

CHAPTER 138—S.F.No.831

An act relating to public welfare; providing for financial responsibility of nonresident parents of state hospital patients; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 246.51.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 246.51, is amended to read:

246.51 PUBLIC WELFARE; STATE HOSPITALS; COST OF CARE; PAYMENT FOR CARE AND TREATMENT; DETERMINATION. The commissioner shall make such investigation as he deems necessary and determine, and as circumstances require redetermine, what part of the cost of care, if any, the patient is able to pay. If the commissioner finds that the patient is unable to pay the full cost of care he shall make a determination as to the ability of the relatives to pay provided, however, that in no case shall the relatives, unless they reside outside the state, be ordered to pay more for each patient than ten percent of the cost of care but voluntary payments in excess thereof may be accepted by the commissioner. In the case of nonresident parents of children receiving care in state hospitals in Minnesota, the commissioner may require payment of the full per capita cost of caring for such patients. No parent shall be liable for the cost of care given a patient at a state hospital after such patient has reached the age of 21 years. Such determination shall be conclusive in any action to enforce payment of the cost of care unless appealed from as hereinafter provided. All money received shall be paid to the state treasurer and placed in the general fund and a separate account kept thereof. Responsibility under this section shall not apply to those relatives earning less than \$4,000 per year.

Approved April 27, 1973.

CHAPTER 139—S.F.No.566

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An act relating to public welfare; transferring authority relating to county nursing homes to the state board of health; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 144.583.

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

Section 1. [144.584] **PUBLIC WELFARE; COUNTY NURSING HOMES; TRANSFER OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS; STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.** All authority granted to the commissioner of public welfare under Laws 1953, Chapter 574, relating to licensing of county nursing homes established under the authority of Laws 1951, Chapter 610, and the authority relating to the establishment by rule and regulation of minimum standards for the construction, equipment, maintenance and operation therefor is hereby transferred to, vested in, and conferred upon the state board of health.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 144.583, is repealed.
Approved April 27, 1973.

CHAPTER 140—S.F.No.285

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for the manufacture of motor vehicle license number plates; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.381.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 168.381, is amended to read:

168.381 MOTOR VEHICLES; MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBER PLATES. All License number plates required by law ~~shall~~ may be manufactured by the state reformatory for men, the state prison or other institution established by law for the confinement of persons convicted of felony upon order from the registrar of motor vehicles, such order to state the quality of material desired in such plates, the specifications thereof, and the amount or number desired.

Should the commissioner of corrections decide not to supply the required quantity of license plates, or discontinue the manufacture of plates, the commissioner of public safety is authorized to seek other suppliers on a competitive basis. Materials purchased to be used in the manufacture of such motor vehicle number plates shall be tested as to conformance with specifications established by the department of public safety and the commissioner of administration in a privately operated laboratory service to be designated by the commissioner. The cost of such laboratory shall be included in the

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