

**Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective July 1, 1983, except that the term of the correctional employee added to the board by section 1 shall commence March 5, 1984.

Approved April 28, 1983

---

**CHAPTER 64 — H.F.No. 909**

*An act relating to the range association of municipalities and schools; defining its permitted area; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 471.58.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 471.58, is amended to read:

**471.58 RANGE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOLS; MEMBERSHIP.**

For the purpose of providing an area-wide approach to problems which demand coordinated and cooperative actions and which are common to those areas of northeast Minnesota affected by operations involved in mining iron ore and taconite and producing concentrate therefrom, and for the purpose of promoting the general welfare and economic development of the cities, towns and school districts within the iron ranges area of northeast Minnesota, any city, town or school district in which the assessed valuation consists in part of iron ore, or lands containing taconite or semi-taconite or which is located in whole or part in the tax relief area defined by section 273.134, may pay annual dues in the range association of municipalities and schools; ~~provided, that in cities, towns or school districts having a population of 3,000 inhabitants, such dues shall not exceed the sum of \$500 per year and in cities, towns or school districts having a population of less than 3,000 inhabitants, such dues shall not exceed the sum of \$250.~~ The association may sue, be sued, intervene and act in a civil action in which the outcome of the action will have an effect upon the interest of any of its members.

Approved April 28, 1983

---

**CHAPTER 65 — S.F.No. 47**

*An act relating to game and fish; requiring a pheasant stamp; establishing a fee and providing for the use of revenue; allowing multiple sale of stamps with a single issuing fee; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 98.50, subdivision 5; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97.*

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

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

Section 1. [97.4843] PHEASANT STAMPS.

Subdivision 1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them:

(a) "Pheasant" means the Phasianus colchicus.

(b) "Stamp" means the state pheasant stamp issued by the commissioner.

(c) "Development" means, but is not limited to, the establishment of nesting cover, winter cover, and reliable food sources.

Subd. 2. STAMP REQUIRED. Except for residents under the age of 18 years or over the age of 65 years, no person who is otherwise required to possess a Minnesota small game license shall hunt or take pheasants within this state without first purchasing a stamp and having the stamp in possession while hunting or taking pheasants. Each stamp shall be validated by the signature of the licensee written across its face. The commissioner shall determine the form of the stamp and shall furnish and distribute stamps to county auditors for sale by them and their authorized subagents as prescribed by order of the commissioner. The commissioner shall encourage the purchase of stamps by any persons interested in the improvement of pheasant habitat.

Subd. 3. FEE. A stamp shall be issued to each small game hunting license applicant or other person interested in the improvement of pheasant habitat upon payment of a fee of \$5. Stamps shall be issued annually and shall be valid from March 1 through the last day of the following February.

Subd. 4. USE OF REVENUE. The commissioner may approve projects only for the following purposes:

(a) Promotion and practice of development, restoration, maintenance and preservation of suitable habitat for pheasants on public and private lands and the reimbursement of landowners for setting aside lands for pheasant habitat and the expenditure of funds on public and private lands to provide pheasant habitat;

(b) Necessary related administrative and personnel costs in an amount not to exceed ten percent of the annual deposits into the game and fish fund attributable to the sale of stamps.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 98.50, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Any resident desiring to sell the licenses referred to in subdivision 1 may either purchase for cash or obtain on consignment license blanks from a county auditor in groups of not less than five nonresident, and ten resident license blanks. In addition to the basic license fee, he shall collect a fee for issuing each license in the amount of \$1 for the license to take deer and for the

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

sportsman license authorized in section 98.46, subdivision 2a, and 75 cents for all other licenses. The state migratory waterfowl stamp required by section 97.4841, the trout stamp required by section 97.4842, the pheasant stamp required by section 1, and any other similar state stamp required by statute, each shall be considered to be a "license" within the meaning of this subdivision except that only one issuing fee shall be collected when such stamp and a small game or other appropriate license are issued in the same transaction in which case the stamp shall be considered a part of the appropriate license and only one issuing fee shall be collected any stamps are issued in the same transaction with the appropriate small game, fishing, or sportsman's license, or when a collector purchases more than one stamp in the same transaction after the end of the season for which the stamp was issued. In selling such licenses, he shall be deemed an agent of the county auditor and the commissioner, and he shall observe all rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner for the accounting for and handling of such licenses.

The county auditor shall promptly deposit all moneys received from the sale of licenses with the county treasurer, and shall promptly transmit such reports as may be required by the commissioner, together with his warrant on the county treasurer for 100 percent of the surcharge imposed by section 97.482 plus 96 percent of the price to the licensee, exclusively of said surcharge and the issuing fee, for each license sold or consigned by him and subsequently sold to a licensee during the accounting period. The county auditor shall retain as his commission four percent of all license fees, excluding issuing fees for licenses consigned to subagents. In addition, for licenses sold for cash directly to the licensee, the auditor shall collect the same issuing fee as a subagent. Unsold license blanks in the hands of any agent shall be redeemed by the commissioner if presented for redemption within the time prescribed by the commissioner therefor. Any license blanks not presented for redemption within the period prescribed shall be conclusively presumed to have been sold, and the agent possessing the same or to whom they are charged shall be accountable therefor. The commissioner shall collect the same issuing fee as a subagent for licenses sold directly through a license distribution center operated by the department of natural resources. The issuing fees so collected by the commissioner shall be credited to the game and fish fund.

### Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.

There is appropriated from the game and fish fund to the commissioner of natural resources for pheasant habitat improvement pursuant to section 1 \$500,000 for fiscal year 1984 and \$500,000 for fiscal year 1985. The complement of the department is increased by one position.

### Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 29, 1983

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