

contributions shall be in writing, shall impose no conditions whatsoever upon the commission, and the acceptance of such gift or contribution shall be by majority vote of the commission. All gifts or contributions so made and accepted shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation provided by this act.

Sec. 6. **Actual expenses, reimbursement.** Members of the commission, while serving without pay, shall be allowed and paid their actual traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission may employ clerical and professional aid and assistance; may purchase stationery and other supplies, and do all things reasonably necessary in carrying out the purpose of this act.

Sec. 7. **Appropriation.** In addition to any gifts or contributions which may be received in connection with the foregoing section 5, there is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay expenses incurred by the commission. For the payment of such expenses the commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented. A general statement of all receipts and expenditures shall be included with the commission's report.

Approved April 24, 1953.

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CHAPTER 737—H. F. No. 1706

*An act relating to taxation and registration of motor vehicles, amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 168.013, by adding a new subdivision thereto.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 168.013, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto to read as follows:

*Subd. 13 in MS '53*  
 Subd. 12. Reduction of registered gross weights. Whenever a motor vehicle registered in the gross weight class is sold during the calendar year for which the tax has been paid, the registrar may upon application of the seller reduce the registered gross weight of such motor vehicle to a lower gross weight provided such application is also accompanied by an application of the buyer to register or transfer the regis-

tration of such motor vehicle. The seller making such application shall be entitled to a tax credit of the difference in tax between the higher and lower gross weights to be applied toward the tax due on a new vehicle or vehicle first becoming taxable in Minnesota in the name of the seller on or after the date such application for reduced gross weight is made. However, the gross weight on such a vehicle shall not be reduced to a weight less than the unloaded weight of such vehicle. The tax credit given to the seller applying for reduced gross weight provided herein shall be computed pro rata by the month  $1/12$  of the annual tax paid for each month remaining in the year beginning with the month following the month such application for reduced gross weight was made less the tax due for the lower gross weight computed pro rata by the month  $1/12$  of the annual tax due for each month remaining in the year beginning with the month following the month such application for reduced gross weight was made. The buyer of a vehicle for which the seller has applied to reduce the gross weight shall immediately apply to register or transfer the vehicle to his name on the basis of his selected gross weight and shall pay such additional tax as may be due thereon for the remainder of the year prorated by the month  $1/12$  of the annual tax due for each month remaining in the calendar year beginning with the month following the month of such application with credit given for tax previously paid by the seller on the basis of the lower gross weight to which the registration was reduced. Nothing herein shall be construed to vary the terms or conditions of Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 168.013, Subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 575.

Approved April 24, 1953.

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#### CHAPTER 738—H. F. No. 1654

*An act relating to aeronautics; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 360.013, Subdivisions 11 and 13, and 360.018, Subdivisions 1 and 5.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 360.013, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. "Commercial operations" means any operations of an aircraft for compensation or hire; or any services performed incidental to the operation of any aircraft for which a fee is charged or compensation received; including, but not limited to, the servicing, maintaining and repairing of air-