

shall provide acceptable evidence to the board of his competency to practice.

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CHAPTER 565—S.F.No.2110

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An act relating to metropolitan government; providing for the establishment of standards for the regulation of the subdivision, use and development of land and water; providing for adoption of ordinances therefor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [473B.21] METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT; LAND AND WATER USE; LEGISLATIVE POLICY. The legislature finds and declares that the rapid spread of urban development in the metropolitan area presents major problems in the management and use of the natural resources of the area. The effects of development policies extend beyond municipal and county boundaries, requiring coordination throughout the metropolitan area and assistance from the state. It is the policy of the state and the purpose of this act to provide for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the area and the conservation of natural resources by encouraging local governmental units to adopt and enforce sound policies regulating the subdivision, use and development of the limited land and water resources of the metropolitan area, and to provide the assistance of metropolitan and state agencies in achieving that objective.

Sec. 2. [473B.22] DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. For purposes of this act, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Metropolitan area" means the area defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 473B.02.

Subd. 3. "Metropolitan council" means the metropolitan council created by Minnesota Statutes, Section 473B.02.

Subd. 4. "Local governmental unit" means a county, city or town in the metropolitan area.

Sec. 3. [473B.23] STANDARDS AND CRITERIA. Subdivision 1. Before January 1, 1976, the metropolitan council shall, after public hearings, promulgate standards and criteria and suggested model ordinances for the regulation of the use and development of the land and water within the metropolitan area which will provide for:

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(a) the protection and preservation of those wetlands and lowlands permanently or intermittently covered with waters, such as marshes, swamps, bogs, meadows, potholes and sloughs which are essential to hydrological or ecological systems or for flood control;

(b) the protection of groundwater recharge areas which contribute significantly to the recharge of groundwater aquifers;

(c) the minimum erosion of those slopes which are subject to severe or moderate erosion because of their degree of slope and soil type;

(d) the maximum retention of existing forests and woodlands, the minimum removal of trees for development, and the encouragement of replanting where removal is unavoidable;

(e) the determination of the suitability of soils or bedrock for development, design and construction measures for development which would compensate for existing soil or bedrock problems, and the prevention of the type of development for which such soils or bedrock are unsuitable;

(f) the protection and preservation of the natural watercourses, intermittent or permanent, and minimizing the discharge of pollutants into water bodies and water courses by storm runoff and otherwise;

(g) the protection and preservation of areas containing unique or endangered species of plants and animals;

(h) the prevention of premature development for nonagricultural use of prime agricultural lands where such land is essential for agricultural purposes;

(i) the regulation of the extraction of minerals, including sand and gravel, to minimize undesirable environmental effects and provide for future utilization of the lands involved;

(j) the preservation of natural resource areas of particular historical significance.

Subd. 2. In preparation of these standards, criteria and model ordinances, described in clauses (a), (b), (d), (f), (g) and (i) and in order to assure consistency with regulations, standards, criteria and model ordinances promulgated by other state agencies, the metropolitan council shall seek the assistance and approval of the department of natural resources; in preparation of these standards, criteria and model ordinances, described in clauses (c) and (e), the metropolitan council shall seek the assistance and approval of the soil and water conservation commission; in preparation of these standards, criteria and model ordinances, described in clause (h), the metropolitan council shall seek the assistance and approval of the department of agriculture. In addition, the metropolitan council shall, where appropriate, seek the assis-

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tance of the state planning agency, the Minnesota pollution control agency, soil and water conservation districts, the university of Minnesota, the department of agriculture, and other appropriate agencies.

Sec. 4. [473B.24] **LOCAL ORDINANCES.** Each local governmental unit in the metropolitan area shall be provided with standards, criteria and suggested model ordinances and may, after review and comment by the metropolitan council, adopt ordinances which provide for the protection of the resources described in section 3.

Sec. 5. [473B.25] **COOPERATION.** In adopting and enforcing the ordinances for which standards and criteria are provided by this act, local governmental units shall consult and cooperate with affected soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, and lake conservation districts on matters of common concern.

Sec. 6. [473B.26] **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL ASSISTANCE.** The metropolitan council may provide technical assistance to local governmental units to expedite adoption and enforcement of local ordinances under this act and Minnesota Statutes, Sections 104.04 and 105.485.

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CHAPTER 566—S.F.No.2128
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An act relating to education; providing school bus transportation for pupils to nonpublic schools in adjacent districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 123.78, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 123.78, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. EDUCATION; SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; BUS TRANSPORTATION. (a) The school board of any local district shall provide school bus transportation to the district boundary for school children residing in the district the same distance from a nonpublic school actually attended in an adjacent contiguous district as public school pupils are transported in the transporting district, whether or not there is another nonpublic school within the transporting district, if the transportation is to schools maintaining grades or departments not maintained in the district or if the attendance of such children at school can more safely, economically, or conveniently be provided for by such means. (b) The school board of any local district may provide school bus transportation to a nonpublic school in an ad-

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