

CHAPTER 327—S. F. No. 623

An act to amend Sections 4601, 4602, 4603 and 4604, General Statutes 1923, creating a soldiers welfare fund, providing for a soldiers welfare director and providing his powers and duties and for the administration of such funds.

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

Section. 1. State soldiers welfare fund created.—That Sections 4601, 4602, 4603 and 4604, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows :

“Sec. 4601. There is hereby created a state soldiers welfare fund to aid and assist any citizen of Minnesota who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, in securing compensation, hospitalization, medical treatment, insurance or other relief or benefits to which he may be entitled from the United States or any other government or state and for the emergency *relief*, hospitalization, treatment and maintenance of all such persons *who were bona fide residents of the state at the time their need arose and their dependents, as hereinafter provided.*”

“Sec. 4602. The said state soldiers welfare fund shall consist of all sums paid to or received by the state board of control under the provisions of this act and of any and all moneys and properties that may be *appropriated*, donated, given, bequeathed or devised to said state soldiers welfare fund or to the state board of control for the benefit of said fund.”

“Sec. 4603. The said state soldiers welfare fund shall be administered by the *soldiers welfare director under the direction of the state board of control* and shall be used to locate and investigate the facts as to any citizen of Minnesota who served in the military or naval forces of the United States and who is indigent or suffering from any disability whether acquired in such service or not; to assist any such person *and his dependents as hereinafter provided* in establishing and proving any just claim he may have against the United States government, or any other government or state for compensation, insurance, relief or other benefits and to provide emergency hospitalization, treatment, maintenance and relief for any such person suffering from disability *who was a bona fide resident of the state at the time his need arose and his dependents as hereinafter provided*, and to co-operate with other state, municipal and county officials and

civic or civilian agencies or organizations in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Such fund is hereby appropriated to be used in such manner as the *soldiers welfare director under direction of the state board of control* may determine for such purposes."

"Sec. 4604. The state board of control shall appoint a *soldiers welfare director* to have charge of its activities hereunder and is hereby empowered to employ such assistants and to incur such other expense as may be necessary for the administration of said state *soldiers welfare fund* and carrying out the provisions of this act; provided that no expense shall be incurred under the provisions of this act in excess of the moneys available in such state *soldiers welfare fund*. The *soldiers welfare director* may be appointed by the probate court guardian of the person or estate or both of any former service man or woman for whom or for whose estate or for both the appointment of a guardian is found by the court to be necessary, and when so appointed and qualified may act as such. Any compensation received by him for so acting shall be paid into and become a part of the state *soldiers welfare fund*.

The duties and powers of the soldiers welfare agent, in addition to those otherwise provided, shall be to:

(a) *Administer the state soldiers welfare fund under direction of the state board of control.*

(b) *Co-operate with all national, state, county, municipal and private social agencies in securing to former soldiers and their dependents the benefits provided by national, state and county laws, municipal ordinances or public and private social agencies.*

(c) *Establish and provide such assistance to a former soldier needing hospitalization but unable to accept hospitalization because the acceptance thereof would imperil his then employment, as would insure employment after hospitalization.*

(d) *Provide necessary assistance where other adequate aid is not available to the dependent family of a former soldier while such is being hospitalized and afterwards during such period as is necessary.*

(e) *Act as guardian for minors and incompetent persons receiving moneys from the United States government when no other suitable person will consent to act.*

(f) *Co-operate with United States government agencies providing compensation, pensions, insurance or other benefits provided by*

federal law, by supplementing the benefits prescribed therein, when exceptional conditions in an individual case make it necessary.

(g) Make and file with the state board of control a quarterly report showing in detail his activities for the preceding quarter, and file receipts for all his expenditures during such term.

(h) Perform all the present duties of the soldiers welfare agent.

(i) He may also establish and provide such employment placement and advisement service for disabled veterans as cannot be furnished by co-operation with other free public employment agencies."

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CHAPTER 328—S. F. No. 696

An act requiring every healer and diagnostician to report physical abnormalities, defects and injuries of children which might permanently handicap the child which, comes under his observation and providing for the preparation and use of such reports.

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

Section 1. Healers, etc., to report defective children.—Every duly licensed person practicing the art of healing in any way and every person diagnosing human ailments within the state who shall attend or treat any child of pre-school age or of school age who is not attending school, and every such person who observes any such child in a family in which he attends or treats any person for any cause, shall report directly to the state department to which communicable diseases are required to be reported, any defect, injury or disease of a continuous nature or which might permanently handicap the child, and which comes under his/her observation provided such child is not under the age of one year. He/she shall also particularly indicate those cases in which the parents or guardian of the child have not the knowledge or means necessary to insure all necessary treatment of the child. Provided, if there be filed with the clerk or secretary of such department a certificate of a reputable physician of the community that a defect, injury or disease of a child is incurable or is being cared for, further compliance with the provisions of this act with respect to such defect or handicap shall not be required.