

has voted bonds which are not yet issued, the annexation shall not be requested unless approved by a majority of the electors of the city, village, or town voting thereon at a regular or special election. The hospital board may in its discretion condition its approval of the annexation upon the contribution, by or on behalf of the city, village, or town to be annexed, to the capital improvement fund or the bond sinking fund of the hospital district, of such amount as may be agreed upon as a reasonable estimate of the proportionate share, properly applicable to the annexed territory, of capital costs previously paid by the district, having regard to contributions previously made by cities, villages, and towns in the district and their inhabitants, and principal and interest already paid on bonds of the district. Any city, village, or town requesting to be so annexed may appropriate money or may authorize, issue, and sell its bonds or may accept and expend contributions from private parties for the purpose of paying the proportionate share so agreed upon. Each annexation shall become effective upon the date of adoption of the hospital board's resolution approving the same, or on such subsequent date as said resolution may prescribe. A certified copy of each such resolution shall be filed as provided in section 1, subdivision 4, for the resolutions creating the district.

Sec. 7. Powers supplementary. The powers granted herein are supplementary to and not in substitution for any other powers possessed by counties, cities, villages, and towns in connection with the acquisition, betterment, administration, operation, and maintenance of hospitals and nursing homes and the creation of hospital districts.

Sec. 8. Partial invalidity. If any provision of sections 1 to 9 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance should be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of sections 1 to 9 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of sections 1 to 9 are declared to be severable.

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CHAPTER 571—H. F. No. 1275

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the treatment of animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 614.42.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 614.42, is amended to read :

614.42. **Mistreatment of animals.** *Subdivision 1.* No person shall overdrive, overload, torture, cruelly beat, neglect, or unjustifiably injure, maim, mutilate, or kill any animal, or cruelly work *any animal* when unfit for labor, whether belonging to himself or another.

Subd. 2. No person shall deprive any animal of which he has charge or control of *necessary food, water, or shelter.*

Subd. 3. No person shall keep any cow or other animal in any enclosure without wholesome exercise and change of air.

Subd. 4. No person shall feed any cow on food which produces impure or unwholesome milk.

Subd. 5. No person shall abandon any animal.

Subd. 6. No person shall allow any maimed, sick, infirm, or disabled animal to lie in any street, road, or other public place for more than three hours after notice.

Subd. 7. No person shall wilfully set on foot, instigate, or in any way further any act or cruelty to *any animal* or animals, or any act tending to produce such cruelty.

Subd. 8. No person shall cage any animal for public display purposes unless said display cage is constructed of solid material on three sides to protect the caged animal from the elements and unless the horizontal dimension of each side of said cage is at least four times the length of the caged animal. The provisions of this sub-division shall not apply to the Minnesota State Agricultural Society (Minnesota State Fair) and to the County Agricultural Societies (county fairs) nor to any agricultural display of caged animals by any political sub-division of the State of Minnesota, nor to district, regional or national educational livestock or poultry exhibitions.

Sec. 2. [614.421] **Shelter for dogs; violation of section 614.42.** *Subdivision 1.* Every person in charge or control of any dog which is kept outdoors or in an unheated enclosure shall provide such dog with shelter and bedding as prescribed in this section as a minimum.

Subd. 2. Such shelter shall include a moisture-proof and wind-proof structure of suitable size to accommodate the

dog and allow retention of body heat, made of durable material, with a solid floor raised at least two inches from the ground and with the entrance covered by a flexible wind-proof material or a self-closing swinging door. Such structure shall be provided with a sufficient quantity of suitable bedding material, consisting of hay, straw, cedar shavings, blankets, or the equivalent, to provide insulation and protection against cold and dampness and promote retention of body heat.

Subd. 3. Shade from the direct rays of the sun, during the months of June to September, inclusive, shall be provided.

Subd. 4. In lieu of the requirements of subdivisions 2 and 3 a dog kept on a farm may be provided with access to a barn with a sufficient quantity of loose hay or bedding and protection against cold and dampness.

Subd. 5. All shelters required by this act shall be subject to all building or zoning regulations of any city, village, borough, township, county, or state.

Subd. 6. A violation of or failure to comply with any provision of section 614.42 is a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 572—H. F. No. 1513

[Coded]

An act relating to human genetics; authorizing the state board of health to conduct a program for study of human genetic problems, and establishing an advisory committee therefor.

WHEREAS, the science of genetics having advanced in its human applications whereby, in certain well-defined pathologic conditions and some forms of mental defect and mental illness, the possibility of recurrence can be forecast with reasonable accuracy;

WHEREAS, the threat of adverse effect of atomic radiation upon the heredity of a population making vitally necessary the gathering and compilation of additional knowledge in this field;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that the establishment of a program for the promotion of the science of genetics is a matter of state concern and a necessity in planning for public health and welfare.