

of the United States if he be confined pursuant to conviction of any felony or misdemeanor if he has been acquitted of the charge solely on the ground of insanity, unless prior to transfer the court or other authority originally committing such person shall enter an order for such transfer after appropriate motion and hearing.

Any person transferred as provided in this section shall be deemed to be committed to the veterans administration or other agency of the United States pursuant to the original commitment.

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CHAPTER 530—S. F. No. 1139

An act relating to mentally deficient persons; authorizing the state to lease facilities for their care; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 252.01.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 252.01, is amended to read:

252.01 School for mentally deficient, Faribault. The school and hospital for the mentally deficient shall be maintained at Faribault under the general management of the commissioner of public welfare. *He may lease the Ramsey County Preventorium and operate it as an annex to the school and hospital for the mentally deficient.*

Sec. 2. Appropriation. *There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$39,140.60, or as much thereof as may be necessary, immediately available to pay the pre-opening expenses of the annex.*

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 531—S. F. No. 1144

An act relating to county tuberculosis sanatoriums; providing for their discontinuance and conversion to other public uses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 376.54.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 376.54, is amended to read:

376.54 Sanatorium; discontinuance, conversion. *Subdivision 1. Resolution for discontinuance, approval.* In those instances where a tuberculosis sanatorium has been established and is being maintained in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Chapter 376, and acts amendatory thereto, and there is no longer a need for the operation of such tuberculosis sanatorium to care for the persons living within the county or district wherein such sanatorium is situated and maintained, the sanatorium commission of a county or counties and the county board of commissioners or county boards of commissioners of a sanatorium district may, by resolution approved by a majority of each body, cease the operation and maintenance of such sanatorium in the district, with the approval of the *commissioner of public welfare*.

Subd. 2. Proceeds of sale of property, division. If the *commissioner of public welfare* approves such discontinuance of operation, the county board of the county wherein such sanatorium is situated may sell the real and personal property pertaining to such institution or lease the same by good and valid instrument executed by the chairman of the board and the county auditor. The proceeds from such sale or lease shall be divided proportionately between the county or counties and the state, according to their respective contributions. The portion so received by a county shall be set aside as a fund to be used under the direction of the county board of the county receiving the same to assist in the treatment and care of tubercular patients from such county. The state's portion of such proceeds shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the general revenue fund of the state.

Subd. 3. Conversion into other public facility. When a sanatorium established under this chapter is discontinued, the county boards of the counties which had operated the sanatorium may convert the real and personal property of the discontinued sanatorium into a public nursing home or other public facility. When a sanatorium is converted under this subdivision, the state does not have a right to reimbursement for state funds contributed to the cost of construction and equipment at the time the sanatorium was established. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 376.18 to 376.53 shall not apply to a sanatorium discontinued under this section.

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