

registration and taxation under chapter 168. The board may provide by resolution for collection of the wheelage tax by county officials or it may request that the tax be collected by the state registrar of motor vehicles, and the state registrar of motor vehicles shall collect such tax on behalf of the county if requested, as provided in subdivision 2.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 163.051, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **EFFECT ON ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY.** The county auditor of each metropolitan county shall reduce the amount of the property taxes levied pursuant to law in ~~1971~~ 1973 for collection in ~~1972~~ 1974, by the board of commissioners of such county for the county road and bridge fund, by the following amount: Anoka county, ~~\$307,020~~ \$341,750; Carver county, ~~\$79,230~~ \$86,725; Dakota county, ~~\$348,935~~ \$386,165; Hennepin county, ~~\$2,884,955~~ \$2,728,425; Ramsey county, ~~\$1,390,850~~ \$1,276,815; Scott county, ~~\$112,840~~ \$104,805; Washington county, ~~\$204,975~~ \$227,220, and shall spread only the balance thereof on the tax rolls for collection in 1972. The county auditor shall also reduce the amount of such taxes levied pursuant to law in 1972 and any subsequent year, for collection in the respective ensuing years, by the amount of wheelage taxes received by the county in the 12 months immediately preceding such levy.

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CHAPTER 552—S.F.No.568

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to public welfare; providing for an extension of review board responsibilities and the right of a patient to treatment under the hospitalization and commitment act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 253A.16, Subdivision 4; and 253A.17, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 253A.16, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **PUBLIC WELFARE; HOSPITALIZATION AND COMMITMENT; PATIENT RIGHTS; REVIEW.** The board shall review the admission and retention of patients at each state mental

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hospital. The board may examine the records of all patients admitted and may examine personally at its own instigation all patients who from the records or otherwise appear to justify reasonable doubt as to continued need of confinement in a mental hospital. The board shall report its findings to the commissioner. The board may also receive reports from patients and interested persons, including but not limited to hospital employees, on conditions affecting the humane and dignified care of patients and the board may examine the circumstances thereof in the manner described in this subdivision.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 253A.17, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. Every person hospitalized or otherwise receiving services under this act shall be entitled to receive proper care and treatment, best adapted, according to contemporary professional standards, to rendering further custody, institutionalization, or other services unnecessary. To this end the head of the hospital shall devise or cause to be devised for each person so hospitalized a written program plan which shall describe in behavioral terms the case problems, and the precise goals, including the expected period of time for hospitalization, and the specific measures to be employed in the solution or easement of said problems. Each plan shall be reviewed at not less than quarterly intervals to determine progress toward the goals, and to modify the program plan as necessary. The program plan shall be devised and reviewed in each instance with the appropriate county welfare department, and with the patient. The hospital record shall attest to the program plan review. If the county welfare department or the patient does not so participate in the planning and review, the hospital record shall include reasons for non-participation and the plans for future involvement.

The department of public welfare shall monitor the aforementioned program plan and review process to insure compliance with the provisions of this subdivision.

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CHAPTER 553—S.F.No.672

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An act relating to corrections; establishing an office of ombudsman; definitions; granting the ombudsman certain enforce-

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