

drawal from sale pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 89.038, is hereby validated.

Sec. 2. **State not to refund moneys.** The provisions of section 1 do not require the state to refund any moneys recovered from any purchaser or his assigns for timber trespass or other use of the land.

Approved February 28, 1955.

CHAPTER 78—S. F. No. 526

An act relating to discharging patients of mental hospitals; providing for notice to county welfare boards; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1953, Section 525.761, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 525.761, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

525.761 Subdivision 2. **Supervision of discharged patients.** Each patient so released, until unconditionally discharged from custody, is subject to supervision and return to custody. The superintendent of any state hospital for the mentally ill, upon the provisional or outright discharge of any patient from such hospital, shall notify the welfare board of the county of such patient's resident *in all cases, and at least one week prior to the date the patient is to be released from the hospital if practicable.* The commissioner of public welfare shall provide by rule and regulation the procedure and methods whereby such discharged patient shall receive all benefits in the way of old age assistance, direct relief or other similar benefits provided by the law of the state to which his residence and circumstances entitle him, and in addition thereto provide that it shall be the duty of such welfare boards to supervise and assist such discharged patient to find employment and suitable shelter and to aid in his readjustment to the community. Such rules and regulations shall be uniformly applied in all counties and all counties are authorized and required to provide temporary relief whenever necessary to meet the intent of this act.

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