

government with respect to the regulation and control of water levels thereof, and flowage on United States lands.

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

Section 1. [84.161] Commissioner of conservation may acquire land for certain purposes. The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to acquire on behalf of the department of conservation, state of Minnesota, all dam site and flowage easements and other interests in land by gift, purchase, condemnation or otherwise which may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this act and to construct all dams, structures and control works needed to restore and control the water levels of Goose and Mud Lakes, Cass County, Minnesota, which authority to condemn shall include the condemnation of state-owned land whether held in trust or otherwise and whether or not the same be set aside as lake shore property or other special use under other provisions of law and the commissioner may further use any land of the state under his jurisdiction for this project; all for the purpose of improving habitat for fish, wild fowl and game, wild rice and for forestry and fire protection.

Sec. 2. [84.162] Additional powers of commissioner of conservation. The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with the United States and any authorized agency thereof for the use by the state of any flowage rights and other interests in land held by the United States needed for the flowage of land for this project and the commissioner of conservation may acquire such property in fee and may further contract and cooperate with the United States for the operation and control of the levels of said water and the construction and maintenance of any of the structure needed therefor upon such terms and conditions as he may deem necessary and proper not otherwise inconsistent with law.

Approved March 5, 1957.

CHAPTER 70—S. F. No. 501

An act authorizing emergency admission to state hospitals for the mentally ill upon certification of a licensed physician; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 525.751, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 525.751, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Custody or restraint of patient.** The court may, if it determines that the best interest of the patient, his family, or the public is thereby served, direct the sheriff, or any other person, to take the patient into custody and confine him, for observation and examination, in any licensed hospital or any other place or institution consenting to receive him. The order of the court may be executed on any day and at any time thereof, by the use of all necessary means, including the breaking open of any door, window, or other part of the building, vehicle, boat, or other place in which the patient is located, and the imposition of necessary restraint upon the person of such patient. *Upon written certification by a licensed physician that he has examined a person and is of the opinion that the person is mentally ill and likely to cause injury to himself or others if not immediately restrained, setting forth the reasons for such opinion, and that an order of the court cannot be obtained in time to prevent such anticipated injury, the person may be admitted to a state hospital for the mentally ill with the consent of the superintendent thereof or his duly authorized agent and held for observation until a court order is obtained, but in no case shall he be held upon such certification for more than 72 hours.*

Approved March 5, 1957.

CHAPTER 71—S. F. No. 589

[Not Coded]

An act relating to tax levy for road and bridge purposes in certain counties.

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

Section 1. **Kittson county, tax levy for road and bridge purposes.** In any county having over 9,500 and less than 10,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census, having not less than 38 and not more than 40 full and fractional congressional townships, and an area of not less than 1,120 and not more than 1,130 square miles, the county board may levy not to exceed 30 mills for road and bridge purposes.

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