

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 31, 1985

CHAPTER 288 — S.F.No. 35

An act relating to crimes; requiring health professionals to report suspicious wounds to law enforcement authorities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 626.52; and 626.55.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 626.52, is amended to read:

626.52 PHYSICIANS AND OTHER AIDS TO HEALING TO REPORT INJURIES FROM FIREARMS REPORTING OF SUSPICIOUS WOUNDS BY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

Subdivision 1. DEFINITION. As used in subdivision 2, "health professional" means a physician, surgeon, person authorized to engage in the practice of healing, superintendent or manager of a hospital, nurse, or pharmacist.

Subd. 2. HEALTH PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT. Every physician, every surgeon, every person authorized to engage in the practice of healing, every superintendent or manager of a hospital, every nurse and every pharmacist, whether such physicians, surgeons, persons engaged in the practice of healing, superintendent or manager of any hospital, nurse and pharmacist be licensed or not, A health professional shall immediately report, as provided under section 626.53, to the proper local police authorities, as herein defined, department or county sheriff all bullet wounds, gunshot wounds, powder burns, or any other injury arising from, or caused by the discharge of any gun, pistol, or any other firearm, which wound he is called upon to treat, dress, or bandage.

A health professional shall report to the proper police authorities any wound that the reporter has reasonable cause to believe has been inflicted on a perpetrator of a crime by a dangerous weapon other than a firearm as defined under section 609.02, subdivision 6.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 626.55, is amended to read:
626.55 **PENALTY.**

Subdivision 1. Any person who violates any provision of sections 626.52 to 626.55 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. Any person reporting in good faith and exercising due care shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might

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result by reason of his actions pursuant to this section. No cause of action may be brought against any person for not making a report pursuant to this section.

Approved June 4, 1985

CHAPTER 289 — S.F.No. 295

An act relating to counties; authorizing a special levy for county agricultural society and park and recreation purposes for Hubbard county; authorizing a special levy for support of the Clearwater county hospital; authorizing a special levy for tourism and agriculture promotion in Cass county; requiring a reverse referendum under certain circumstances; increasing the amount of loans available to certain counties for design and construction costs of district heating and qualified energy improvements; allowing municipalities to accelerate repayment of principal of energy loans; authorizing county regulation of pawnbrokers, second-hand, and junk dealers; designating Hubbard county as a fiscal agent; exempting certain aggregate material in Stearns county from the aggregate tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 116J.36, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

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

Section 1. SPECIAL LEVY AUTHORITY.

Hubbard county may levy a property tax in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 annually to construct, maintain, or operate public park or other recreational facilities or programs. The tax authorized by this section shall be disregarded in the calculation of any levy limitations under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 275.

Sec. 2. REVERSE REFERENDUM.

If the Hubbard county board intends to exercise the authority provided by section 1 in subsequent years, it shall pass a resolution stating the fact before January 1, 1986. Thereafter, the resolution shall be published for two successive weeks in the official newspaper of the county or, if there is no official newspaper, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, together with a notice fixing a date for a public hearing on the matter. The hearing shall be held not less than two weeks nor more than four weeks after the first publication of the resolution. Following the public hearing, the county may determine to take no further action or, in the alternative, adopt a resolution confirming its intention to exercise the authority. That resolution shall also be published in the official newspaper of the county or, if there is no official newspaper, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. If within 30 days thereafter a petition signed by voters equal in number to five percent of the votes cast in the county in the last general election requesting a vote on the proposed resolution is filed with the county auditor, the

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