

Subd. 6. **ZONING; VARIANCES; ONE FAMILY DWELLING FOR USE BY TWO FAMILIES; APPEALS AND ADJUSTMENTS.** Appeals to the board of appeals and adjustments may be taken by any affected person upon compliance with any reasonable conditions imposed by the zoning ordinance. The board of appeals and adjustments has the following powers with respect to the zoning ordinance:

(1) To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative officer in the enforcement of the zoning ordinance.

(2) To hear requests for variances from the literal provisions of the ordinance in instances where their strict enforcement would cause undue hardship because of circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration, and to grant such variances only when it is demonstrated that such actions will be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the ordinance. The board of appeals and adjustments or the governing body as the case may be, may not permit as a variance any use that is not permitted under the ordinance for property in the zone where the affected person's land is located. The board or governing body as the case may be, may permit as a variance the temporary use of a one family dwelling as a two family dwelling. The board or governing body as the case may be may impose conditions in the granting of variances to insure compliance and to protect adjacent properties.

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CHAPTER 540—S.F.No.56

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to welfare; establishing and empowering a Gillette hospital authority for the purpose of operating a children's hospital in conjunction with Ramsey county hospital; appropriating funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 246.01; 256.01, Subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 246.02, Subdivision 3; and Chapter 250.

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

Section 1. [250.05] **GILLETTE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY; CREATION; ADMINISTRATION; POWERS AND DUTIES.** Sub-

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division 1. There is hereby established as a public corporation in the executive branch of state government and a political subdivision of the state, a Gillette hospital authority. The purpose of the authority shall be to govern the operation of Gillette children's hospital in conjunction with the Ramsey county hospital in such manner as to obtain a maximum of efficiency and economy in the performance of and training in medical and surgical care of crippled children.

Subd. 2. The Gillette hospital authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of seven members, not more than three of whom shall be residents of Ramsey county. One member shall be the commissioner of public welfare or designee of the commissioner. Six members, at least half of whom shall be consumers as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 145.72, shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, for terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, however, that initial appointments shall be made so that the terms of two members expire on December 31, 1974, two on December 31, 1976, and two on December 31, 1978.

Subd. 3. Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses. The board shall organize by electing a chairman and such other officers as may be required. In addition the board may employ an administrator and such other professional, technical, and clerical personnel as may be required. All employees of the Gillette children's hospital who are in the classified service of the state on the effective date of this act shall be continued as employees of the authority without loss of status, seniority, or benefits. The departments of administration and civil service shall endeavor to assist in the transfer elsewhere within state service of any classified employee who desires such assistance. Classified personnel may, with their individual approval and the approval of the authority, enter the unclassified service. All other employees of the authority shall be in the unclassified service. The authority may prescribe all terms and conditions of employment of unclassified employees, including but not limited to the fixing of classification and compensation, without regard to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 15A. Full time employees of the authority shall be members of the Minnesota state retirement system, to which the authority shall make employer's contributions.

The authority may contract for the services of individuals who perform medical, technical, or other services of a professional nature, and may contract for the purchase of necessary supplies, services, and equipment. Except as it determines, the authority shall not be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 16, concerning personnel, budgeting, payroll, or the pur-

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chase of goods or services. Any department of state government is authorized, within the limits of its functions and appropriations, to assist the authority upon request.

Subd. 4. The authority, acting through its board of directors, may contract with the governing body or officials of the Ramsey county hospital and of any other hospital or institution, for the joint maintenance and operation of the Gillette children's hospital in conjunction with existing or contemplated facilities at the Ramsey county hospital. Contracts may include agreements for the joint employment and utilization of personnel, the joint purchase of supplies and equipment, and joint construction, acquisition, or leasing of space for offices, outpatient facilities, operating rooms, and other medical facilities for use in training in the care and treatment of crippled and handicapped children, the operation of a brace shop, and the conduct of patient education programs. No contract shall however, provide for the expenditure of funds for additional patient bed capacity. The authority shall be subject to the certificate of need act provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 145.71 to 145.83. In any case wherein a certificate of need is required, the authority shall, at the time of application, notify the house committee on appropriations and the senate finance committee, whose opinion shall be advisory only.

Subd. 5. In the exercise of the powers granted pursuant to this act the authority shall have the power to accept gifts and grants, to sue and be sued, and to establish a schedule of charges for medical, hospital, and rehabilitative services furnished. All funds received by the authority from any source are hereby annually appropriated to the authority, which shall be responsible for their management and control. Annual audited financial statements shall be submitted to the legislature through the department of public welfare and a biennial report shall be submitted to the legislature by the authority not later than November 15 of each even-numbered year.

