

filing of such a petition and within sixty days thereof, the corporation shall exercise its power of eminent domain to extinguish such airport operation and take by condemnation the buildings, aeronautical improvements, and otherwise compensate the owner for the cost of the aeronautical improvements made to the land area and for the cost of restoring the land to its original uses, and shall pay therefor out of funds provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 360.117.

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CHAPTER 647—H. F. No. 232

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An act relating to defense housing and related community facilities and services and authorizing the state, its political subdivisions and local governmental bodies to cooperate with the federal government in the provisions thereof; authorizing housing and redevelopment authorities to use low-rent public housing for defense housing purposes.

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

Section 1. Defense Housing Program. The legislature hereby finds that national defense involves increases in the number of workers and personnel in established and new centers of defense industries and activities and military establishments because of which housing shortages exist or impend in localities of the state which can impede national defense; that in order to facilitate the war effort through a coordinated defense housing program, the provisions of this act are declared to be necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare, and are for the public use and purpose of facilitating the state's participation in the national defense program.

Sec. 2. Authority granted to governmental bodies. In order to effectuate the purposes of this act any political subdivision of the state or local governmental body is authorized to act as the agent of, or solely with funds furnished by the federal government, without any financial obligation on the

part of the political subdivision or local governmental body to undertake, develop, manage, administer, lease from the federal government and otherwise provide housing and related community facilities and services for persons engaged in national defense activities upon the prior written approval by the state housing commission, established pursuant to Laws 1947, Chapter 487, as amended, (hereinafter called the "commission") of any agency agreement with the federal government and of each defense housing project or project for community facilities and services.

Sec. 3. Persons engaged in national defense activities. Persons engaged in national defense activities means persons in military or naval service or assigned to duty at military or naval establishments and workers engaged or to be engaged in industries connected with and essential to the national defense programs and their families who are living with them.

Sec. 4. Powers of political subdivisions, where exercised. In effectuating the purposes of this act any political subdivision of the state or local governmental body is authorized to exercise its powers within or beyond its territorial limits and may furnish services and facilities as may be needed within or beyond its territorial limits; provided, however, that any political subdivision of the state or local governmental body shall not exercise its powers or furnish services and facilities beyond its territorial limits unless it has first secured the approval of the governing body of the incorporated area or of the township in which the powers will be exercised or services and facilities furnished.

Sec. 5. Powers are supplementary. The powers herein given shall be in addition to and supplemental to the powers conferred by any other state or local law, provided, however, nothing in this act contained shall authorize any political subdivision or other governmental body to engage in functions or activities other than its usual and customary functions and activities except as herein provided or to engage in the provision of housing for persons engaged in defense activities except in cooperation with the federal government as herein provided with funds wholly provided by the federal government and provided further that the powers granted by this act shall be in effect for the period of the national emergency declared to exist and one year thereafter.

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