

CHAPTER 556—H. F. No. 1443.

(AMENDING SECTION 16.07 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to the organization and administration of state government, the powers of the commissioner of administration and competitive bidding, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 478, by adding new provisions thereto.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 478, is hereby amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(g) 1. **Purchases of certain supplies without competitive bids.**—The commissioner of administration, with the approval of the governor, may establish by regulation categories of supplies, materials or equipment which may be purchased in the open market, provided that the commissioner of administration or the director of purchases shall certify after investigation that he cannot secure competitive bids therefor.

Sec. 2. **Applicable only for duration.**—The provisions of this subdivision shall expire six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as declared by proper federal authority.

Approved April 21, 1943.

CHAPTER 557—H. F. No. 721.

An act providing for the joint exercise of powers by counties, cities, villages, boroughs, towns, and school districts.

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

Section 1. **Joint exercise of powers—agreement.**—Two or more governmental units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties. The term "governmental unit" as used in this act includes every city, village, borough, county, town, and school district.

Sec. 2. **Agreement to state purpose.**—Such agreement shall state the purpose of the agreement or the power to be exercised and it shall provide for the method by which the purpose sought