

CHAPTER 696—H. F. No. 1094

[Not Coded]

An act relating to tax levies in counties having more than 350,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants; amending Laws 1949, Chapter 515, as amended.

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

Section 1. Laws 1949, Chapter 515, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 521, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Tax levy, Ramsey county.** In each county having more than 350,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants, there shall be levied annually on each dollar of taxable property, except such as is by law otherwise taxable, as assessed and entered on the tax lists, a tax for general revenue purposes of such county not in excess of *nine* mills.

Approved April 26, 1957.

CHAPTER 697—H. F. No. 1179

An act relating to licensing of facilities for foster care of children; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 257.081, Subdivision 4; and Section 257.101.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 257.081, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. (1) *Except as provided in subdivision 4 (2) a "facility for foster care" means any facility which for gain or otherwise regularly provides one or more children, when unaccompanied by their parents, with a substitute for the care, food, lodging, training, education, supervision or treatment they need but which for any reason cannot be furnished by their parents in their homes. This includes but is not limited to the following: an institution, detention home, boarding home, free home, work home, children's home, day care home, day nursery, nursery school, or school for handicapped children.*

(2) *A facility for foster care does not include the following:*

(a) *a home caring for a child placed there for legal adoption unless legal adoption is not completed within two years after placement;*

(b) a home caring for children from no more than one family for a period of less than 30 days;

(c) a home caring for children related to the operator thereof by blood or marriage;

(d) a school which in the judgment of the commissioner of public welfare *operates* for the primary purpose of educating children, rather than for the primary purpose of providing a needed substitute for the care, supervision, *food, lodging, education, treatment or training* provided most children *in their own homes*;

(e) a facility for foster care under the management and control of the commissioner of public welfare, or the Youth Conservation Commission.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 257.101 is amended to read:

257.101 The commissioner of public welfare shall pass annually on the adequacy and suitability of every facility for foster care whether operated for gain or otherwise. If the facility conforms to appropriate rules adopted by the commissioner or in his judgment is making satisfactory progress toward full conformity and he is satisfied that the interests and well being of children received therein are protected, he shall grant a license to the individual, organization, or association giving such foster care. This license shall remain in force for one year unless sooner revoked and shall prescribe the number and age groupings of children who may receive care at any one time. Each facility for foster care shall cooperate with the commissioner to make available all facts regarding its operation and services as he requires to determine its conformance to his rules and its competence to give the service needed and which it purports to give. A facility for foster care shall not use the name "school" unless it also meets standards of education and teacher certification established by the state board of education. No unlicensed facility for foster care may receive a child for care or continue caring for a child or children, nor solicit money in behalf of such facility for foster care. Every licensed facility for foster care is subject to visitation and supervision by the commissioner and shall receive from him consultation as needed to strengthen services to children and to achieve the purposes of this section.

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