

Sec. 2. This act takes effect when approved by the members of the governing body of the village of Ivanhoe and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 25, 1965.

CHAPTER 759—H. F. No. 544

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the protection of the abused and battered child; requiring the reporting of injuries or evidence of injuries appearing to arise from the maltreatment of minors; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 626.52, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 626.52, as amended by Laws 1963, Chapter 489, Section 1, is amended to read:

626.52 Battered child; physicians and other aids to healing to report injuries from firearms. Every physician, every surgeon, every person authorized to engage in the practice of healing, every superintendent or manager of a hospital, every nurse and every pharmacist, whether such physicians, surgeons, persons engaged in the practice of healing, superintendent or manager of any hospital, nurse and pharmacist be licensed or not, shall immediately report to the proper police authorities, as herein defined, all bullet wounds, gunshot wounds, powder burns, or any other injury arising from, or caused by the discharge of any gun, pistol, or any other firearm, which wound he is called upon to treat, dress, or bandage. ~~Every person required to report such wounds shall, in the same manner as required for the reporting of gunshot or similar wounds; report injuries or evidence of injuries appearing to arise from the beating or similar maltreatment of any minor under the age of 16 years; whose injuries the person is called upon to treat, dress or bandage. No such report shall be made the subject matter or basis for any suit for slander or libel.~~

Sec. 2. [626.554] **Reporting of maltreatment of minors.**
Subdivision 1. Declaration of purpose. The purpose of section 2 is to provide for the protection of minor children who have had physical injury inflicted upon them, by other than accidental means, where the injury appears to have been caused as a result of physical abuse or neglect.

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Subd. 2. Who makes report and to whom made. *Any physician, surgeon, person authorized to engage in the practice of healing, superintendent or manager of a hospital, nurse and pharmacist, whether such physicians, surgeons, persons engaged in the practice of healing, superintendent or manager of any hospital, nurse and pharmacist be licensed or not, shall immediately report all cases of physical injury to children which come to their attention where the injury appears to have been caused as a result of physical abuse or neglect. Such cases shall be reported to the appropriate police authority and the county welfare agency. The appropriate police authority, upon receiving such a report, shall immediately notify the county welfare agency. Provided, however, that no provision of this section shall be construed to mean that a child is neglected or lacks proper parental care solely because said child's parent, guardian, or custodian in good faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care of such child.*

Subd. 3. Nature and content of report. *An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone or otherwise and followed as soon thereafter as possible by a report in writing, to the appropriate police authority and the county welfare agency. Such report shall contain the names and addresses of the child and his parents or other persons responsible for his care, if known, the child's age, the nature and extent of the child's injuries, including any evidence of previous injuries, and any other information helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries and the identity of the perpetrator.*

Subd. 4. Responsibility of county welfare agency. *The county welfare agency shall investigate complaints of neglect and abuse of children and offer protective social services in an effort to protect the health and welfare of these children and to prevent further abuses.*

Subd. 5. Immunity from liability. *Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report pursuant to this section shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report.*

Subd. 6. Evidence not privileged. *Neither the physician-patient privilege nor the husband-wife privilege shall be a ground for excluding evidence regarding a child's injuries or the cause thereof, in any judicial proceeding resulting from a report pursuant to this section.*

Subd. 7. Penalty for violation. *Anyone knowingly and will-*

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ingly violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 760—H. F. No. 556

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the municipal court of Fridley; fixing the salaries of the judge and the special judge of said court, and designating the judge as chief municipal judge and the special judge as municipal judge.

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

Section 1. **Fridley municipal court; judges; salaries.** Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 488.06, the judge of the municipal court, and the special judge of the municipal court of Fridley shall be designated as chief municipal judge and municipal judge, respectively.

Subd. 2. Effective January 1, 1965, the annual salary of the chief judge of the municipal court of Fridley is \$4,000, and said judge shall receive in addition to this salary the annual salary of \$500 as provided in Minnesota statutes 1961, Section 488.21, Subdivision 3, for services in connection with the conciliation court.

Subd. 3. Effective January 1, 1965, the annual salary of the municipal judge of the municipal court of Fridley is \$2,000, and said judge shall receive in addition to this salary the annual salary of \$500 for services in connection with the conciliation court.

Subd. 4. The provisions of subdivisions 2 and 3 apply to the salaries of the judges of the municipal court of Fridley, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Minnesota Statutes 1961, Sections 488.21 and 488.22.

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CHAPTER 761—H. F. No. 672

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An act relating to coroners; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961,

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