

CHAPTER 544—S.F.No.1496

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An act relating to health; enabling certain minors to give effective consent for medical, mental, dental, and other health services for himself or his children.

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

Section 1. **[144.341] HEALTH; MINORS' CONSENT TO HEALTH SERVICES; LIVING APART FROM PARENTS AND MANAGING FINANCIAL AFFAIRS; CONSENT FOR SELF.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any minor who is living separate and apart from his parents or legal guardian, whether with or without the consent of a parent or guardian and regardless of the duration of such separate residence, and who is managing his own financial affairs, regardless of the source or extent of his income, may give effective consent to medical, dental, mental and other health services for himself, and the consent of no other person is required.

Sec. 2. **[144.342] MARRIAGE OR GIVING BIRTH; CONSENT FOR HEALTH SERVICE FOR SELF OR CHILD.** Any minor who has been married or has borne a child may give effective consent to medical, mental, dental and other health services for his or her child, and for himself or herself, and the consent of no other person is required.

Sec. 3. **[144.343] PREGNANCY, VENEREAL DISEASE AND ALCOHOL OR DRUG ABUSE.** Any minor may give effective consent for medical, mental and other health services to determine the presence of or to treat pregnancy and conditions associated therewith, venereal disease, alcohol and other drug abuse, and the consent of no other person is required.

Sec. 4. **[144.344] EMERGENCY TREATMENT.** Medical, dental, mental and other health services may be rendered to minors of any age without the consent of a parent or legal guardian when, in the professional's judgment, the risk to the minor's life or health is of such a nature that treatment should be given without delay and the requirement of consent would result in delay or denial of treatment.

Sec. 5. **[144.345] REPRESENTATIONS TO PERSONS RENDERING SERVICE.** The consent of a minor who represents that he may give effective consent for the purpose of receiving medical, dental, mental or other health services but who may not in fact do so, shall be deemed effective without the consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian, if the person rendering the service relied in good faith upon the representations of the minor.

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Sec. 6. [144.346] **INFORMATION TO PARENTS.** The professional may inform the parent or legal guardian of the minor patient of any treatment given or needed where, in the judgment of the professional, failure to inform the parent or guardian would seriously jeopardize the health of the minor patient.

Sec. 7. [144.347] **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** A minor so consenting for such health services shall thereby assume financial responsibility for the cost of said services.

Approved May 26, 1971.

CHAPTER 545—S.F.No.1667

An act relating to local tuberculosis control programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 376.50, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 376.50, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **TUBERCULOSIS; CONTROL PROGRAMS; DIRECTION.** The state board of health is hereby authorized to make grants to assist counties or any combination thereof in the establishment and operation of local tuberculosis control programs, including outpatient diagnostic and treatment services. At the beginning of each fiscal year the state board of health shall allocate available funds to the tuberculosis control programs for disbursement during the fiscal year on the basis of the proportional share of the state's population which the population of the county or combinations of counties represents. The state board of health shall, from time to time during the fiscal year, review the budgets and expenditures of the various programs and if funds are not needed for a program to which they are allocated, the board may after a reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing, withdraw such funds as are unencumbered and reallocate them to other programs. The local tuberculosis control program shall be under the direction of the county sanatorium commission, if there be one in the county or combination of counties, otherwise it shall be under the direction of the county board or boards through a tuberculosis advisory committee set up by the board or boards in the same manner in which sanatorium commissions are established, according to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 376.29 and 376.30 or

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