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**CHAPTER 158—S.F.No.1103**

*An act relating to counties; providing for county appropriations for patrol of county highways and roads; eliminating the restriction on the Hennepin county board of commissioners in relation thereto; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 375.46, Subdivision 1.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 375.46, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**375.46 COUNTIES; ROAD AND HIGHWAY PATROL; SHERIFF'S DUTY.** Subdivision 1. The board of county commissioners of any county ~~except in a county with a population of over 600,000,~~ may appropriate, out of its general fund, money to permit the sheriff to patrol the roads and highways of his county to investigate conditions respecting observances of laws.

Approved May 19, 1977.

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**CHAPTER 159—S.F.No.1138**

*An act relating to probate; changing requirements for collection of personalty by affidavit; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 524.3-1201.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 524.3-1201, is amended to read:

**524.3-1201 PROBATE PROCEEDINGS; COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT.** (a) Thirty days after the death of a decedent, any person indebted to the decedent or having possession of tangible personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock or chose in action belonging to the decedent shall make payment of the indebtedness or deliver the tangible personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock or chose in action to a person claiming to be the successor of the decedent upon being presented a certified death certificate of the decedent and an affidavit made by or on behalf of the successor stating that:

(1) the value of the entire probate estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed \$5,000;

(2) 30 days have elapsed since the death of the decedent;

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(3) no application or petition for the appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction; and

(4) the claiming successor is entitled to payment or delivery of the property.

(b) A transfer agent of any security shall change the registered ownership on the books of a corporation from the decedent to the successor or successors upon the presentation of an affidavit as provided in subsection (a).

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**CHAPTER 160—S.F.No.1140**

*An act relating to agriculture; food licensing; defining a custom processor and providing for a custom processing permit; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 28A.03; 28A.04; and 28A.13.*

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 28A.03, is amended to read:

**28A.03 AGRICULTURE; FOOD LICENSING; DEFINITIONS.** As used in sections 28A.01 to 28A.16 the terms defined in this section shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture of the state of Minnesota.

(b) "Person" means any individual, firm, corporation, company, association, cooperative or partnership and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof.

(c) "Place of business" means every location where food or food items are manufactured, processed, sold, stored or handled, including buildings, locations, permanent or portable structures, carnivals, circuses, fairs, or any other permanent or temporary location.

(1) Any vehicle or similar mobile unit from which food is sold shall be considered a place of business for purposes of this section if the food therefrom has been manufactured, packaged or dispensed from bulk, or processed in any manner thereon.

(2) Each location which is identified by a separate address, at which one or more vending machines which process or dispense food are located shall be considered a separate place of business for the purposes of this section.

(d) "Food" includes every article used for, entering into the consumption of, or

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