

patient except that the amount of state aid shall not exceed \$2.50 per patient day beginning July 1, 1956; provided, however, that in a county having an assessed valuation of real and personal property of less than \$7,000,000 and the required total mill levy for all costs, including administrative costs, for all forms of public assistance exceeds by 50 percent or more the average required mill levy for these costs in all counties of the state, and the levy is insufficient to pay the county's share of these costs, the state pays 75 percent of the actual cost of care of each free patient, the sanatorium meets the minimum requirements for care and treatment and the conditions provided in section 376.31 in case any such non-resident patient is admitted solely for the purpose of surgery or special diagnostic procedures to affect treatment of tuberculosis, the full charge fixed by the county sanatorium commission shall be paid, one-half thereof by the state and one-half by the county of the patient's legal residence.

Approved April 18, 1955.

CHAPTER 466—H. F. No. 69

An act relating to the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients; revising the amount of state aid to county sanatoriums and establishing minimum standards for care and treatment of such patients; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 376.31.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 376.31 is amended to read:

376.31 Counties; appropriation, bond; state contribution, tax levies. A county or group of counties wishing to establish a sanatorium, as indicated in section 376.28, shall, through the board or boards of county commissioners, appropriate one-half of the necessary funds in apportioned amounts, as hereafter provided, for the establishment, construction, and equipment of the same and may issue bonds therefor in the manner provided by law for the issuance by counties of bonds for other purposes. The state treasurer shall pay, out of the funds hereafter provided under sections 376.28 to 376.42, one-half the cost of the erection and equipment of each such sanatorium, including cost of site, which payment shall be made in the manner provided by law for the payment of expense incurred by the commissioner of administration in the erection

and equipment of public buildings; provided, that the amount contributed by the state towards the cost of the erection and equipment of each such sanatorium, including cost of site, shall not exceed \$50,000. When any such sanatorium has been erected and equipped the county sanatorium commission shall have full charge and control of the maintenance of the same, but may confer with the commissioner of administration with reference thereto or respecting the purchase of supplies therefor whenever it desires so to do, and the commissioner of administration shall aid in the securing of favorable contracts for the purchase of supplies when so called upon. The county sanatorium commission shall determine, by resolution, each year, prior to July first, the amount of money necessary for the maintenance of such sanatorium during the following year and a certified copy of the resolution shall be forthwith forwarded to the board or boards of county commissioners, and such board or boards may, in their discretion, at the regular meeting in July, include the property approved and apportioned amount in the annual levy of county taxes. In no case shall the amount of such levy in any one year exceed one mill on the dollar of assessed valuation. For the maintenance of each free patient treated in the sanatorium *50 percent of the actual cost of care of each free patient, except that the amount of state aid shall not exceed \$2.50 per patient day beginning July 1, 1956*, shall be paid to the county or group of counties by the state treasurer out of funds appropriated under sections 376.28 to 376.42, which payments shall be made monthly upon warrants of the state auditor, drawn upon the state treasurer; provided, that the commissioner of public welfare certifies that the institution has been properly conducted; *provided, further, in a county having an assessed valuation of real and personal property of less than \$7,000,000 and the required total mill levy for all costs, including administrative costs, for all forms of public assistance exceeds by 50 percent or more the average required mill levy for these costs in all counties of the state, and the levy is insufficient to pay the county's share of these costs, the state pays 75 percent of the actual cost of care of each free patient.* In case two or more counties unite in a decision to establish a sanatorium, the county sanatorium commission shall apportion, by resolution, one-half the estimated total cost of site, erection, and equipment and the estimated total cost of maintenance for the ensuing year between or among the counties, and designate the amount to be raised by each county, which apportionment shall be based approximately upon the respective population of the counties, as determined by the last previous federal or state census, except that when the county boards of such counties shall agree upon a different apportionment of such cost of maintenance such agreed appor-

tionment shall govern. When so apportioned the commission shall forward to the board of county commissioners of each county a certified copy of such resolution, and each county board shall then proceed to pay, if it has funds available for that purpose, or to make a tax levy for the amount apportioned to its county. All moneys collected or received for such sanatorium purposes, except cost of site, erection, and equipment, shall be deposited in the treasury of the county or counties to the credit of the tuberculosis sanatorium funds, and shall not be used for any other purpose and shall be paid out in a manner provided by law for other county expenses by the proper officers of the county or counties upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the county sanatorium commission, signed by the president and the secretary thereof, and all moneys collected or received to be used toward the payment of the cost of site, erection, and equipment of such sanatorium shall be sent by each county treasurer to the state treasurer to be placed to the credit of the sanatorium and shall be paid out in the manner as in this section provided for other payments toward cost of site, erection, and equipment of the sanatorium.

Approved April 16, 1955.

CHAPTER 467—H. F. No. 74

An act relating to the sale or concealment of mortgaged chattels; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 621.21.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 621.21 is amended to read:

621.21 Mortgaged chattels; selling, concealing. Every person who, with intent to place mortgaged personal property beyond the reach of the mortgagee or his assigns, shall remove or conceal, or aid or abet in removing or concealing, any such property, and any mortgagor of such property who shall assent to or knowingly suffer such removal or concealment, or, at any time before the debts secured by a chattel mortgage has been fully paid, shall sell, convey, or in any manner dispose of the personal property so mortgaged, or any part thereof, without the written consent of the mortgagee or his assigns, or without informing the person to whom he shall sell, convey, or dispose of the same that it is mortgaged, and the true amount then due on the debt secured by such mortgage, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison or county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$500;