

That Section 1 of Chapter 60 of the Laws of 1917 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of any county in this state may purchase a plot of ground in any duly organized cemetery, lying in whole or in part in their respective counties, to be designated, set aside and used exclusively as a "Soldiers Rest," and appropriate for the payment, *embellishment and upkeep* thereof not to exceed the sum of \$1,000.00 in any one year. Provided, however, that any county in this state now having or which may hereafter have a population of not less than 150,000 inhabitants may appropriate for *said purposes* not to exceed the sum of \$3,500.00 in any one year.

"The County Board is authorized to use such portion of such appropriation as it may deem necessary for compensation and expenses of an agent, who shall be a veteran, to care for said burial ground and to issue permits for burial therein, and to reimburse any such agent heretofore appointed for his time and expenses in such work in such sum as the board may deem adequate for the services performed not to exceed \$600.00 per year."

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 336—H. F. No. 788.

An act to amend Chapter 488, General Law of Minnesota for 1915, as amended by Chapter 346, General Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 24, General Laws of 1921, relating to an agency for the blind, and providing also for carrying on the work in counties having a population of over 150,000 and an assessed valuation of over \$300,000,000, exclusive of money and credits.

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

Section 1. Duties of state board of control in connection with blind.—Chapter 488, General laws of Minnesota for 1913, the same being sections 4151, 4152 and 4153 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1915, as amended by Chapter 346, General Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 24, General Laws of 1921 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. (a) *It shall be the duty of the State Board of Control to cooperate with state and local boards and agencies both public and private, and preventing loss of sight, in alleviating the condition of blind persons and persons of failing sight, in extending and improving the education, advisement, training, placement and conservation of the blind, and in promoting their personal, economic, social and civic well being.*

(b) *The Board shall collect statistics of the blind, including their present physical and mental condition, causes of blindness, capacity for education and industrial training, and any further in-*

formation looking toward the improvement of their condition that may be desired.

(c) *The Board shall give special attention to the cases of such blind youth as are eligible to attendance at the school for the blind, or the public school classes for the blind, but are not in attendance thereat, or are not receiving adequate instruction elsewhere, and shall seek to secure such attendance by all practicable means.*

(d) *The Board shall endeavor to secure for the adult blind of the state and youths of legal working age such vocational training, labor and employment as may be adapted to their respective capacity, and shall, so far as may be feasible, aid such persons in securing any provisions which may be made by the school for the blind or other state agencies for the betterment of their lot. When vocational training under the Division of Re-Education is secured such aid may take the form of payments for the maintenance of persons in training, under rules to be adopted by the Board of Control.*

(e) *The Board shall further be empowered to aid the blind (1) by home instruction and training, (2) by assisting them in securing tools, appliances and supplies, (3) by aid in marketing the products of their labors, (4) by care and relief for blind persons who are not capable of self-support and in any other practicable means of alleviating their condition.*

(f) *"The Board shall have authority to organize the aforesaid work as an activity of the Children's Bureau, and it shall be legal for the County Child Welfare Boards to cooperate in this work in the same manner as in other work conducted by the Children's Bureau."*

Sec. 2. Effective July 1st, 1923.—The State Board of Control is hereby authorized to defray the necessary expenses of the aforesaid work from the appropriation for the current expenses of said Board, provided, that in any county of this state now or hereafter having a population of over one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants and an assessed valuation of over three hundred million (300,000,000) dollars, exclusive of money and credits, the county board of said county is hereby authorized to defray part or all of the necessary expenses of maintaining said work within said county from the general revenue fund of said county, not exceeding the total sum of three thousand six hundred (3,600) dollars, in any one calendar year, and in carrying on said work may appoint and employ an assistant to the regular field agent for the blind in said county, who shall work under the direction of said agent in said county. The portion of the salary of said field agent and of any such assistant to be paid by said county, shall be fixed by the County Board at its first meeting after the taking effect of this act and thereafter at its first meeting in January in each year and such salary of said field agent and said assistant, shall be paid in the same manner as the salary of other county officers and employes

are paid. All necessary expenses of said agent and assistant in carrying on said work in said county, not paid by the State Board of Control, shall be paid by said county board as other claims against said county are paid.

Sec. 3. *The care and relief authorized in sub-section (e) of Section 1 of this act to be given by the Board shall be paid only from funds appropriated specifically for such purpose. Such care and relief shall be given only to blind persons who meet all of the following requirements: (1) are citizens of the United States at the time of application for such care and relief; (2) have become blind while legal residents of this State or were either legal residents of this state prior to Jan. 1, 1920 and continuously thereafter, or have been legal residents of this state for a period of five years immediately preceding the date of such application; and (3) are unable by any occupation or through lawful income of any kind, to provide themselves with the necessaries of life. No payments of moneys shall be made under this section for the care and relief of any blind person who solicits alms, or who is an inmate of a public institution, or who is an inmate of a charitable institution supported without charge to such a blind person, or who has for five years preceding loss of sight been dependent upon public relief.* "Provided, further, that nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal or render void so far as blind persons are concerned any existing statutes which create or define a liability on the part of relatives to support poor persons." *Provided also that where any marriage is contracted between two blind persons after the passage of this act, the maximum paid under this section for their joint care and relief shall not exceed the sum of thirty (30) dollars monthly.*

For the purposes of this section a blind person shall be one who with the help of eye glasses or other resources has not sufficient ocular power for the ordinary affairs of life or in particular for the performance of tasks for which eyesight is essential.

The Board of Control shall have power to adopt additional rules relating to care and relief for the blind.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July first 1923.

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 337—H. F. No. 823.

An act authorizing certain cities to appropriate money and to levy taxes for musical entertainment.

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

Section 1. *Certain cities to appropriate money and levy taxes for musical entertainment.—The council of any city of the third class is hereby authorized and empowered to levy a tax of*