

of the city of Columbia Heights and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved June 4, 1975.

CHAPTER 425—H.F.No.1500

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Buhl; police retirement and survivor benefits.

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

Section 1. **BUHL, CITY OF; POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 69.77 or 423.41 to 423.62, the Buhl police relief association may provide in its bylaws or articles of incorporation for the payment of survivor benefits to the widow of a deceased member in an amount not to exceed \$200 per month and to the surviving dependent child or children of a deceased member in an amount not to exceed \$50 per month, subject to a maximum total amount of not to exceed \$250 per month in any instance. The bylaws or articles may also provide for the payment of an additional annuity to retired members for service beyond 20 years in the amount of \$10 per month for each year of service to a maximum of 25 years of service.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon approval by the Buhl city council and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved June 4, 1975.

CHAPTER 426—H.F.No.1526

[Not Coded]

An act relating to Ramsey county; the cities of Maplewood and St. Paul in Ramsey county; and the city of Minneapolis in Hennepin county; establishing the St. Paul levy limit as that levy limit established by general and special state law; authorizing the cities of St. Paul and Maplewood to impose reasonable charges for emergency or paramedic ambulance services; authorizing the city of Maplewood to establish a physician's trained intensive care paramedic program; requiring payment to the city of St. Paul by Ramsey county for road maintenance; providing for payment of certain fines to municipalities in Ramsey county; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by the city of Minneapolis for parks and parkways; amending Laws 1974, Chapter 435, Sections 1.0207; 1.0209, and by adding a section; and repealing Laws 1971, Chapter 762.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MIN-

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NESOTA:

Section 1. **RAMSEY AND HENNEPIN COUNTIES; CITIES OF MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL AND MAPLEWOOD; BONDS; LEVY LIMITS; GENERAL POWERS.** Notwithstanding any provision of the charter of the city of Saint Paul to the contrary, the council of the city of Saint Paul is authorized to levy taxes for general city purposes in such amounts not to exceed the levy limits imposed by general and special state law.

Sec. 2. Laws 1974, Chapter 435, Section 1.0207, is amended to read:

Sec. 1.0207. **HEALTH.** (a) **ADDITION TO ST. PAUL-RAMSEY HOSPITAL; PLANNING.** Ramsey county may issue and sell general obligation bonds of the county in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to plan and design an addition to St. Paul-Ramsey hospital in conjunction with the Gillette hospital authority. The county shall pledge its full faith and credit and taxing powers for the payment of the bonds in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, except that no election shall be required and these bonds shall not be included in computing the net debt of the county under any laws; and taxes required to be levied for the payment of the bonds shall not be subject to any limitation of rate or amount.

(b) **MORGUE. (1) DUTY TO PROVIDE.** Ramsey county shall provide and equip a public morgue at the county seat for the receipt and proper disposition of all dead bodies, which are by law subject to a postmortem or coroner's inquest, without charge to anyone.

(2) **MAINTENANCE.** The morgue shall be under the control of the county, be maintained in a suitable building, separate from any other business, and equipped with the best modern approved appliances for the handling and disposition of dead bodies. It may not be connected in any manner with an undertaking establishment; no person may be employed in or about the morgue who is in any manner connected with or interested in the undertaking business.

(c) **HEALTH DEPARTMENT. (1) HEALTH DEPARTMENT; PURPOSE.** It is the purpose of this subsection to provide enabling authority for Ramsey county to establish a comprehensive health department and to provide coordinated public and mental health services to the residents of Ramsey county. The term "department" means the comprehensive health department established in Ramsey county. This subsection is in addition to any statutory authority now existing for the establishment of a health department for Ramsey county.

(2) **CREATION OF DEPARTMENT.** Ramsey county may create a county health department which is under the supervision and control of the county board.

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(3) POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. (A) The responsibilities assigned to the department shall include but not be limited to all or some of the responsibilities as set forth in the following subparagraphs.

