

Provided, that the seller shall furnish a complete certified abstract of title to said property, and the attorney general shall give his opinion that the title to the land is good and marketable, and free from all liens and encumbrances, and shall approve the deed of conveyance.

Sec. 2. **Director may lease premises.** The director of public institutions is authorized to enter into a lease of the residence on said property with suitable means of entry and egress, with Mrs. Catherine Anna Merrill under such terms and conditions as he shall deem appropriate.

Sec. 3. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$5,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to be paid to the grantors in said deed on the certificate of the director of public institutions.

Approved April 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 680—H. F. No. 899

[Coded as Section 219.561]

An act to provide for installation of lights on track motor cars operated by railroads and providing for penalties for violation thereof.

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

[219.561] Section 1. **Track motor cars to be lighted.**
Subdivision 1. From and after January 1, 1950, every person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running through or within the state shall equip each of its track motor cars used during the period from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise, with :

(1) An electric headlight of such construction and of sufficient candlepower to render plainly visible at a distance of not less than three hundred feet in advance of such track motor car, any track obstruction, landmark, warning sign or grade crossing ; and

(2) A rear electric red light of such construction and of sufficient candlepower as to be plainly visible at a distance of three hundred feet.

Sec. 2. Subd. 2. Any person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running through or within this state using or permitting to be used on its line in this state a track motor car in violation of the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 681—H. F. No. 1002

An act relating to the reimbursement of public officers and employees for the use of privately owned automobiles in the performance of their duties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 350.11.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 350.11, is amended to read :

350.11. Auto hire paid to certain officers and employees. The maximum amount which shall be paid by the state, any department or bureau thereof, or any county, city, village, town, or school district, *other than any county or municipality therein, in which county there is contained a city of the first class and the population of which county is 500,000 or more,* to any officer or employee, except sheriffs or deputy sheriffs, as compensation or reimbursement for the use by such officer or employee of his own automobile in the performance of his duties shall not exceed *six* cents per mile.

This section shall be construed as amending all existing laws authorizing such allowances or reimbursements by imposing the maximum limit above set forth.

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** *This act shall take effect July 1, 1949, and be in force until July 1, 1951.*

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