

commissioner of public welfare. If the gift or contribution is designated by the donor for a certain institution or purpose, the commissioner of public welfare shall expend or use the same as nearly as may be in accordance with the conditions of the gift or contribution, compatible with the best interests of the inmates and the state. The commissioner of public welfare is hereby constituted the "state agency" as defined by the social security act of the United States and the laws of this state for all purposes relating to mental health and mental hygiene.

For the purpose of carrying out his duties, the commissioner of public welfare shall accept from mentally deficient wards for whom he is specifically appointed guardian a signed application for his consent to the marriage of said ward. Upon receipt of such application he shall promptly conduct such investigation as he deems proper and determine if the contemplated marriage is for the best interest of the ward and the public. A signed copy of the commissioner's determination shall be mailed to the ward and to the clerk of the district court of the county where the application for such marriage license was made.

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CHAPTER 639—S. F. No. 1411

[Coded]

An act relating to vocational training for inmates of the state prison and providing for the establishment of a laundry industry at the state prison.

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

Section 1. [640.285] **Laundry; establishment, sale of services.** The commissioner of public welfare is hereby authorized and empowered to establish, equip, maintain and operate a laundry industry at the state prison. This facility shall be for the primary purpose of teaching proper work habits to, and providing vocational training for the inmates of the state prison and not as a competitive business venture. To accomplish the foregoing purpose, the commissioner shall have the authority to sell such laundry industry services to state institutions under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

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