

Sec. 2. The district is also authorized, by resolution of its hospital board, to sell or to lease land owned by it to a nonprofit corporation for the construction, operation, and maintenance by the lessee of medical facilities, including medical and dental office space. In this event the lessor's interest may be subordinated to any mortgage securing indebtedness incurred by the lessee for the construction of the facilities, if the terms of the mortgage are approved by the hospital board and provide for notice of default and opportunity to cure it and be subrogated to the mortgagor's rights. The board may also contract to provide and share costs of utilities and other services for any facilities so constructed, upon such terms as it deems advisable. To the extent that any such facilities are leased in accordance with section 1 or section 2 of this act for use by persons in private medical or dental or similar practice or in any other private business, a tax on the privilege of such use shall be imposed in the same amount and to the same extent as though the user were the owner of such space and shall be collected in the manner provided in section 272.01, subdivision 2.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon approval by resolution adopted by a majority vote of all members of the hospital board of Monticello-Big Lake community hospital district, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved June 3, 1971.

CHAPTER 675—S.F.No.2096

[Coded]

An act relating to highways; providing for the erection of certain directional signs on certain county highways and town roads; authorizing counties to expend money for such signs; prescribing certain powers and duties of the department of highways.

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

Section 1. **[160.283] HIGHWAYS; RESORT INFORMATION SIGNS; PURPOSE.** Subdivision 1. It is hereby found and declared that the development and promotion of the tourist industry is important to the economic welfare of the state. It is further found that the control and regulation of outdoor advertising and the consequential removal of certain advertising devices has adversely affected many resorts though such regulation and control of outdoor advertising is in the general interest of the people and is necessary to

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conserve the natural beauty of areas adjacent to highways and roads of the state. The legislature finds that in order to alleviate hardships on the tourist industry caused by limitations imposed on the use of outdoor advertising along certain local highways and roads and to also conserve the natural beauty of areas adjacent to such local highways and roads, it is necessary that devices, directional in nature, be erected on certain local highways and roads as hereinafter provided for the purpose of guiding tourists and other travelers to their destination, and that such directional devices be standardized and the design therefor and distribution thereof be controlled by the department of highways with the counties participating therein.

Subd. 2. The provisions of this act only apply to directional devices or signs that may be erected pursuant to the provisions of this act on those county state-aid highways, county highways and town roads within one-half mile of areas that have restrictions on the erection of advertising devices along or adjacent thereto imposed under the applicable provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 173.

Subd. 3. For the purposes of this act the term "resort" shall be as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 157.01.

Sec. 2. [160.284] DESIGN; CONTRACT FOR MANUFACTURE. The department of highways shall design a sign of such size and dimension and of a type sufficient to provide directional information, on slats designed for that purpose, for at least five individual resorts. The department of highways shall contract for the construction or manufacture of such signs, either with private industry or through some agency of the state. All such signs shall be of a standard size and design.

Sec. 3. [160.285] COUNTY PARTICIPATION. Subdivision 1. Any county of this state is authorized to expend county road and bridge funds for the purchase of such signs from the department of highways, and for the erection of such signs along or adjacent to highways under their jurisdiction or along and adjacent to town roads within the county. A certified copy of the resolution of the board of county commissioners authorizing the purchase of a specified number of such signs shall be forwarded to the department of highways. The cost of such signs to the counties shall be 100 percent of the actual cost to the department of highways for the purchase of the signs. The counties may sell the signs to any person, provided that the sale price shall be 75 percent of the cost of such signs to the county.

Subd. 2. Any county participating shall erect such signs at its own expense as it deems necessary on those county state-aid highways, county highways and town roads designated in section 1, subdivision 2 of this act; provided that such signs shall be erected in a manner acceptable to the department of highways and shall not be

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erected closer than 500 feet from trunk highways forming a part of the interstate system as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 173.16, Subclause 2, or closer than 300 feet from other trunk highways as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 173.46, Subclause 2.

Subd. 3. All money received from the purchase of signs from any county shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a special account to be known as the local sign account. All money in such account is appropriated to the department of highways for use in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. This act takes effect upon the date of enactment.

Approved June 3, 1971.

CHAPTER 676—S.F.No.2121

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to agriculture; dairy product unfair trade practices and price stabilization; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 32A.02; 32A.03, Subdivision 9, and by adding subdivisions; 32A.04; 32A.05, Subdivision 4; 32A.06, Subdivisions 1, 3, and 5; and 32A.09, Subdivisions 1 and 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 32A.02, is amended to read:

32A.02 DAIRY INDUSTRY UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES; PUBLIC POLICY. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the legislature, recognizing that "selected dairy products," as herein defined, are important sources of revenue to a large number of citizens of this state engaged in producing, processing, manufacturing or selling such products and are important items of food essential to the health and welfare of the people of this state and that certain trade practices have developed within this state in the sale and distribution of such products which result in unfair competition and upset the orderly marketing of such products, causing financial loss to the producers in this state of the milk or cream used in "selected dairy products," to protect the health and welfare of our people and to preserve the traditional markets and outlets for our producers of such milk or cream and to restore the orderly marketing in this state

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