

irement system, except that up to \$10,000 may be invested in the stock of any one corporation. Securities held by the association before July 1, 1971, which do not meet the requirements of this paragraph may be retained after that date if they were proper investments for the association on the date of enactment of this act. The governing board of the association may select and appoint investment agencies to act for and in its behalf or may certify funds for investment in the state board of investment under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 11.21.

(8) The association shall procure an actuarial survey showing the condition of its fund as of December 31, 1970, and not less frequently than each four years thereafter. Such survey shall be filed with the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the secretary of the senate, the governing body of the municipality in which the association is organized, and the secretary of any legislative committee or commission duly created and having within its jurisdiction the study of pension plans and pension funds, not later than June 1 of the following year in the manner described in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 69.71 to 69.76.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 3.] This act may be cited as "The Police and Firemen's Relief Associations Guidelines Act of 1969".

Approved April 28, 1969.

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CHAPTER 224—H. F. No. 2091

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the powers and duties of the board of directors of trusts of the city of Duluth in the establishment, administration, management, maintenance, improvement, and financing of city hospitals; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 447.17 to 447.22.*

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

Section 1. **Duluth, city of; hospitals.** All rights, powers, and duties of the city of Duluth concerning property and estate donated to or otherwise acquired by the city for the establishment and maintenance of hospitals has for many years been and shall continue to be exercised and discharged by the city through the instrumentality of a board of seven persons called directors of trusts. Funds were donated to the city for the establishment of a free and public hospital

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and dispensary for secular use and benefit of worthy sick and helpless poor, without distinction of sex, creed, or nationality. This purpose has been fulfilled by the establishment of the Miller Memorial Hospital which is now owned and operated by the city through the instrumentality of the directors of trusts, in accordance with orders of the district court construing the terms of said donation. To renovate, remodel, and enlarge the existing building and facilities of this hospital, to develop a building program based on present and future community needs for the purpose of re-establishing and thereafter maintaining it as a general hospital, to construct additions, including facilities to be jointly occupied with the St. Louis county health department and other public agencies, and to establish connections with adjoining private rehabilitation facilities serving the public on a nonprofit basis, the directors of trusts are authorized to acquire in the name of the city of Duluth all real and personal property necessary and incidental to such a building program and to the operation, administration, management, and control of the expanded hospital facilities, to enter into all contracts on behalf of the city necessary and incidental to the building program, and to finance the cost thereof, in excess of funds on hand and funds provided by governmental or private grants, by the issuance of revenue bonds of the city, and to pledge for the payment and security of such bonds and the interest thereon all or any defined portion of the net revenues of all hospital facilities now and hereafter owned by the city, in excess of the normal, reasonable, and current costs of the operation, administration, and maintenance thereof. The bonds may be issued and sold at such times, upon such notice, if any, in such form and denominations, bearing interest at such rate or rates, maturing on such dates, either without option of prior payment or subject to prepayment upon such notice and at such times and prices, payable at such bank or banks, within or without the state, with such provisions for registration, conversion, and exchange and for the issuance of notes in anticipation of the sale and delivery of definitive bonds, and in accordance with such terms and covenants as the directors of trusts shall establish by resolution, and not subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, or any other law; provided that in the event the full faith and credit of the city is pledged to the payment of any series of such bonds, the issuance thereof as proposed in a resolution of the directors of trusts shall be authorized by an ordinance duly adopted by the city council in accordance with the provisions of the city charter, and the bonds shall not be sold or delivered until and unless such ordinance has become effective, and shall be sold and secured in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

Sec. 2. The mayor of the city shall be ex officio a member of the board of directors of trusts and the other six members shall be

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residents of the city and appointed by the judges of the district court of the district in which the city is located, by concurrent action of a majority of the judges, for the following terms beginning with date of appointment; two for a term of two years, two for a term of four years and two for a term of six years, and thereafter as these terms expire the vacancies caused thereby shall be filled by appointment for six year terms. Upon petition of the board of directors of trusts, these judges, by like concurrent action, may increase the number of members on the board of directors of trusts to as many as fifteen, without amendment of this act. If an increase in membership should be made, the new members shall be appointed for terms deemed appropriate by such district judges, but not exceeding six years. These judges, by like concurrent action, shall appoint members to fill out the unexpired term of any member who for any reason ceases to be a member before the expiration of his term. The judges of this district court shall meet and take action upon any of the matters in this section specified, upon call of the senior judge of the district or upon the petition of the mayor or any resident taxpayer of the city. However, the directors of trusts may take any action authorized in this act without prior order of the court.