Subd. 6. The Gillette children's hospital shall seek reimbursement for costs of care and treatment provided, from parents to the extent of their ability to pay, from insurance policies covering care and treatment, and from other sources, including any federally financed medical aids for which the child is eligible. To the extent of appropriations available therefor, the department of public welfare shall continue to provide financial assistance to the authority to pay for costs of care otherwise unmet which are beyond the ability of parents to provide. Children from other states who can benefit from the services of the hospital may be accepted upon the referral of a medical doctor. Reimbursement for full costs for care provided non-resident patients shall be obtained from parents, from insurance policies covering care and treatment, or from any sources

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other than the state of Minnesota which may be available to the child and his family.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon passage and approval. Any unexpended balance in the Gillette State Hospital medical education and research account, in the appropriation made by Laws 1971, Chapter 964, Section 2, Subdivision 15, and in legislative appropriations to the Gillette children's hospital are hereby reappropriated to the authority created by this act.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 246.01, is amended to read:

246.01 POWERS AND DUTIES. The commissioner of public welfare is hereby specifically constituted the guardian of both the estate and person of all feeble-minded or epileptic persons, the guardianship of whom has heretofore been vested in the state board of control or in the director of social welfare whether by operation of law or by an order of court without any further act or proceeding, and all the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the state board of control or the director of social welfare, with reference to mental testing of persons mentally deficient or epileptic, and with reference to the institutions of the state of Minnesota except correctional institutions administered and managed by the commissioner of corrections, are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of public welfare, and in relation thereto he is hereby charged with and shall have the exclusive power of administration and management of all of the following state institutions: The schools and hospitals for the mentally retarded and epileptic, state hospitals for the mentally ill, the Minnesota braille and sightsaving school, the state school for the deaf, ~~the Gillette state hospital for crippled children,~~ and the state hospital for inebriates. He shall have power and authority to determine all matters relating to the unified and continuous development of all of the foregoing institutions and of such other institutions, the supervision of which may, from time to time, be vested in him. It is intended that there be vested in him all of the powers, functions, and authority heretofore vested in the state board of control relative to such state institutions. He shall have the power and authority to accept, in behalf of the state, contributions and gifts of money and personal property for the use and benefit of the inmates of the public institutions under his control, and all moneys and securities so received shall be deposited in the state treasury subject to the order of the commissioner of public welfare. If the gift or contribution is designated by the donor for a certain institution or purpose, the commissioner of public welfare shall expend or use the same as nearly as may be in accordance with the conditions of the gift or contribution, compatible with the best interests of the inmates and the state. The commissioner of public welfare is hereby constituted the "state agency" as defined

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by the social security act of the United States and the laws of this state for all purposes relating to mental health and mental hygiene.

For the purpose of carrying out his duties, the commissioner of public welfare shall accept from mentally deficient wards for whom he is specifically appointed guardian a signed application for his consent to the marriage of said ward. Upon receipt of such application he shall promptly conduct such investigation as he deems proper and determine if the contemplated marriage is for the best interest of the ward and the public. A signed copy of the commissioner's determination shall be mailed to the ward and to the clerk of the district court of the county where the application for such marriage license was made.

There is hereby appropriated to such persons or institutions as are entitled to such sums as are provided for in this section, from the fund or account in the state treasury to which the money was credited, an amount sufficient to make such payment.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 256.01, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **SPECIFIC POWERS.** Subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 241.021, Subdivision 2, the commissioner of public welfare shall:

(1) Administer and supervise all forms of public assistance in the state including general relief, relief to transients and state homeless, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and otherwise handicapped persons and such other welfare activities or services as may from time to time be vested in the commissioner. Nothing herein shall transfer from the veterans home board any of its present rights, powers, or duties, all of which shall continue to be exercised by said board.

(2) Administer and supervise all child welfare activities; promote the enforcement of laws protecting defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected and delinquent children; license and supervise child-caring and child-placing agencies and institutions; supervise the care of children in boarding and foster homes or in private institutions; and generally perform all functions relating to the field of child welfare now vested in the state board of control.

(3) Administer and supervise all non-institutional service to handicapped persons, including the blind, the deaf, the tuberculous, the crippled, and otherwise handicapped persons. The authority and power conferred by this subdivision shall include the authority and power to provide and contract for the care and treatment of qualified indigent children, as defined in section 250.02, in facilities other than those located and available at ~~the Gillette state hospital~~

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~~for crippled children hospitals~~ when it is not feasible to provide such service in ~~that hospital~~ state hospitals.

