

mologist, the commissioner of *agriculture, dairy and food* shall issue a permit. The permit is effective until January 1 following the date of its issuance, but may be renewed on that date and for subsequent years, in the manner and subject to the conditions governing its issuance originally.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.33, is amended to read:

20.33 Administration, rules. The commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food shall administer *this act* and may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer *it* and effect *its* purpose.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.34, is amended to read:

20.34 Persons exempt, operation. *This act*, shall not apply to a farmer operating his own *ground* equipment on his own property, or *the operation of ground equipment* for hire within 15 miles of his farm residence, but no such person shall operate any such equipment within the corporate limits of any municipality without the consent of the governing body thereof.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.35, is amended to read:

20.35 Violation, penalty. A person who violates *this act* is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. **Repealer.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 18.23 to 18.26 inclusive are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall become effective when signed by the governor.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 504—H. F. No. 1370

An act relating to the probation department in certain counties, its creation, appointment of its officers and employees, and the duties thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 487.01, 487.02 and 487.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 487.01, is amended to read:

487.01 Hennepin county probation and investigation department. There is hereby established in all counties of this state now or hereafter having a population of more than

415,000, and constituting a single judicial district, a probation and investigation department in connection with the district court of any such county *in charge of an officer to be known as director of court services.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 487.02, is amended to read:

487.02 Officers, employees. Such department shall consist of one *director of court services* and such *assistants, deputies, probation officers, case workers, investigators, clerical help* and other employees as the judges of said court shall from time to time appoint.

Such *director of court services, assistants, deputies, officers, case workers, investigators, clerical help, and other employees* shall be appointed and removed by the judges of the district court in any such county. They may be appointed either for a definite period of time or for an indeterminate period, in the discretion of the court. The salaries of all such persons shall be fixed by the judges of said court.

The judges may by order determine the necessary qualifications of applicants for positions in the department and may, in their discretion, provide that applicants shall undergo certain tests as to their qualifications.

The *director of court services* shall have general supervision of such department, subject to the direction of the judges of the court. The court may divide the duties of the department into branches or divisions, and appoint from such probation officers, investigators or *other employees* the heads of such branches or divisions. A juvenile division may be established distinct from all other divisions of such department.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 487.03, is amended to read:

487.03 Duties of department. The duties of such department shall be:

(1) To undertake the supervision of all persons placed on probation or parole by any of the judges of said court, to keep accurate records of such supervision, and to report to the court as to such probation or parole as directed by any of the judges of the court;

(2) To be present when court is in session and so directed by any one of said judges;

(3) To perform the duties required of probation officers by chapter 521;

(4) To assist in administering the law providing for all allowances to mothers of dependent children, and to perform the duties of investigation and supervision, as found in Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 8671 to 8689;

(5) To provide for mental and physical examination of persons coming under the juvenile court law, and to provide for necessary mental, dental, surgical, and nursing care for such persons;

(6) To make such investigation as the court may direct concerning the circumstances of the offense, criminal record and social history of any person convicted of crime, and when deemed appropriate to obtain a physical and mental examination of such defendant and report thereon;

(7) To make collections of support money in divorce actions when ordered by a judge of the court for the benefit of children or indigent mothers and children jointly; to collect money ordered to be paid in desertion and abandonment cases; and to make collections of money or property when ordered to be paid as restitution or reimbursement, and to turn over such money or property to the person or persons entitled thereto;

(8) To make investigations in divorce cases of children and home conditions when directed by a judge of said court, and also to exercise supervision over children in such divorce cases as the court may direct;

(9) When directed by a judge of the court and when the person having custody of children is indigent, to take such steps as may be necessary to compel persons ordered to pay money for the support of children when in default; to take such steps as may be necessary to compel persons to make reimbursement to comply with the order of court when in default; to institute, if necessary, contempt proceedings in behalf of such person or persons to whom money or property is ordered to be paid or delivered. It shall be the duty of the county attorney to conduct such contempt proceedings when directed by one of the judges of the court;

(10) To perform such other duties for the protection of children and indigent mothers and children as may be directed by the court, *including the exclusive operation, control and administration of any juvenile detention facility provided by such county for the temporary custody of delinquent children.*

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