

In considering applications for parole or final release, the board shall not be required to hear oral argument from any attorney or other person not connected with the prison or the reformatory in favor of or against the parole or release of any prisoners, but it may institute inquiries by correspondence, taking testimony or otherwise, as to the previous history, physical or mental condition, and character of such prisoner, and to that end shall have authority to require the attendance of the warden of the state prison or the superintendent of the state reformatory or the state reformatory for women and the production of the records of these institutions, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and each member of the board is hereby authorized to administer oaths to witnesses for every such purpose.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 591—H. F. No. 1558

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the governor and state auditor to convey certain state owned lands to Shattuck School at a price to be agreed upon.

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

Section 1. Conveyance of state owned land. The governor and the state auditor upon recommendation of the commissioners of administration and public welfare are hereby authorized to execute and deliver in the name of the state of Minnesota as grantor to Shattuck School, Faribault, Minnesota, as grantee, for a consideration to be mutually agreed upon, a deed conveying all the interest and estate of the state of Minnesota in and to the following described land:

The south 400 feet of the north 600 feet of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 29, township 110N., range 20W. of the fifth principal meridian, except the following two tracts;

Tract 1—that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section lying south of the south line of Parshall street (relocated)

Tract 2—1 acre of land: Commencing at the NW corner of the south $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section running south 8 rods

thence east parallel with government lines 20 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 20 rods to the place of commencing;

all subject to a roadway easement over the westerly side of the above described property, containing 10.03 acres more or less.

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CHAPTER 592—S. F. No. 371

[Coded]

An act for an act relating to safety in the use of the waters of the state, requiring licensing of certain watercraft and establishing fees therefor, prohibiting certain activities, requiring permits for certain activities, prescribing safety requirements, authorizing the commissioner of conservation to promulgate regulations relating thereto, prescribing duties of county sheriffs and the commissioner of conservation in relation thereto, providing penalties for violations, establishing the boat and water safety fund, and appropriating money for the purpose of this act; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1957, Sections 157.15, 361.01 to 361.50, and 621.47.

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

Section 1. [361.51] **Policy of state.** It is the policy of this state, which is blessed with an abundance of water, to promote its full use and enjoyment by all of the people, now and in the future, to promote safety for persons and property in connection with the use of the waters of the state, to promote uniformity of laws relating to such use and to conform with any requirements of the United States relating thereto.

Sec. 2. [361.52] **Definitions.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this act, the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

Subd. 3. "Owner" means a person, other than a lien holder, having the property in or title to a watercraft. The term includes a person entitled to the use or possession of