

Sec. 9. **Violations a misdemeanor.**—Any one not having a certificate of registration who shall hold himself out as a watchmaker or as qualified to do watchmaking, or any one who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 10. **Provisions severable.**—If any section, part, or provision hereof, be found unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions not clearly dependable thereon.

Approved April 16, 1943.

CHAPTER 475—H. F. No. 747.

(AMENDING SECTION 272.12 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to the recording of instruments conveying land, and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2211.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2211, is amended to read as follows:

2211. **Payment of taxes before recording of transfer—certain violations gross misdemeanors.**—When a deed or other instrument conveying land, or a plat of any townsite or addition thereto, is presented to the county auditor for transfer, he shall ascertain from his records if there be taxes due upon the land described therein, or if it has been sold for taxes. If there are taxes due, he shall certify to the same; and upon payment of such taxes, and of any other taxes that may be in the hands of the county treasurer for collection or in case no taxes are due, he shall transfer the land upon the books of his office, and note upon the instrument, over his official signature, the words, "taxes paid and transfer entered," or, if the land described has been sold or assigned to an actual purchaser for taxes, the words "paid by sale of land described within"; and, unless such statement is made upon such instrument, the register of deeds or the registrar of titles shall refuse to receive or record the same; provided, that

sheriff's or referees' certificates of sale on execution or foreclosure of a lien or mortgage, decrees and judgments, receivers' receipts, patents, and copies of town or village plats, in case the original plat filed in the office of the register of deeds has been lost or destroyed, and instruments releasing, removing and discharging reversionary and forfeiture provisions affecting title to land and instruments releasing, removing or discharging easement rights in land or building or other restrictions, may be recorded without such certificate; and, provided that instruments conveying land and, as appurtenant thereto an easement over adjacent tract or tracts of land, may be recorded without such certificate as to the land covered by such easement; and, provided, further, that any instrument granting an easement made in favor of any public utility in the nature of a right of way over, along, across or under a tract of land may be recorded without such certificate as to the land covered by such easement.

A violation of this section by the register of deeds or the registrar of titles shall be a gross misdemeanor, and, in addition to the punishment therefor, he shall be liable to the grantee of any instrument so recorded for the amount of any damages sustained.

Approved April 16, 1943.

CHAPTER 476—H. F. No. 1066.

An act relating to the Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake water control projects and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Commissioner of conservation may complete Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake projects.—Inasmuch as the cessation of the work relief program of the Federal government and the entry of the United States into the present war prevented completion of certain contemplated features of the Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake water control projects heretofore undertaken by the executive council, in cooperation with Federal agencies, and it is desirable that such projects be completed in order to secure effective control and utilization of the waters affected for the purposes of prevention and control of floods, water conservation, improvement of conditions for game and fish, and other authorized public uses, the commissioner of conservation is authorized to construct all works and improvements pertaining or