

made an offense under the provisions of subdivision 3 of this section, he may be taken before a court of competent jurisdiction by order of the superintendent of the sanatorium or the chief medical officer of the hospital, who may file a complaint against such person charging him with disorderly conduct. Upon conviction of such offense, the court may sentence such person to be confined in the disciplinary quarters made available at the state sanatorium or at any other state institution under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 144.425, as amended by this act, and issue its commitment accordingly.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 144.425, is amended to read:

144.425 Patients; facilities provided; transfer. The directors of state agencies responsible for the supervision of the operation and maintenance of the state sanatorium and other state institutions are hereby authorized and directed to provide adequate facilities at the state sanatorium and one or more state institutions where proper care can be provided and where proper precautions can be taken to detain and safely keep any person committed thereto under the provisions of section 144.424, as amended by section 6 of this act. When it is deemed necessary or desirable, the directors of such state agencies may transfer any such person from one institution to any other providing such facilities. Upon the expiration of the term of his sentence such person shall be returned to the sanatorium or hospital in which he was a patient at the time of his conviction.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 144.423, 144.426 and 144.424, subdivisions 1 to 7 inclusive, are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 315—H. F. No. 102

[Coded as Section 347.22]

An act to establish liability of owners of dogs which attack or injure a person.

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

[347.22] Section 1. **Attacking or injuring person; owner liable for damages.** If a dog, without provocation, attacks or injures any person who is peaceably conducting himself in any place where he may lawfully be in any urban area, the owner of the dog is liable in damages to the person so attacked or injured to the full amount of the injury sustained. The term "owner" includes any person harboring or keeping a dog. The term "dog" includes both male and female of the canine species.

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CHAPTER 316—H. F. No. 223

An act relating to gross earnings taxation of telephone companies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 295.34, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 295.34, Subdivision 2, is amended to read :

295.34 Subd. 2. All telephone companies whose gross earnings from operations during any calendar year whether derived from fixed assessments or any other source, and exclusive of connecting fees and switching charges paid to others, are \$1,000 or less, shall pay into the state treasury a tax of 30 cents per telephone for each telephone connected to the system during such calendar year whether the same is in actual use or not. Every taxpayer subject to this subdivision shall on or before February first of each year file a verified report in duplicate copy with the commissioner of taxation in such form as may be prescribed, showing the number of telephones connected to the system whether in use or not, and such other information as the commissioner may deem necessary to a proper determination of the tax herein imposed. In all other respects the taxpayers subject to these provisions shall be governed by all other provisions of law in force and applicable to the gross earnings tax of telephone companies.

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