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CHAPTER 893—H. F. No. 421

[Coded]

An act relating to the establishment of the Minnesota commission on alcohol problems, and the duties thereof; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 144.83.

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

Section 1. [144.831] **Minnesota commission on alcohol problems, establishment.** Subdivision 1. There is established the Minnesota commission on alcohol problems which shall consist of seven members and a director appointed by the governor. The appointment of the director shall be by and with the advice and consent of the senate. In order that maximum governmental and social service representation might be achieved, the members of the commission shall be chosen insofar as practicable from among the following disciplines: the medical profession, the legal profession, the behavioral sciences, the clergy, representatives of alcoholism treatment facilities, and law enforcement officers. At all times there shall be two members on the commission from among the interested public.

Subd. 2. The term of the director shall be four years and shall be concurrent with that of the governor. The initial appointment of members by the governor shall be of two members for terms of two years, two members for terms of four years, and three members for terms of six years. Thereafter all members shall be appointed for terms of six years. A vacancy in the office of director or any of the members shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment in the same manner as appointment for full terms. The director and each member shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualifies.

Sec. 2. [144.832] **Powers and duties.** The commission shall:

(1) Conduct and foster basic research relating to the cause, prevention, and methods of diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of resident alcoholics.

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(2) Coordinate activities and programs of all the various state departments as they relate to alcohol problems.

(3) Develop and demonstrate new methods and techniques for the prevention of alcoholism and treatment and rehabilitation of resident alcoholics.

(4) Gather and disseminate facts and information about alcohol problems to public and private agencies and the courts so requesting such information for guidance to and assistance in preventing alcohol problems.

(5) Inform and educate the general public on alcohol problems so that alcoholism may be prevented and persons suffering from alcoholism may seek treatment.

(6) Accept funds or property from the federal government or any other source needed to carry out the activities of the commission.

(7) Encourage the specialized training and employment of counselors on alcoholism in each mental health center in Minnesota.

(8) Report to the governor and legislature biennially incorporating such recommendations as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 3. [144.833] **Meetings, compensation.** The commission shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the chair to advise and direct programming and approve budgetary expenditures. The members shall receive no compensation but shall be allowed their actual and necessary traveling expenses when engaged in the discharge of their official duties as members of the commission, in the manner provided by law for state employees.

Sec. 4. [144.834] **Executive director.** The governor shall appoint an executive director who shall be in the unclassified service of the state. The director shall act as secretary to the commission and shall perform such other duties as the commission may require of him. In addition to his salary, the director shall be allowed his actual and necessary expenses. The commission shall also approve the hiring of consultants, and sufficient clerical help for the executive director.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 144.83, is repealed.

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