Sec. 3. The directors of trusts shall have power to make rules and bylaws for the proper conduct of their business; to appoint and remove from time to time such agents and employees as in their judgment may be required for the proper discharge of their duties; to determine the duties and compensation of all such agents and employees, who may but are not required to be members of the public employees retirement association; to employ legal counsel; to make such contracts and agreements as in their judgment may from time to time be required in the acquisition, betterment, operation, administration, maintenance, control, and management of city hospital facilities, in conformity with the provisions of the city charter and of ordinances enacted by the council relating to the procedure to be followed by the directors of trusts in the award of contracts and the making of purchases, except that the directors of trusts shall designate a person other than the city purchasing agent to act for such purchasing agent in awarding contracts and making purchases; and to do, perform, and discharge all and singular whatever acts and duties are or from time to time may become proper or necessary to be done by the city in discharge of its duties in connection with any use or trust affecting hospital properties. The directors of trusts shall file with the city clerk on or before February 15 of each year a report for the preceding calendar year showing all receipts and disbursements with the sources and purposes thereof, together with a statement of assets under their control and property acquired or disposed of during the year, and such

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other general information as to the management and control of the trust property as in their judgment is proper. Their official books and records shall be audited at least annually by the state public examiner or by a certified public accountant, as determined by the directors of trusts, notwithstanding the provisions of any law requiring audit of hospital books and records by the state public examiner. If the directors of trusts determine that the hospital books and records shall be audited by a certified public accountant, the directors shall notify the state public examiner that an audit by his office will not be necessary. The report of each such audit shall be filed promptly with the public examiner and the city council.

Sec. 4. The directors of trusts may in their discretion sell, exchange, or transfer any securities under their control and invest the proceeds thereof, or any other funds under their control, in any security now or hereafter permitted in the case of savings banks authorized to transact business in the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 5. The treasurer of the city shall have custody of and be responsible for the safekeeping of all cash, securities, title papers, records, and documents appertaining to the property, the administration, and management of which devolves upon the directors of trusts, and shall furnish such information as to the cash and other property held by him as may be requested by the directors of trusts. He shall keep the cash and other property of each trust separate and pay out and deliver the same from time to time upon order of the board of directors of trusts made in accordance with their rules and regulations in carrying out their duties as a board of directors of trusts. The city treasurer may and at the request of the directors of trusts shall appoint a deputy, bonded in such amount as the treasurer shall determine to be reasonable, who is an employee of Miller Memorial Hospital, to exercise any and all of the powers and duties of the city treasurer set forth in this section.

Sec. 6. The directors of trusts in the discharge of their duties and, within the scope of their powers aforesaid, shall be considered agents of the city, but no compensation or emolument whatever shall be received by such director for such service, nor shall any such director have or ever acquire any personal interest in any contract whatever made by such directors of trusts in carrying out their duties or powers as such; nor shall any such director receive, directly or indirectly, any compensation for services rendered or material or supplies furnished to any person while a patient of any institution conducted by such directors of trusts. Any director violating any of the provisions of this section shall thereby be disqualified from further

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acting as a director and the vacancy so caused shall be filled under the provisions of section 2 of this act.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 447.17 to 447.22, which now apply only to the city of Duluth and its board of directors of trusts, are repealed.

Sec. 8. This act applies only to the city of Duluth. It shall become effective upon final enactment, without local approval.

Became law without governor's signature.

Filed April 28, 1969.

## CHAPTER 225—H. F. No. 386

[Coded]

*An act relating to agriculture; regulating the slaughter, preparation, and handling of meat in commerce within the state; and prescribing penalties.*

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

Section 1. [31A.01] **Minnesota meat inspection act; declaration of policy.** Meat and meat food products are an important source of the nation's total supply of food. It is essential in the public interest that the health and welfare of consumers be protected by assuring that meat and meat food products distributed to them are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly marked, labeled, and packaged. Unwholesome, adulterated, or misbranded meat or meat food products are injurious to the public welfare, destroy markets for wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged meat and meat food products, and result in sundry losses to livestock producers and processors of meat and meat food products, as well as injury to consumers. The unwholesome, adulterated, mislabeled, or deceptively packaged articles can be sold at lower prices and compete unfairly with the wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged articles, to the detriment of consumers and the public generally. It is hereby found that regulation by the commissioner and cooperation by this state and the United States as contemplated by this act are appropriate to protect the health and welfare of consumers and otherwise effectuate the purposes of this act.

Sec. 2. [31A.02] **Definitions.** Subdivision 1. As used

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