

3, and 4 of Block 36, described in section 1 for public purposes and the balance of the lands described in section 1 for park any public purposes the city council determines are best for the community. In the event the city fails to use or abandons the use of the lands for such purposes the same shall revert to the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. *In the event any deed of conveyance has been executed and delivered to the city of Northfield in accordance with Laws 1967, Chapter 105, and the same contains any restrictions as to use of the land contrary to section 1 of this act, the governor may execute an instrument in a form approved by the attorney general modifying such restrictions so as to conform to this act.*

Approved March 7, 1969.

#### CHAPTER 34—S. F. No. 563

[Coded]

*An act relating to the Minnesota state institutions for mentally ill and mentally retarded; establishing work activity programs in state hospitals.*

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

Section 1. **[246.56] Mentally ill; work activity programs; pre-vocational training for mentally ill or retarded patients; administration.** Subdivision 1. The commissioner of public welfare is hereby authorized to establish, subject to the approval of the commissioner of education, within the state institutions for the mentally ill and mentally retarded, work activity programs for the manufacture, processing and repairing of goods, wares, and merchandise for the purpose of providing therapeutic work activities for patients and residents.

Subd. 2. The work activity programs authorized herein shall be planned and designed exclusively to provide therapeutic activities for handicapped workers whose physical or mental impairment is so severe as to make productive capacity inconsequential. The activities within this program shall conform to the rules and regulations relating to work activity centers promulgated by the United States Department of Labor. To accomplish the foregoing purpose the commissioner of public welfare shall have the power and authority to:

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(a) use the diversified labor fund established by Laws 1945, Chapter 575, Section 19, to purchase equipment and remodel facilities of the institutions referred to in subdivision 1 to initiate the work activity program,

(b) formulate a system of records and accounts which shall at all times indicate the extent of purchases, sales, wages, and bidding practices and which shall be open to public inspection.

The commissioner of public welfare shall, subject to the approval of the commissioner of education, have the power and authority to:

(a) create a work activity center revolving fund for the purpose of receiving and expending moneys in the operation of the said programs,

(b) contract with public and private industries for the manufacture, repair, or assembling of work according to standard bidding practices,

(c) use the revenue from the operation of said programs to pay wages to patients and residents according to their productivity, purchase equipment and supplies and pay other expenses necessary to the operation of the said programs,

(d) establish an advisory committee consisting of representatives from the departments of health, education, and public welfare, labor and business groups, interested community agencies, including but not limited to the Minnesota Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children, and the Minnesota Association for Mental Health, and the general public. This committee will act in an advisory capacity with respect to the scope of work activity programs, the nature of the goods to be produced and services to be performed in such programs,

(e) utilize all available vocational rehabilitation services and encourage the integration of the work activity program into existing vocational rehabilitation and community based programs, so that the work activity program will neither duplicate nor unfairly compete with existing public or private community programs.

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