

of Public Institutions is hereby authorized, by and with the approval of the Commissioner of Administration, to transfer in case of necessity a portion of the funds appropriated for Current Expense to any one of the above named institutions to any other one of the above named institutions.

17. SANITORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES:

a. Current Expense\$ 5,000.00

Sec. 12. Unobligated balances canceled into general revenue fund; disposition of certain funds. The unobligated balances on hand as of June 30, 1947, in the several appropriations and accounts of each of the departments or divisions for which an appropriation is made herein out of the general revenue fund, are hereby cancelled into the general revenue fund as of June 30, 1947, and the unobligated balances on hand as of June 30, 1947, appropriated out of any other funds, shall be cancelled into the fund from which they are appropriated as of June 30, 1947.

Approved March 24, 1947.

CHAPTER 114—H. F. No. 63

An act relating to the confidential nature of accident reports required to be made as to certain accidents involving motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 169.09, Subdivision 13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 169.09, Subdivision 13, is amended to read as follows:

169.09. Accidents. Subd. 13. Reports confidential. All required accident reports and supplemental reports shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting and shall be for the confidential use of the department for accident prevention purposes, except that the department and any law enforcement department of any municipality or county in this state shall, upon written request of any person involved in any accident or upon written request of the representative of his estate, disclose to such person, the representative of his estate, or legal council, the names and addresses of the driver and all other

persons involved in an accident, the name and address of any witnesses to the accident, the name and address of any officer who has investigated the accident, the license of any motor vehicle involved therein, and the date and place of the accident. No such report shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, except that the department shall furnish upon the demand of any person who has, or claims to have, made such a report, or, upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the department solely to prove a compliance or a failure to comply with the requirements that such report be made to the department. Disclosing any information contained in any accident report, except as provided herein, is unlawful and a misdemeanor.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any person who has made a report pursuant to this chapter from testifying in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, as to facts within his knowledge. It is intended by this subdivision to render privileged the reports required but it is not intended to prohibit proof of the facts to which such reports relate. Legally qualified newspaper publications shall upon request to a law enforcement agency be given an oral statement covering only the time and place of the accident, the names and addresses of the parties involved, and a general statement as to how the accident happened without attempting to fix liability upon anyone, but said legally qualified newspaper publications shall not be given access to the hereinbefore mentioned confidential reports, nor shall any such statements or information so orally given be used as evidence in any court proceeding, but shall merely be used for the purpose of a proper publication of the news.

Approved March 24, 1947.

CHAPTER 115—H. F. No. 67

[Coded as Section 162.01, Subdivision 6]

An act authorizing use of money resulting from taxes levied under authority of Laws 1917, Chapter 75.

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

162.01. Section 1. Powers of county board. Subd. 6. Certain taxes used as in Subd. 5. When taxes have heretofore