(4) Assist and actively cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, local, state, and federal, by performing services in conformity with the purposes of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the establishment of an efficient working relationship with the director of institutions relating to the care and supervision of individuals both prior to and after departure from institutions under the supervision of said director of institutions.

(5) Act as the agent of and cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern relative to and in conformity with the provisions of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the administration of any federal funds granted to the state to aid in the performance of any functions of the commissioner as specified in Laws 1939, Chapter 431, and including the promulgation of rules and regulations making uniformly available medical care benefits to all recipients of public assistance, at such times as the federal government increases its participation in assistance expenditures for medical care to recipients of public assistance, the cost thereof to be borne in the same proportion as are grants of aid to said recipients.

(6) Establish and maintain such administrative units as may reasonably be necessary for the performance of administrative functions common to all divisions of the department.

(7) Administer and supervise such additional welfare activities and services as may, from time to time, hereafter be vested by law in the state department.

(8) Establish within his department a bureau of old age assistance, of aid to dependent children, and a bureau of child welfare.

(9) The commissioner is hereby specifically constituted as guardian of both the estate and the person of all the wards of the state of Minnesota and other persons the guardianship of whom has been heretofore vested in the state board of control, whether by operation of law or by an order of court, without any further act or proceeding whatever, except as to persons committed as feeble-minded or epileptic. All of said guardianships, and the funds and property of the same, are hereby transferred to and vested in said commissioner, and said commissioner is hereby constituted a legal entity and is hereby empowered to act as guardian under any laws of this state heretofore conferring such powers upon the state board of control.

(10) All the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the director of public institutions with reference to the Minnesota state

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sanatorium are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of public welfare. The commissioner of public welfare shall appoint the superintendent of the Minnesota state sanatorium, but shall not have the power to fix his salary.

(11) Act as coordinating referral and informational center on requests for service for newly arrived immigrants coming to Minnesota.

(12) The specific enumeration of powers and duties as hereinabove set forth shall in no way be construed to be a limitation upon the general transfer of powers herein contained.

(13) Establish county, regional, or state-wide schedules of maximum fees and charges which may be paid by county welfare boards for medical, dental, surgical, hospital, nursing and nursing home care and medicine and medical supplies under the categorical aid programs.

(14) Have the authority to conduct and administer experimental projects to test methods and procedures of administering assistance and services to recipients or potential recipients of public welfare. To carry out such experimental projects, it is further provided that the commissioner of public welfare is authorized to waive the enforcement of existing specific statutory program requirements, regulations, and standards in one or more counties. The order establishing the waiver shall provide alternative methods and procedures of administration, shall not be in conflict with the basic purposes, coverage, or benefits provided by law, and in no event shall the duration of a project exceed two years. It is further provided that no order establishing an experimental project as authorized by the provisions of this section shall become effective until the following conditions have been met:

(a) The proposed comprehensive plan including estimated project costs and the proposed order establishing the waiver shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives at least 60 days prior to its effective date.

(b) The secretary of health, education, and welfare of the United States has agreed, for the same project, to waive state plan requirements relative to state-wide uniformity.

(c) A comprehensive plan, including estimated project costs, shall be approved by the legislative advisory committee and filed with the commissioner of administration.

(15) In accordance with federal requirements establish procedures to be followed by county welfare boards in creating citizen advisory committees including procedures for selection of committee members.

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Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 246.02, Subdivision 3; 250.01; 250.02; 250.03; and 250.04; are repealed.

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CHAPTER 541—S.F.No.82

[Coded]

An act relating to the joint or cooperative exercise of powers by cities, villages, boroughs, counties, towns, school districts, other political subdivisions, agencies of the state and the United States; authorizing boards of county commissioners to perform services for other governmental units; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 471.59, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 471.59, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1 requiring commonality of powers between parties to any agreement the board of county commissioners of any county may by resolution enter into agreements with any other governmental unit as defined in subdivision 1 to perform on behalf of that unit any service or function which that unit would be authorized to provide for itself, provided that all services or functions to be provided by any county pursuant to this subdivision shall be performed on a cost basis. The provisions of this subdivision do not apply to any county wherein the chairman of the board of county commissioners is a mayor of any municipality within that county.

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CHAPTER 542—S.F.No.211

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An act relating to county government; providing for optional forms of county government and the optional combination of certain county offices.

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