

CHAPTER 298—H. F. No. 456

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An act relating to convalescent hospitals in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Hospital in St. Louis County for chronic and convalescent patients. The county board of any county in this state, now or hereafter, having an assessed valuation of over \$125,000,000, a population of over 150,000 inhabitants, and an area of over 5,000 square miles, is hereby authorized to acquire by gift, purchase, or condemnation proceedings instituted in the name of the county one or more suitable sites, to erect suitable buildings thereon and to equip and maintain the same as hospitals for chronic and convalescent patients without submitting the same to a vote of the people of said county.

Sec. 2. Tax levy. In addition to all taxes now authorized, the county board of any such county is hereby authorized to levy a tax for these purposes in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 annually for each of not to exceed three years, the proceeds of which shall constitute a county hospital fund and shall be expended pursuant to the provisions of the Laws 1941, Chapter 118. In addition thereto the county board, upon a resolution adopted by a five-sevenths vote, may issue and sell not to exceed \$850,000 in bonds to assist in financing the cost of acquiring such sites and erecting and equipping such hospital or hospitals. Such bonds shall be known as county hospital bonds and shall be issued and sold in accordance with the provisions of the Laws 1927, Chapter 131, as amended, except that the approval of a majority of the electors shall not be required and that the last maturity of said bonds shall not be later than five years from the date of issue. The proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be credited to the county hospital fund by the county auditor in such county.

Sec. 3. Previous levies legalized. All levies of taxes heretofore made by the county board for use by the county welfare board for hospital purposes are hereby legalized; the proceeds of such levies shall be transferred and credited to the county hospital fund; the county board is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend the same for the purposes above set forth pursuant to the provisions of the Laws 1941, Chapter 118.

Sec. 4. Operation of hospital. The county board of any county having acquired sites and erected and equipped build-

ings for hospital purposes as herein provided, may operate such hospital or hospitals or it may delegate said authority to operate same to some agency of said county, or if the board of county commissioners determines by resolution that it is to the best interest of the county, it may lease to responsible hospital associations, such hospital sites and buildings upon terms it deems advisable.

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CHAPTER 299—H. F. No. 581

An act relating to regulation by the railroad and warehouse commission of freight rates charged by contract carriers and irregular route common carriers; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 221.02, Subdivision 14, Section 221.18, Subdivision 1, and Section 221.24.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 221.18, Subdivision 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

221.18. Permits; commission to regulate and supervise trucks. Subdivision 1. Regulations; rate tariffs. The commission is hereby vested with power and authority, and it is hereby made its duty to supervise and regulate every contract carrier engaged in intrastate commerce in this state to the extent provided in sections 221.18-221.39; to grant permits to such carrier upon the terms and conditions as provided in section 221.20; and to require the keeping of such records as it may deem necessary to administer sections 221.18-221.39. *The commission is further vested with power and authority to require the filing of rate tariffs by common carriers and contract carriers as provided in section 221.24, and to promulgate appropriate rules and regulations to govern the filing of such rate tariffs.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 221.24, is hereby amended to read as follows:

221.24. Compensation of carriers to be fixed by commission. *Every common carrier and every contract carrier, as defined in section 221.02, shall file and maintain with the commission a tariff naming rates and charges for the transportation of freight or property. Such tariffs and subsequent*