

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 100.29, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto to read:

[Subd. 23.] *It shall be unlawful to take protected wild animals with the aid of ferrets.*

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 503—H. F. No. 1338

An act relating to spraying and dusting machines; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 20.31, 20.32, 20.33, 20.34 and 20.35; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 18.23 to 18.26 inclusive.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.31, is amended to read:

20.31 Spraying and dusting machine. When used in *this act*, "spraying and dusting machine," means any power driven mechanism used on the ground *or in the air* to spray or dust crops or land to control or eradicate weeds, undesirable brush, plant diseases, insects, or rodents; but excludes any such mechanism when capable of hand transportation.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.32, is amended to read:

20.32 Permits. Subdivision 1. A person shall not operate a spraying and dusting machine unless he has obtained a permit. *Operators of ground equipment shall secure a permit from the commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food. Operators of aerial equipment shall secure an endorsement to their commercial operators license authorizing them to engage in aerial spraying and dusting.*

Subd. 2. A person may receive a permit to operate *ground spraying equipment* by filing an application, upon a form prescribed by the commissioner, accompanied by a fee of \$5. The application shall state such information as the commissioner requires to enable him to determine if the applicant is qualified and his equipment suitable to perform the contemplated functions. *Aerial applicators shall be licensed for commercial spraying and dusting operations in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 360.013, Subdivision 11.*

Subd. 3. Upon receiving a proper application, and payment of the required fee, with the approval of the state ento-

mologist, the commissioner of *agriculture, dairy and food* shall issue a permit. The permit is effective until January 1 following the date of its issuance, but may be renewed on that date and for subsequent years, in the manner and subject to the conditions governing its issuance originally.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.33, is amended to read:

20.33 **Administration, rules.** The commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food shall administer *this act* and may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer *it* and effect *its* purpose.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.34, is amended to read:

20.34 **Persons exempt, operation.** *This act*, shall not apply to a farmer operating his own *ground* equipment on his own property, or *the operation of ground equipment* for hire within 15 miles of his farm residence, but no such person shall operate any such equipment within the corporate limits of any municipality without the consent of the governing body thereof.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.35, is amended to read:

20.35 **Violation, penalty.** A person who violates *this act* is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. **Repealer.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 18.23 to 18.26 inclusive are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall become effective when signed by the governor.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 504—H. F. No. 1370

An act relating to the probation department in certain counties, its creation, appointment of its officers and employees, and the duties thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 487.01, 487.02 and 487.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 487.01, is amended to read:

487.01 **Hennepin county probation and investigation department.** There is hereby established in all counties of this state now or hereafter having a population of more than