CHAPTER 641—S. F. No. 1396

An act authorizing the commissioner of public welfare to accept and disburse certain funds on behalf of children under guardianship or custody of the commissioner of public welfare and patients of the state institutions for the mentally ill, mentally retarded or epileptic; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.01, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.01, Subdivision 5 is amended to read:

256.01. **Commissioner of public welfare; powers, duties.** Subdivision 5. **Gifts, contributions; acceptance.** The commissioner shall have the power and authority to accept in behalf of the state contributions and gifts, not exceeding $200.00 at one time from one person, for the use and benefit of children under the guardianship or custody of the commissioner; *he may also receive and accept on behalf of such children, and on behalf of patients at the several state institutions for the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, or the epileptic during the period of their hospitalization and while on provisional discharge therefrom, monies due and payable to them as old age and survivors insurance benefits, veterans benefits, pensions or other such monetary benefits.* Such gifts, contributions, *pensions and benefits* shall be deposited in and disbursed from the social welfare fund provided for in sections 256.88 to 256.92.

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CHAPTER 642—S. F. No. 1575

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An act relating to urban and rural development in certain counties; authorizing certain counties to levy taxes, appropriate money and otherwise act in the matter; providing for the creation of a county governmental study commission in certain counties; and prescribing duties of various governmental officials in connection therewith.

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

Section 1. **Ramsey county governmental study commission.** Subdivision 1. In any county having over 300,000 and less than 600,000 inhabitants, the county board shall ap-