

sioner of agriculture sufficient funds to pay the costs of such the referendum and such funds shall be used by the commissioner for that purpose. Funds received for that purpose shall be deposited in the commodity research and promotion account. If an area council is created pursuant to such a referendum it may reimburse petitioners for the amount of such deposit from any funds received by the council.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 32B.07, is amended to read:

32B.07 PROSPECTIVE FEES; MILK MARKETING PROGRAM.

Fees collected pursuant to sections 32B.01 to 32B.13 shall be deposited in a ~~bank or banks or other depository approved by the commissioner of banks~~ federally insured depository institution and shall be disbursed by ~~such the officers and employees as may be approved by the commissioner of agriculture~~ with the advice and consent of the council for the necessary expenses incurred with respect to sections 32B.01 to 32B.13. All persons authorized to control, handle, or deposit these fees shall be bonded. The amount, manner and payment of ~~such the~~ bonds shall be the responsibility of the council. All fees collected by the first buyer of milk must be remitted within 30 days of collection of same.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 32B.12, is amended to read:

32B.12 ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS; APPROPRIATION.

The commissioner of agriculture may accept funds, private and public, for the purpose of conducting a referendum or doing any other act or thing required under the terms and provisions of sections 32B.01 to 32B.13, ~~and any moneys so received by the commissioner.~~ Funds received for those purposes shall be deposited in the state treasury and are hereby appropriated annually for the purpose set forth herein commodity research and promotion account.

Sec. 10.

All moneys received by the department of agriculture pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 17.59, Subdivision 3; 21A.09; 29.049; 30.469; and 32B.04 and not expended by July 1, 1981, shall be transferred to the commodity research and promotion account in the state treasury on July 1, 1981.

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CHAPTER 42 — H.F.No. 483

An act relating to Ramsey county, providing for the administration of the soldiers' rest: amending Laws 1974, Chapter 435, Section 1.0212.

Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

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

Section 1. Laws 1974, Chapter 435, Section 1.0212, is amended to read:

Sec. 1.0212. SOLDIERS' REST.

(a) **AUTHORITY TO BUY CEMETERY LOTS.** Ramsey county may purchase a plot of ground in an organized cemetery lying, in whole or in part, in the county, or in a contiguous county, to be used ~~exclusively~~ as a soldiers' rest and may appropriate ~~not more than \$3,500 in any one year to pay for and embellish it and to keep it up and to open and close graves in it for the interment of honorably discharged deceased military veterans of the United States and their spouses and minor children.~~

(b) **AUTHORITY TO HIRE AN AGENT.** Ramsey county may use the part of this appropriation that it considers necessary for the compensation of ~~compensate the~~ expenses of an agent, who must be a veteran, to care for the soldiers' rest and to issue permits for burial in it.

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CHAPTER 43 — S.F.No. 11

An act relating to liens; increasing the amount of an employee's lien for wages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 514.59.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 514.59, is amended to read:

514.59 WAGES, LIEN AS AGAINST SEIZURE.

Every ~~mechanic, salesman, clerk, operative, or other~~ employee of a ~~manufacturer, merchant, or dealer in merchandise~~ shall ~~have~~ has a lien upon all the property of his employer, as against any attachment or execution levied thereon, for the security of ~~his~~ the ~~employee's~~ wages earned within the six months last preceding, to an amount ~~not exceeding \$200~~ \$1,000 ~~or five weeks net wages, whichever is greater,~~ subject to a maximum of \$3,000. ~~Such~~ The ~~lien shall not be affected by any agreement with the employer to waive the same~~ lien, and shall be preferred to mortgages, judgments, and other liens which ~~shall have attached~~ attach after the beginning of the labor or services ~~in~~ by which the wages were earned.

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