

or to show cause before the board at a time and place fixed in the notice why such obstruction should not be removed. If such obstruction be on private property, the owner thereof shall be deemed prima facie responsible therefor and shall in any event be so notified. Such notice shall be by registered mail not less than ten days before the return date thereof. At the time and place fixed in the notice, the board shall hear all interested parties and if it appears that the ditch has been obstructed by any person or public authority, the board shall so find and order the obstruction removed by the person or authority responsible therefor within a reasonable time fixed in the order. If the obstruction be not removed within the time fixed, the board shall cause the same to be removed and in such event the auditor shall make a statement of the cost thereof and shall file the same in the office of the register of deeds of the county as a lien upon the premises on which the obstruction is located or against the public or other corporation responsible therefor; and such lien shall be enforced and collected the same as liens made for ditch repairs as provided in this chapter; except that no lien may be filed against private property if it appears that the owner thereof is not responsible for the obstruction. In such event the cost of removal may be enforced against the responsible party by civil action.

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#### CHAPTER 587—S.F.No.785

*An act relating to game and fish; reducing the minimum acreage of lakes for which the state may acquire public access; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 97.48, Subdivision 15.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 97.48, Subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. **GAME AND FISH; LAKES; PUBLIC ACCESS.** The commissioner shall acquire by gift, lease, purchase, or condemnation in the manner prescribed by chapter 117, in the name of the state, from the game and fish fund, parking or camping areas of not to exceed five acres, adjacent to public waters to which the public theretofore had no access or where the access is inadequate and upon which the public has a right to hunt and fish, and such easements and rights of way as may be required to connect such areas with public

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highways, provided, no acquisition costing over \$1,000 shall be made without first obtaining the approval of the executive council, and provided further that the authority herein granted shall not extend to lakes completely surrounded by lands owned and maintained for the purpose of conducting an educational or religious institution, or to lakes which are unmeandered or which contain less than 200 acres within the meander lines; provided, that in the case of any lake containing less than 200 acres but not less than 150 acres within the meander lines, the authority herein granted shall apply where the lands, easements, or rights of way required are acquired by gift or purchase but not by condemnation and provided further, that public easements and public right of way may be acquired other than by condemnation to lakes of any size which are to be thereafter managed intensively for fishing. All areas, easements, and rights of way acquired hereunder shall be maintained by the commissioner from the game and fish fund, except that the commissioner may make agreements with the county board if the connecting public highway is a county state-aid highway or county highway and the town board if the connecting public highway is a town road for the maintenance of the easements and rights of way to the areas. The county board and town board may expend money from their respective road and bridge funds for such maintenance in accordance with the agreement.

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#### CHAPTER 588—S.F.No.954

*An act relating to guardianships, persons subject to; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 525.54.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 525.54, is amended to read:

**525.54 PROBATE PROCEEDINGS; GUARDIANSHIPS; PERSONS REQUESTING.** The court may appoint one or two persons suitable and competent to discharge the trust as guardians of the person or estate or of both of any person who is a minor, ~~or who because of old age, or imperfection or deterioration of mentality is incompetent to manage his person or estate, or of any person who because of excessive intoxication, gambling, idleness, or debauchery, so spends or wastes his estate or injures his person as to be likely to~~

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