

~~and continue to deduct such amount until the actual balance of cash and investments in the special fund again reaches \$100,000 or more. In no event shall any such deduction be less than two percent or more than four percent of such first class firemen's monthly salary. All salary deductions shall be remitted by the city to the treasurer of the relief association each month.~~

Sec. 3. Laws 1963, Chapter 443, Section 14, is amended to read:

Sec. 14. **Money to be kept in two funds.** The money received from the various sources, *except for salary deductions*, shall be kept in two separate and distinct funds, one to be designated as the special fund and the other as the general fund. All money received from the state of Minnesota, ~~from salary deductions~~, from taxes levied by the city of Winona, and interest thereof shall be deposited in the special fund and expended only for purposes hereinafter authorized. *Salary deductions shall be invested and the interest therefrom deposited in the special fund.* All money received from other sources shall be deposited in the general fund and may be expended for any purpose deemed proper by the association.

Sec. 4. *This act shall take effect upon its approval by the governing body of the city of Winona and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.*

Approved May 24, 1967.

CHAPTER 849—H. F. No. 828

An act relating to public welfare; regulating assistance to the blind; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 256.51, Subdivision 1; 256.53, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 256.53, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

256.53 **Public welfare; aid to blind; amount of assistance.** Subdivision 1. **Determination.** The amount of assistance which any recipient shall receive shall be determined by the county agency, with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the individual and the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the state agency, and sufficient when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to

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provide him with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. The first ~~\$85~~ \$90 of earned monthly income plus one-half of earned monthly income in excess of ~~\$85~~ \$90 and for a period not in excess of 36 months, such additional amounts of other income and resources as may be necessary, for an individual to achieve self support when the individual has a plan for self support that has been approved by the state agency, shall be disregarded in determining the need of an applicant or recipient and the following deductions from the gross income of the applicant or recipient from salaries, wages, commissions, sales and fees unless reimbursed by the employer, shall be deducted before determining such earned monthly income:

- (1) Expenses of travel incidental to employment;
- (2) Cost of meals and lodging away from home necessarily incurred to earn income;
- (3) Cost of merchandise purchased for sale;
- (4) Salaries, wages, commissions or fees paid by the applicant or recipient where necessary in carrying on his business or profession;
- (5) Interest paid on business or professional indebtedness;
- (6) Cost of telephone service used in business or profession;
- (7) Taxes, reasonable depreciation, rent, service charges and cost of repairs on property used in business or profession;
- (8) Cost of supplies purchased for business or profession;
- (9) Bad debts resulting from sale of merchandise or equipment used in business or profession.

Such applicant or recipient shall furnish a monthly report of all earnings within ten days after the close of each month and the county agency shall consider such reports in adjusting subsequent monthly grants. Exceptions may be made by the agency when the recipient is engaged in an activity where a monthly report is either impossible or would represent an unrealistic picture of the income situation. During the receipt of assistance, exempted earned income may be accumulated to the amounts permitted under Minnesota Statutes, Section 256.51, Subdivision 2.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 256.51, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

256.51 **Public assistance.** Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.**

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Assistance shall be given under sections 256.49 to 256.71 to any person who:

(1) Has lost his eyesight while a resident of the state, or has resided in the state, for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the application for assistance with the county agency of the county in which he is residing;

(2) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health which shall mean, with respect to personal property, a person whose personal property is worth not more than ~~\$500~~ *\$2,000* for a single person, or ~~\$750~~ *\$4,000* for a married couple. Personal property shall include stocks and bonds, bank savings, land contracts, mortgages and cash value of life insurance policies. Personal property used as a regular abode by the applicant or recipient may be excluded in determining the value of personal property owned. ~~The first \$500 for a single person or \$750 in the case of a married couple, of the cash surrender value of life insurance, shall be disregarded in determining how much personal property is owned.~~ Household goods and furniture in use in the home, wearing apparel, and a lot in a burial ground shall not be considered in determining the property limitation set forth in this section. If the liquidation of the land contracts convertible into cash referred to in this section would cause undue loss or hardship, assistance may nevertheless be granted;

(3) Is not an inmate of, or being maintained by a municipal, county, state, or national institution at the time of receiving assistance, but part or all of any aid to the blind may be paid to patients in public or private medical institutions who are eligible for such aid, subject to rules and regulations made by the state agency;

(4) Has not made an assignment or transfer of property, so as to render himself eligible for assistance under these sections, at any time within two years immediately prior to the filing of application for assistance pursuant to the provisions thereof;

(5) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, soliciting alms;

(6) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, *receiving old age assistance, aid to dependent children or aid to the permanently and totally disabled.*

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