

216.12 Duties. The commission shall inquire into the management of the business of all carriers and warehousemen subject to its supervision, keep itself informed as to the manner in which the same is conducted, and obtain from such carriers and warehousemen all information necessary for the performance of its duties. One of their number or an employee designated by the commission shall visit the stations on the lines of each railroad as often as practicable, and personally inquire into the management of such railroad business, and at least once each year visit every county having a railroad station and inquire into the management of such railroad business. For this purpose all common carriers and their officers and employees are required to furnish such commissioners or employees with reasonable and proper facilities. Each commissioner, or designated employee, in his official capacity shall pass free on all railroad trains and at all suitable times may enter and remain in the cars, offices, or depots of any railroad company; and when in the judgment of the commission any common carrier fails in any respect to comply with the law, or any repairs are necessary upon its railroad or any reasonable addition to or change of its stations, station houses, or transfer facilities, or change in the mode of operating its road or conducting its business, will promote the security or convenience of the public, or when in the judgment of the commission the operation by any common carrier of one passenger train each way on each and every day, including Sundays, through each county-seat station on the line of such carrier will promote the security or convenience of the public, the commission by a written order, to be served as a summons in civil actions, shall require compliance with such law or the making of such repairs, additions, or change. In case of disobedience of the order, the commission may cause an action to be commenced for the enforcement thereof.

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CHAPTER 403—S. F. No. 264

An act authorizing the director of social welfare to act as coordinator of the program for displaced persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.01.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.01, is amended to read as follows:

256.01. **Director of social welfare; powers, duties.** Subdivision 1. **Powers transferred.** All the powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon the state board of control by the laws of this state or by any law of the United States are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the director of social welfare, except the powers and duties otherwise specifically transferred by Laws 1939, Chapter 431, to other agencies. The director of social welfare is hereby constituted the "state agency" as defined by the social security act of the United States and the laws of this state.

Subdivision 2. **Specific powers.** The director of social welfare shall:

(1) Administer and supervise all forms of public assistance in the state including general relief, relief to transients and state homeless, relief to veterans, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and otherwise handicapped persons and such other welfare activities or services as may from time to time be vested in the director. Nothing herein shall transfer from the soldiers home board any of its present rights, powers, or duties, all of which shall continue to be exercised by said board.

(2) Administer and supervise all child welfare activities; promote the enforcement of laws protecting defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected and delinquent children; license and supervise child-caring and child-placing agencies and institutions; supervise the care of children in boarding and foster homes or in private institutions and generally perform all functions relating to the field of child welfare now vested in the state board of control.

(3) Administer and supervise all mental hygiene work involving persons not in a state institution. The authority and power conferred by this subdivision does not extend to administration or supervision of state institutions of mental hygiene nor to patients therein during the period of actual confinement, nor to mental testing, or to persons feebleminded, epileptic, or mentally ill on parole from state institutions.

(4) Administer and supervise all non-institutional serv-

ices to the handicapped persons, including the blind, the deaf, the tubercular, the crippled, and otherwise handicapped persons. The authority and power conferred by this subdivision shall include such non-institutional services to the handicapped as are now authorized to be performed by the state board of control and by the division of the deaf of the state industrial commission.

(5) Assist and actively cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, local, state, and federal, by performing services in conformity with the purposes of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the establishment of an efficient working relationship with the director of institutions relating to the care and supervision of individuals both prior to and after departure from institutions under the supervision of said director of institutions.

(6) Act as the agent of and cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern relative to and in conformity with the provisions of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the administration of any federal funds granted to the state to aid in the performance of any functions of the director as specified in Laws 1939, Chapter 431, and including the promulgation of rules and regulations making uniformly available medical care benefits to all recipients of public assistance, at such times as the federal government increases its participation in assistance expenditures for medical care to recipients of public assistance, the cost thereof to be borne in the same proportion as are the grants of aid to said recipients.

(7) Establish and maintain such administrative units as may reasonably be necessary for the performance of administrative functions common to all divisions of the department.

(8) Administer and supervise such additional welfare activities and services as may, from time to time, hereafter be vested by law in the state department.

(9) Establish within his division a bureau of old age assistance, of aid to dependent children, and a bureau of child welfare.

(10) The director is hereby specifically constituted as guardian of both the estate and the person of all of the wards

of the state of Minnesota and other persons the guardianship of whom has been heretofore vested in the state board of control, whether by operation of law or by an order of court, without any further act or proceeding whatever, except as to persons committed as feeble-minded or epileptic. All of said guardianships, and the funds and property of the same, are hereby transferred to and vested in said director, and said director is hereby constituted a legal entity and is hereby empowered to act as guardian under any laws of this state heretofore conferring such powers upon the state board of control.

(11) All the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the director of public institutions with reference to the state sanatorium for consumptives are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the director of social welfare.

(12) *Act as coordinator of the program for displaced persons for the period beginning July 1, 1951, and ending June 30, 1953.*

(13) The specific enumeration of powers and duties as hereinabove set forth shall in no way be construed to be a limitation upon the general transfer of powers herein contained.

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CHAPTER 404—S. F. No. 410

[Not Coded]

An act fixing the salary of the judge of probate court in certain counties.

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

Section 1. **Winona County, salary of probate judge.** In any county in this state now or hereafter containing a city of the second class, but not containing a city of the first class, in which county the total amount of inheritance tax heretofore collected or hereafter collected in any three successive fiscal