

erable at law, together with costs and disbursements, including costs of investigation and reasonable attorney's fees, and receive other equitable relief as determined by the court. The court may, as appropriate, enter a consent judgment or decree without a finding of illegality.

Sec. 2. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 181.77, is repealed.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved April 13, 1976.

CHAPTER 257—H.F.No.1333

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to coroners; providing for fees and traveling expenses; prohibiting interference with a dead body or the scene of death; prescribing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 357.11; and Chapter 609, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 357.11, is amended to read:

357.11 CORONERS; FEES. Fees for viewing or examining each dead body, not less than \$10 nor more than \$25, and mileage for necessary travel at a rate determined by the county board and for each additional day required, not less than \$5 nor more than \$15, as shall be determined by the county board:

(1) For holding an inquest, not less than \$10 nor more than \$25, as shall be determined by the county board, for each day's necessary attendance whether or not such inquest is held on the same day on which the body was viewed, and mileage as above, and 15 cents per folio for writing the record, including testimony witnesses: body, for holding an inquest, for preparing folios, and allowances for mileage for necessary travel shall be determined by the county board.

~~(2)~~(1) In performing the sheriff's duties a coroner shall receive the fees allowed to the sheriff for like services.

~~(2)~~(2) Fees and mileage for physicians called by the coroner to make autopsies shall be allowed \$15 per day and mileage as above, and, when the county board shall be satisfied that the autopsy was attended by great and unusual difficulties, they may allow such further sum to the physicians as may be just compensation for the services

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shall be determined by the county board. A coroner or deputy coroner, who is duly licensed and registered to practice medicine and surgery in this state, shall not be disqualified from rendering medical care or hospitalization to a recipient of public relief or being appointed an examiner in insanity or incompetency hearings, or from being compensated therefor, by virtue of holding such office. A coroner or deputy coroner, who is a duly licensed funeral director or embalmer in this state, shall not be disqualified from performing any duties prescribed by law for each from rendering such services to a recipient of public relief, or from being compensated therefor, by virtue of holding such office. This chapter shall apply to all counties now having or hereafter having a population of less than 275,000 but shall not apply to any county where such fees are now fixed by special laws.

(4) The county board of any such county may allow the reasonable and necessary expenses of any such coroner or his deputies, incurred for ambulance, telephone tolls, telegrams, or postage, solely for official business.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 609, is amended by adding a section to read:

[609.502] INTERFERENCE WITH DEAD BODY OR SCENE OF DEATH; PENALTY. Whoever interferes with the body or scene of death with intent to mislead the coroner or conceal evidence is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Approved April 13, 1976.

CHAPTER 258—H.F.No.1435

An act relating to game and fish; taking of animals by falconry; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 100.27, Subdivision 8.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 100.27, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **GAME AND FISH; FALCONRY; SEASON.** Protected wild animals may be taken in season or at other times by means of falconry under such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe.

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