

CHAPTER 345—H. F. No. 1174.

An act amending Section 4640, General Statutes, 1913, relating to the authority of the state board of health.

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

Section 1. **General and special rules for issuing licenses by board of control for certain purposes and for treatment of various cases.**—Section 4640, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4640. The board may adopt, alter, and enforce reasonable regulations, of permanent application throughout the whole or any portion of the state, or for specified periods in parts thereof, for the preservation of the public health. Upon the approval of the attorney general, and the due publication thereof, such regulations shall have the force of law, except in so far as they may conflict with a statute or with the charter or ordinances of a city of the first class upon the same subject. In and by the same the board may control, by requiring the taking out of licenses or permits, or by other appropriate means, any of the following matters:

1. The manufacture into articles of commerce, other than food, of diseased, tainted, or decayed animal or vegetable matter;
2. The business of scavenging and the disposal of sewage;

3. The location of mortuaries and cemeteries, and the removal and burial of the dead;

4. The management of lying-in houses and boarding places for infants, and the treatment of infants therein;

5. The pollution of streams and other waters, and the distribution of water by private persons for drinking or domestic use;

6. The construction and equipment, in respect to sanitary conditions, of schools, hospitals, almshouses, prisons, and other public institutions, and of lodging houses and other public sleeping places kept for gain;

7. The treatment, in hospitals and elsewhere, of persons suffering from communicable diseases, *including all manner of venereal disease and infection*, the disinfection and quarantine of persons and places in case of such disease, and the reporting of sicknesses and deaths therefrom;

- 7-A. *The prevention of infant blindness and infection of the eyes of the newly born by the designation of a prophylactic to be used in such cases and in such manner as the board may direct, unless specifically objected to by the parents or a parent of such infant.*

8. The furnishing of vaccine matter; the assembling, during epidemics of smallpox, with other persons not vaccinated. But no rule of the state board or of any public board or officer shall at any time compel the vaccination of a child, or shall exclude, except during epidemics of smallpox and when approved by the local board of education, a child from the public schools, for the reason that such child has not been vaccinated. Any person thus required to be vaccinated may select for said purpose any licensed physician, and no rule shall require the vaccination of any child whose physician shall certify that by reason of his physical condition vaccination would be dangerous;

9. The accumulation of filthy and unwholesome matter to the injury of the public health, and the removal thereof; and

10. The collection, recording, and reporting of vital statistics by public officers, and the furnishing of information to such officers, by physicians, undertakers, and others, of births, deaths, causes of death, and other pertinent facts.

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CHAPTER 346—H. F. No. 1176.

An act to amend Sections 4146, 4150, 4151, 4152 and 4153, and to repeal Sections 4144, 4145 and 4149 of Chapter 26, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, relating to the management and control of the state schools for the deaf and blind.

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

Section 1. State board of control to have given power for admitting persons to school for deaf and blind.—Section 4146, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4146. Any deaf or blind resident of the state of suitable age and capacity for instruction, may be received, kept and taught therein, under such conditions as the state board of control may prescribe. He shall be provided by the person legally liable for his support with sufficient funds to furnish him with proper clothing, postage and transportation. If any such person be a pauper, or if the person legally liable for his support be unable to make these provisions for him, of which facts the certificate of the probate judge shall be prima facie evidence, the county in which he has a residence shall annually on or before October 1 pay to the superintendent of the school of which he is an inmate a sum not exceeding forty dollars to be fixed by the board. Such sum shall be used only for clothing, postage and transportation for the pupil. The superintendent, on August 1 of each year, shall render to the county auditor and to the board of directors a detailed account thereof.