

Section 1. Laws 1965, Chapter 70, Section 1, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **FAIRMONT, CITY OF; PEDESTRIAN MALL.** Subdivision 1. The city of Fairmont in Martin county may, by ordinance adopted by its council in accordance with the city charter and this section, designate one or more streets within its central business district as a mall ~~for primarily pedestrian use~~ and may thereafter establish, regulate, maintain, and improve the mall for such use and may levy special assessments and taxes and issue bonds for those purposes. Nothing in this act shall be construed to restrict the use of any such mall to pedestrian traffic only, and wherever in this act there is reference to a pedestrian mall, the reference shall be construed to apply to and permit the establishment of a mall for general use.

Sec. 2. Laws 1965, Chapter 70, Section 1, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. The mall ordinance may be adopted if the council determines upon hearing as provided in this section, and recites in the ordinance, that the proposed mall will enhance the freedom of movement, safety, convenience, or enjoyment of individuals. The ordinance shall specify the street or streets to be included within the mall and shall state that the council intends to begin proceedings to finance the cost of establishing the mall by special assessments as provided in subdivision 3 of this section.

Sec. 3. Laws 1965, Chapter 70, Section 1, Subdivision 2, and Section 2, Subdivision 2, are repealed.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon its approval by the members of the council of the city of Fairmont, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved March 15, 1974.

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#### CHAPTER 165—S.F.No.2688

*An act relating to referees in certain probate courts; granting additional powers; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 525.10.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 525.10, is amended to read:

**525.10 PROBATE COURT; REFEREE; APPOINTMENT; BOND.** The judge of the probate court of any county in this state now or here-  
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after having more than 350,000 inhabitants may appoint one referee in probate who shall be a resident of such county and an attorney at law duly admitted in this state. He shall hold office during the pleasure of the judge appointing him. Such appointment shall be in writing and filed in such court. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall execute a bond to the state in the amount of \$1,000 approved by the county board and conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties. Such bond with the oath of the appointee shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds. The premiums on such bond and the expenses of such recording and filing shall be paid by the county. An action may be maintained on such bond by any person aggrieved by the violation of the conditions thereof. The referee has the power to take acknowledgments and administer oaths.

Approved March 15, 1974.

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**CHAPTER 166—S.F.No.2780**

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the county of Hennepin license bureau; providing for the transfer of the licensing duties of the clerk of district court.*

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

**Section 1. HENNEPIN COUNTY; LICENSING DUTIES.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in the Hennepin county license bureau, created pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1973, Chapter 675, the license bureau director shall have the following additional duties: issue and process marriage licenses and records, record veterinary licenses, record optometry licenses, record chiropractic licenses, record podiatrist licenses, record osteopathic licenses, record medical doctor (M.D.) certificates, record basic science certificates, record ministerial credentials, record notary commissions, record trade names, issue jurats and acknowledgments, issue and process birth and death records, and issue certified copies of any of the above as applicable. On the effective date of this act, all of the duties herein enumerated are transferred from the clerk of the district court of Hennepin county to the director of the Hennepin county license bureau.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1974.

Approved March 15, 1974.

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