(B) The powers and duties vested in or imposed upon a local health board as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 145, for the area of all of Ramsey county.

(C) The powers and duties imposed upon a board of county commissioners to employ public health nurses as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 145.

(D) Health services for school children vested in or imposed upon a school district when the board of education of the school district petitions the county to provide the services by contract or otherwise for its district.

(E) The powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the health officer of a city inside the county of Ramsey who has elected to maintain local registration of vital statistics and the powers and duties of the clerk of the district court of Ramsey county as local registrar of vital statistics.

(F) The county may authorize the health department to operate a mental health program and may utilize the authorities of the community mental health boards as set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 245.61 to 245.68. When so authorized, the county board shall suffice to function in lieu of the community mental health board provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Section 245.66.

(G) Prepare and have published an annual report of the work of the health department.

(H) Recommend to the governing body of a governmental unit inside the county of Ramsey local legislation pertaining to public health.

(I) The department may be authorized to provide other health services as may be directed by the county board if the services are authorized by law to be provided by the county or by any agency or department thereof.

(J) The department may be authorized to buy services from other agencies, public or private, that are providing services consistent with health department purposes.

(K) The department may be authorized to establish fee schedules based on ability to pay for services rendered.

(L) The county shall have the authority to adopt and enforce regulations for the preservation of public health applicable to the whole or

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a part of the county, but no county regulation may supersede higher standards established by statute, the regulations of the state board of health, or provisions of the charter or ordinances of a municipality inside the county pertaining to the same subject. Nothing in this subparagraph shall prohibit a municipality from adopting ordinances or resolutions for the regulation of the public health setting higher standards than those of the state board of health, the county board, or state law.

(M) The health department shall cause all laws and regulations relating to public health to be obeyed and enforced inside its jurisdictional area.

(4) **FUNDING.** (A) The health department shall be operated and maintained from funds appropriated for and fees collected by the department together with the state, federal, and private grants that are made available to it or to any of the local governmental units in the county of Ramsey for health purposes.

(B) The county shall annually prepare and approve a budget of the department's proposed expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year.

(5) **TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.** Upon assignment by the county board of the responsibilities under paragraph (3), the powers and duties of a department, board, agency, governmental subdivision, or bureau whose powers and duties have been placed in the health department shall end and its records and personnel relating to the powers and duties are transferred to the health department.

(6) **PERSONNEL.** (A) **HEALTH OFFICER.** The county shall appoint a health officer who shall be designated the director of public health and who shall be responsible for the operation of the department. The county shall fix his salary.

(B) **QUALIFICATIONS OF HEALTH OFFICER.** The health officer must be a licensed physician experienced or trained in public health administration, or instead a person, other than a physician with training or experience in public health administration. If the appointee is not a physician, the county board shall provide, in addition, the services of a licensed physician that are necessary on either a part time or full time basis and provide reasonable compensation therefor. The director of the department shall select subordinate personnel subject to the approval of the county board.

(C) **EMPLOYEES.** (i) Each person transferred to the health department by this paragraph and each employee under a merit system governing public employees is considered to have qualified for a permanent position of similar class and grade in the classified civil service of Ramsey county, without reduction in pay or seniority, and without examination. Each other person so transferred who is a full time officer or employee shall take, within six months after the organization of the health department, and subject to civil service rules of Ramsey

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county, a noncompetitive, practical, qualifying examination. The qualifying examination may involve only the duties of the position occupied immediately prior to the organization of the health department or the position occupied on the date the examination is given, whichever examination the officer or employee elects to take. If a person taking the qualifying examination possesses the ability and capacity that enables him to perform the duties of the position for which he is examined, in a reasonably efficient manner, he shall be given a permanent civil service status in the Ramsey county civil service. A person who willfully refuses to take the examination when offered without reasonable excuse shall be removed from his position immediately. A person taking the examination who fails to pass shall be removed from his position at the end of 60 days after receipt of notice of failure to pass. A person required to take a qualifying examination shall not be laid off, suspended, discharged, or reduced in pay or position except in accordance with the provisions of laws applicable to members of the classified Ramsey county civil service having civil service status until he has completed the qualifying examination and has been notified of the result thereof.

