

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 626.557, Subdivision 19, is amended to read:

Subd. 19. **PENALTY.** Any caretaker, as defined in subdivision 2, or operator or employee thereof, or volunteer worker thereat, who intentionally abuses or neglects a vulnerable adult, or being a caretaker, knowingly permits conditions to exist which result in the abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult, may be charged with a violation of section 609.23.

Approved March 10, 1982

CHAPTER 394 — S.F.No. 1514

An act relating to public works; extending the availability of an appropriation to the city of Cloquet for the purpose of constructing a public water facility; repealing Third Special Session Laws 1981, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 76.

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

Section 1. CLOQUET WATER SYSTEM.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, so much of the appropriation made available to the city of Cloquet for use in constructing a water filtration system pursuant to Laws 1975, Chapter 437, Article XI, Section 2, Subdivision 2, as has not been expended shall remain available to the city for that use or for developing an alternative permanent source of drinking water until July 1, 1986.

Sec. 2. REPEAL AND REENACTMENT.

Third Special Session Laws 1981, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 76, is repealed and Laws 1981, Chapter 354, Section 3, is reenacted.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day after final reenactment.

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CHAPTER 395 — S.F.No. 1107

An act relating to public welfare; authorizing the commissioner of public welfare to use money in the revolving fund for vocational rehabilitation of the blind for certain purposes; removing the preference given to blind operators of vending machines who have resided in the state for a year; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 248.07, Subdivision 8.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 248.07, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **USE OF REVOLVING FUND, LICENSES FOR OPERATION OF VENDING MACHINES.** The revolving fund created by Laws 1947, Chapter 535, Section 5, is continued as provided in this subdivision and shall be known as the revolving fund for vocational rehabilitation of the blind. It shall be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies for establishing and operating of vending stands by blind persons. All income, receipts, earnings, and federal grants due to the operation thereof shall also be paid into the fund. All equipment, supplies, and expenses for setting up these stands shall be paid for from the fund. Authority is hereby given to the commissioner of public welfare to use the moneys available in the revolving fund for the establishment, operation and supervision of vending stands by blind persons for the following purposes: (1) purchase, upkeep and replacement of stand equipment; (2) purchase of initial and replacement stock of supplies and merchandise; (3) expenses incidental to the setting up of new stands and improvement of old stands; (4) purchase of general liability insurance as deemed advisable for any vending stand by the commissioner; (5) reimbursement to individual stand blind vending operators for reasonable travel and maintenance expenses incurred in attending supervisory meetings as called by the commissioner of public welfare ; (6) purchase of fringe benefits for blind vending operators and their employees such as group health insurance, retirement program, vacation or sick leave assistance provided that the purchase of any fringe benefit is approved by a majority vote of blind vending operators licensed pursuant to this subdivision after the commissioner provides to each blind vending operator information on all matters relevant to the fringe benefits. Fringe benefits shall be paid only from assessments of operators for specific benefits, gifts to the fund for fringe benefit purposes, and vending income which is not assignable to an individual stand.

The commissioner shall, ~~in issuing~~ issue each license for the operation of a vending stand or vending machine, ~~give preferences to blind persons who have resided for at least one year in the state of Minnesota.~~ He shall issue each license for an indefinite period but he may terminate any license in the manner provided. In granting licenses for new or vacated stands preference on the basis of seniority of experience in operating stands under the control of the commissioner shall be given to capable operators who are deemed competent to handle the enterprise under consideration. Application of ~~such~~ this preference shall not prohibit the commissioner from selecting an operator from the community in which the stand is located.

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