

any school board or board of education elected by the people, which vacancy is caused by a member being unable to serve on such board and attend its meetings for not less than 90 days because of illness or prolonged absence from the district, may, after the school board has by resolution declared such vacancy to exist, be filled by the board at any legal meeting thereof for the remainder of the unexpired term, or until such ill or absent member is again able to resume his duties as a member of such board, whichever date is earlier. When such ill or absent member is again able to resume his duties as a member of the board, the board shall by resolution so determine and declare such person to be again a member of the board, and the member appointed by the board in his place to be no longer a member thereof.

Approved April 20, 1955.

CHAPTER 599—H. F. No. 300

An act relating to vocational rehabilitation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 120.32, 120.33, 120.34 and 120.35.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 120.32, is amended to read:

120.32 Vocational rehabilitation. There is hereby established, under the direction and control of the state board for vocational education in the state department of education a division of vocational rehabilitation. Such division shall provide vocational rehabilitation services such as, but not limited to, *diagnostic and related services incidental to the determination of eligibility for and the scope of services to be provided, including medical diagnosis and vocational diagnosis; vocational counseling, training and instruction, including personal adjustment training; physical restoration, including corrective surgery, therapeutic treatment, hospitalization, prosthetic devices, all shall be secured from appropriate established agencies for persons; transportation; occupational and business licenses or permits, customary tools and equipment, maintenance, books, supplies and training materials; initial stocks and supplies; placement; the acquisition of vending stands or other equipment, initial stocks and supplies for small business enterprises; supervision and/or management of small business enterprises, merchandising programs or services rendered by severely disabled persons; the establishment, improvement,*

maintenance or extension of public and other non-profit rehabilitation facilities, centers, workshops, demonstration projects, and research. These services shall be provided for residents whose capacity to earn a living has in any way been destroyed or impaired through industrial accident or otherwise, provided that such persons shall be entitled to free choice of vendor for any medical or dental services thus provided. The state board for vocational education shall, in its regular reports to the legislature, describe in detail the work of the division and may from time to time issue bulletins and materials containing information relative thereto. The employees of the division shall be appointed by the state board of education functioning as the state board for vocational education.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 120.33, is amended to read:

120.33 Plan of cooperation. The state board for vocational education and the department of labor and industry, or any agency which may succeed it in the administration or supervision of the Workmen's Compensation Act, shall formulate a plan of cooperation with reference to the work of the division of vocational rehabilitation *in providing services to workers covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act.* Such plans shall be effective only when approved by the governor.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 120.34, is amended to read:

120.34 Incapacitated persons aided. The division of vocational rehabilitation shall aid persons who are incapacitated, as described in section 120.32 in obtaining such benefits as will tend to restore their capacity to earn a livelihood. The division of vocational rehabilitation may cooperate and contract with the United States government to extend the benefits of sections 120.32 to 120.34 *to persons described in section 120.32 and to any civil employee of the United States of America or to any individual certified to the state board as disabled while in the performance of his duty, without regard to the residence or citizenship, if, in the judgment of the board, the benefits offered by the federal government are sufficient to compensate for the cost. The division may cooperate and make agreements with private, state, local or federal agencies for providing services relating to vocational rehabilitation.* The division of vocational rehabilitation may, of its own accord, establish, or maintain, or in cooperation with local boards of education, assist in establishing or maintaining, such courses as it may deem expedient. *It may establish, maintain or improve such rehabilitation facilities, centers or*

sheltered workshops, public or non-profits, as required, and otherwise may act in such manner as it may deem necessary to accomplish the purposes of sections 120.32 through 120.35.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 120.35, is amended to read:

120.35 Reports; availability, no disclosure. The employees of the division of vocational rehabilitation shall have the right to receive from any public records the names, addresses and information pertinent to their vocational rehabilitation of persons injured or otherwise disabled. No information obtained from such reports, nor any copy of the same, nor any of the contents thereof, nor other confidential information as defined by the state board shall be open to the public, nor shall be disclosed in any manner by any official or clerk or other employee of the state having access thereto, but the same may be used solely to enable the division to offer the benefits of vocational rehabilitation to the persons injured or otherwise disabled.

Any disclosure so prohibited is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and punishable as such.

Approved April 20, 1955.

CHAPTER 600—H. F. No. 325

An act relating to farm trucks; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.011, Subdivision 17.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.011, Subdivision 17, is amended to read:

Subd. 17. Farm truck. "Farm truck" means all single unit trucks, tractors, and trailers, used by the owner thereof to transport agricultural, horticultural, dairy, and other farm products, including livestock, produced, or finished by the owner of the truck, and any other personal property owned by the farmer to whom the license for such truck is issued, from the farm to market, and to transport property and supplies to the farm of the owner. Trucks, tractors and trailers registered as "farm trucks" may be used by the owner thereof to occasionally transport unprocessed and raw farm products, not produced by the owner of the truck, from the place of production to market when such transportation constitutes the first haul of such products, and may be used by the owner thereof to transport logs, pulpwood, *lumber, railroad ties* and