

which the registration was reduced. Whenever a vehicle registered in the gross weight class has been dismantled and scrapped in such manner that the same cannot again be used on the public streets and highways the requirement for transfer of ownership shall be waived and the owner may apply for reduced gross weight and shall be entitled to a refund of a portion of the registration tax theretofore paid on such vehicle and may make application to the registrar therefor in such form as the registrar may require, including evidence that said vehicle has been so dismantled and scrapped and surrender the license plates and certificate of registration to said registrar. Upon approving such application the registrar shall issue a refund to the owner to be computed as follows: the registrar shall subtract and retain from the current gross weight tax theretofore paid on such vehicle a sum equal to the unloaded weight tax applicable to such vehicle for that current year and refund to such owner a sum equal to 1/12 of the balance for each month of said current tax year beginning with the first month next following the receipt of such license plates and registration certificate. Nothing herein shall be construed to vary the terms or conditions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 168.013, Subdivision 3.

Approved April 3, 1959.

CHAPTER 155—H. F. No. 805

[Not Coded]

An act requiring federal and state authorities to obtain from the building inspector of Duluth building permits, in certain cases, without payment of fees therefor.

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

Section 1. **Duluth, building permits.** Before any public authority, such as the United States of America, the State of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota, the County of St. Louis, the Board of Education of the City of Duluth, and the City of Duluth, or any duly authorized agency, board, commission or department created under the laws of the United States, or the laws of the State of Minnesota, or under the Charter or ordinances of the City of Duluth, shall commence any work involving the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or repair of any building, warehouse, dwelling, or other structure which, if to be done for a private purpose, would require a building permit under the Building Code of the City of Du-

luth, the public authority on account of which or for which such work is to be done shall file, or cause to be filed with the Building Inspector an application in writing for a permit, together with at least one complete set of the plans and specifications covering the work proposed to be done, and thereupon the Building Inspector shall issue the permit requested without payment of any fee therefor, if, at the time of the filing of such application and set of plans and specifications, such public authority filing the same shall claim exemption or assert immunity from the payment of any such fee.

Section 2. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the City of Duluth.

Approved April 3, 1959.

CHAPTER 156—H. F. No. 810

An act relating to insurance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 71.23, adding new retaliatory provisions.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 71.23, is hereby amended to read:

71.23 Retaliatory provisions. *Subdivision 1.* When by the laws of any other state or country any taxes, fines, deposits, penalties, licenses, or fees, in addition to or in excess of those imposed by the laws of this state upon foreign insurance companies and their agents doing business in this state, are imposed on insurance companies of this state and their agents doing business in that state or country, or when any conditions precedent to the right to do business in that state are imposed by the laws thereof, beyond those imposed upon these foreign companies by the laws of this state, the same taxes, fines, deposits, penalties, licenses, fees, and conditions precedent shall be imposed upon every similar insurance company of that state or country and their agents doing or applying to do business in this state so long as these foreign laws remain in force.

Subd. 2. *In the event that a domestic insurance company, after complying with all reasonable laws and rulings of any other state or country, is refused permission by that state or country to transact business therein, after the commissioner of insurance of Minnesota has determined that that company*