federal or state benefits which are merely supplementary to those provided for under sections 268.03 to 268.24, inclusive;* provided that if the appropriate agency of such other state or the federal government finally determines that he is not entitled to such benefits, this provision shall not apply.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 282.031, is amended to read:

282.031 Agricultural land, purchase by veterans. Any veteran of World War I or II *or any veteran who has had active service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessa-*

tion of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority, who is desirous of securing land for agricultural development may at any time prior to June 30, 1953, make application to the county board of the county in which the land is located to purchase not to exceed 180 acres of tax-forfeited land which has been classified as non-conservation or agricultural land and appraised as provided by law. Such land must be situated along a suitably maintained public road and near a public school or bus route and not in a restricted area established by the county board under a zoning ordinance. With his application he shall file a certified copy of his honorable discharge. Such application shall state the legal description of the land desired, the total acreage and the total acreage thereof which has been under cultivation; that the land is suitable for agricultural purposes and that he intends to develop it as such; that no additional public expenditures need be made for roads or schools by reason of the occupancy of such land; and that he is willing to pay therefor the appraised value of the land plus the appraised value of the improvements and standing timber thereon as determined by the county board, on such terms as may be fixed by the board subject to the conditions set forth in section 282.033.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 282.032, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 635, Section 1, is amended to read:

282.032 Application, hearing, payment. Upon receipt of such application the county board shall set a date for hearing thereon. If on such hearing the board finds that the land described in the application meets the conditions prescribed in section 282.031 and, that the applicant is a veteran of World War I or II or is a veteran who has had active service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority, and qualified by such experience that he has a reasonable opportunity of making his living thereon, the board may authorize the purchase. In its resolution authorizing the purchase, the county board shall set forth the purchase price of the land, the amount of the down payment required, which down payment shall not be less than ten per cent of the appraised value of the land and improvements plus the full value of the timber. The resolution shall prescribe the terms of payment. The rate of interest on any unpaid balance shall be four per cent per annum. The resolution shall further state that the number of acres which the board finds are cleared and suitable for cultivation at the time of the sale; and that the purchaser shall receive credit toward the purchase price, or a cash payment if the contract has been fully paid, for any additional land cleared and placed

under cultivation within five years under the terms and conditions set forth in section 282.033.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 306.03, is amended to read:

306.03 Actuary, reports. Every such corporation, in addition to its ordinary corporate officers, shall annually appoint an actuary, or provide by its by-laws that its secretary shall perform the duties of such office. The actuary shall keep a register of burials, in which he shall enter the date of burial or cremation, the name, age, sex, nativity, and cause of death of every person interred or cremated in such cemetery, so far as such facts can be ascertained from the friends, attending physician, or undertaker in charge, and in case of a pauper, stranger, or criminal, from the public official directing the burial. Such record shall be open to public inspection, and the actuary shall furnish to the state board of health and to local health officers, when so requested, an accurate summary of such record during any specified year. He shall report to the adjutant general the burial of any *person, male or female, who is a veteran as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 197.45*, stating the name of such deceased veteran and the location of his grave in the cemetery by lot number.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 374.23, is amended to read:

374.23 Commission; report, filing. Upon the completion of the erection and equipping of the city hall and courthouse building the commission herein provided to be appointed shall make and file with the district court of the county, the office of the auditor of any such county, and the clerk of any city of the first class located in such county a report of its proceedings, setting forth, in general terms, the acts performed by such commission pursuant to this chapter, as well as the contracts which were let in the erection and equipping of such building, and the balances remaining in the funds provided by the sale of bonds, as herein provided. Upon the filing of such report the commission shall thereupon be discharged. The council of any such city and the board of commissioners of any such county may, not later than ten years from the date of the filing of such report, expend the balances remaining in the funds provided by sale of bonds for enlarging the court facilities in such building, and for inscribing the names of deceased military personnel of World War II, *or who had active service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority*, on the columns in the concourse of said building, to be done, however, only upon the request of the judges of the district court in the

county in which the building is located. The remainder of the proceeds of the bonds shall be used for the purpose of retiring bonds issued hereunder, and upon the expiration of the ten-year term, in the event the above mentioned improvements to the building have not been contracted for, the funds provided therefor shall thereupon be used to retire the bonds.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.383, is amended to read:

375.383 **War records, publication.** The board of county commissioners of any county may, by resolution, authorize the compilation, printing, and distribution of a book containing the war records, and, if desired by the board, pictures of residents of the county who served in the armed forces of the United States or any of its allies during the second world war, *or who had active service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority*, and such other information relative to war activities or services as the board deems desirable.

The board may make a tax levy in a sufficient amount to carry out the provisions of this section, which levy may be in addition to all other levies now authorized by law.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 462.421, Subdivision 22, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 32, Section 1, is amended to read:

Subd. 22. "Veterans" means persons who have served in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, *or who have had active service therein on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority*, and who shall have been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable; provided, however, an authority is authorized to include in any contract with the federal government provision for veterans' preferences, servicemen's preferences and other preferences with respect to veterans and servicemen as may be required by any federal law or regulation as a condition of federal financial assistance for a project.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 462.421, Subdivision 23, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 32, Section 1, is amended to read:

Subd. 23. "Servicemen" means persons in military or naval forces of the United States who served therein during World War II, *or who have had active service therein on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hos-*

tilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority; provided, however, an authority is authorized to include in any contract with the federal government provision for veterans' preferences, servicemen's preferences and other preferences with respect to veterans and servicemen as may be required by any federal law or regulation as a condition of federal financial assistance for a project.

Approved April 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 700—S. F. No. 892

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the commissioner of conservation to acquire lands for state park purposes and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Acquisition by state of certain lands for park purposes. The commissioner of conservation is authorized to acquire by purchase the following described lands in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Auditors Subdivision Number 1 of Lot number 1, Redwood Falls and running North 462 feet, thence West 74.43 feet, thence South 50 degrees, 40 minutes West 165½ feet, thence South 5 degrees, 25 minutes West 359 feet to the south line of Lot 1, thence east 236.43 feet more or less to place at beginning, the above described tract containing 2.13 acres, more or less, all in Section Thirty-six (36), Township One Hundred thirteen (113), Range Thirty-six (36), together with any and all improvements located thereon for a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000.00. These lands, when acquired, shall be a part of the Alexander Ramsey State Park under the supervision and control of the commissioner of conservation as provided for in other state parks.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the commissioner of conservation out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$10,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes of this act.

Approved April 24, 1953.
