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Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 778—S. F. No. 1026

An act relating to the administration of the state government, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.07, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.07, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Publication of notice.** If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed \$2,000, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice inserted *at least once* in a newspaper or trade journal *not less than seven days* before the final date of submitting bids. The commissioner shall designate the newspaper or trade journal for such publication, and may designate different newspapers or journals according to the nature of the purchase or contract. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by sending notices by mail to all prospective bidders known to him, and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in his office at least five days before the final date of submitting bids. All bids shall be sealed when received, shall be opened in public at the hour stated in the notice, and all original bids together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract shall be retained and made a part of a permanent file or record, and shall be open to public inspection. This subdivision shall not apply to the purchase of fibre used in the manufacture of binder twine, ply twines, and rope at the state penal institutions, which shall be purchased in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, requiring competitive bids as far as practicable.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.07, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Certain purchases or sales.** All purchases or sales estimated to exceed in amount \$1,000 but not to exceed \$2,000, shall be made after receipt of sealed bids following at least three days notice posted on a public bulletin board in the office of the commissioner. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by mail in such cases, in like manner as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.07, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Rules for small purchases, sales, or rentals.** All purchases or sales the amount of which is estimated to be less than \$1,000 may be made either upon competitive bids or in the open market, in the discretion of the commissioner; but, so far as practicable, shall be based on at least three competitive bids which shall be permanently recorded. All rentals of equipment and animals with operators or drivers furnished the amount of which is estimated to be less than \$1,000 in any 30-day period shall be made in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.07, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Standard specifications, security.** Contracts and purchases shall in all cases be based on the standard specifications prescribed by the commissioner in accordance with Laws 1939, Chapter 431, as amended, unless otherwise expressly provided. *Each bidder for a contract shall furnish such security as the commissioner approves to insure the making of the contract for which he bids.*

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 779—S. F. No. 1033

An act relating to game and fish; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 100.29.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 100.29, is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

[Subd. 25] *It shall be unlawful to tend any trap set for wild animals between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.*

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 780—S. F. No. 1040

An act creating a security facility at one of the state mental hospitals for the care and treatment of tuberculosis persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 144.425.

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