

exceed 50 percent of the total average per capita cost for resident patients as determined by the commissioner of public welfare.

For purposes of this subdivision "resident patient" means a person who occupies a bed while housed in a hospital for observation, care, diagnosis, or treatment.

For purposes of this subdivision "outpatient" or "day-care" patient means a person who makes use of diagnostic or therapeutic service but does not occupy a regular hospital bed.

For the purposes of collecting from the federal government for the care of those patients eligible for medical care under the social security act "cost of care" shall be determined as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 246.51, is amended to read:

246.51 PAYMENT FOR CARE AND TREATMENT; DETERMINATION. The commissioner shall make such investigation as he deems necessary and determine, and as circumstances require redetermine, what part of the cost of care, if any, the patient is able to pay. If the commissioner finds that the patient is unable to pay the full cost of care he shall make a determination as to the ability of the relatives to pay provided, however, that in no case shall the relatives be ordered to pay more for each patient than ten percent of the cost of care but not to exceed \$60 per month but voluntary payments in excess thereof may be accepted by the commissioner. No parent shall be liable for the cost given a patient at a state hospital after such patient has reached the age of 21 years. Such determination shall be conclusive in any action to enforce payment of the cost of care unless appealed from as hereinafter provided. All money received shall be paid to the state treasurer and placed in the general fund and a separate account kept thereof. Responsibility under this section shall not apply to those relatives earning less than \$4,000 per year.

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CHAPTER 236—S.F.No.1559

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the metropolitan sewer board and the federal water pollution control act amendments of 1972; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 473C, by adding a section; and Section 473C.15, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 473C, is amended by adding a section to read:

[473C.081] METROPOLITAN SEWER SERVICE; FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1972; SYSTEM OF CHARGES. Each local government unit shall adopt a system of charges for the use and availability of the metropolitan disposal system which will assure that each recipient of waste treatment services within or served by the unit will pay its proportionate share of the current costs allocated to the unit by the board under section 473C.08, as required by the federal water pollution control act amendments of 1972, and any regulations issued pursuant thereto. Each system of charges shall be adopted as soon as possible and shall be submitted to the board not later than January 1, 1974. The board shall review each system of charges to determine whether it complies with the federal law and regulations. If it determines that a system of charges does not comply, the adopting unit shall be notified and shall change its system to comply, and shall submit the changes to the board for review. All subsequent changes in a system of charges proposed by a local government unit shall also be submitted to the board for review. Each local government unit may appeal the determination of the board to the council for review and determination.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 473C.15, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. The council or board with the consent of the council may accept gifts, may apply for and accept grants or loans of money or other property from the United States, the state, or any person for any of its purposes, including any grant available under the federal water pollution act amendments of 1972, whether for construction, research or pilot project implementation, may enter into any agreement required in connection therewith, and may hold, use, and dispose of such money or property in accordance with the terms of the gift, grant, loan or agreement relating thereto. The board with the consent of the council shall have all powers necessary to comply with the federal water pollution control act amendments of 1972 and any grant offered to it thereunder including, but not limited to, the power to enter into such contracts with, or to impose such charges upon, persons using the metropolitan disposal system as it shall determine to be necessary for the recovery of treatment works and interceptor costs paid with federal grant funds. Insofar as possible these costs shall be recovered by local government units on behalf of the board.

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Sec. 3. This act is in effect the day following its final enactment.

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CHAPTER 237—S.F.No.1583

An act relating to agriculture; promotion of agricultural commodities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 17.54, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 17.54, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.54 AGRICULTURE; PROMOTION OF COMMODITIES; ADVISORY BOARDS; MEMBERSHIP; ELECTION; TERM. Subdivision 1. **CREATION.** An advisory board is hereby created for the producers of each agricultural commodity who file with the commissioner a petition requesting that the producers of such commodity be subjected to the provisions of sections 17.51 to 17.69, which petition is signed by 1,500 500 or 15 percent, whichever is less, of the producers of such commodity. Such petition shall be certified by at least two producers to have been signed only by producers of the commodity involved.

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CHAPTER 238—S.F.No.1584

An act relating to boilers; regulating the standards of inspection; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 183.465.

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