(ii) A part time officer or employee of a department, board, agency, governmental subdivision or bureau whose powers and duties are placed in the health department may be transferred upon the organization of the health department and may become officers or employees thereof.

(7) **RESOLUTION, APPROVAL.** No resolution adopted by the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county establishing a county health department is effective inside each of the following governmental units unless approved by the governing body of the particular unit, namely: city of Saint Paul; city of White Bear Lake; villages of Arden Hills, Blaine, Falcon Heights, Gem Lake, Little Canada, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, North Saint Paul, Roseville, Saint Anthony, Shoreview, Spring Lake Park, Vadnais Heights; town of White Bear. The resolution is effective in a unit upon the approval of that unit's governing body.

(8) **COUNTY NURSING SERVICE.** The Ramsey county nursing service presently existing shall not be discontinued unless the discontinuance is approved by two-thirds of the governing bodies of the governmental units listed in paragraph (7) of this subsection.

(9) **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.** No governmental unit listed in paragraph (7) shall pay for any services provided by this subsection until its governing body has approved the resolution as provided in paragraph (7).

(10) **CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS; FUNCTIONS.** None of the functions of the presently-existing city health departments in the county of Ramsey may be abandoned by the county health department without proper provision for the exercise of the function by some

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agency of government.

(d) AMBULANCE SERVICE. (1) LIMITED TO REQUESTING MUNICIPALITIES. If the county of Ramsey, or an agency or department thereof, establishes an emergency ambulance service, the cost of operating and maintaining the service shall be a charge only against the real and personal property located inside those villages, cities or towns inside the county which by resolution of its governing body request the service.

(2) SERVICE CHARGE. If an emergency ambulance service as provided under the above paragraph is provided in a village, city or town in which the real and personal property is not charged for the cost thereof, then a reasonable charge for the service shall be made of the benefited person.

(e) PARAMEDICS. (1) DEFINITIONS. As used in this article, "physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedic" means a person who:

(A) Is an employee of the county of Ramsey or the city of St. Paul;

(B) Has been specially trained in emergency cardiac and noncardiac care by a licensed physician in a training program certified by the state board of health or the state board of medical examiners and is certified as qualified to render the emergency lifesaving services enumerated herein.

(2) The city of St. Paul and the county of Ramsey are hereby authorized to maintain a staff of physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedics.

(3) (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedics may do any of the following:

(i) Regular rescue, first aid and resuscitation services;

(ii) During training may administer parenteral medications under the direct supervision of a licensed physician or a registered nurse;

(iii) Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation in a pulseless, nonbreathing patient;

(iv) Administer intravenous saline or glucose solutions;

(v) Administer parenteral injections in any of the following classes of drugs:

(a) antiarrhythmic agents;

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- (b) vagolytic agents;
- (c) chronotropic agents;
- (d) analgesic agents;
- (e) alkalinizing agents;
- (f) vasopressor agents;
- (g) diuretics;

(vi) Administer, perform and apply all other procedures, drugs and skills in which they have been trained and are certified to give, apply and dispense.

(B) But at all times before undertaking the actions authorized by clauses (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi), paramedics shall make and continue to make, during the course of an emergency, attempts to establish voice communications with and receive instructions from a licensed physician who has been associated with the dispensing of emergency cardiac and noncardiac medical care. Additionally, the paramedics shall make and continue to make, during the course of what they believe to be a cardiac emergency, attempts to telemeter to a licensed physician, who has been associated with the dispensing of cardiac medical care, and electrocardiogram of the person being treated.

(C) Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to change existing law as it relates to delegation by a licensed physician of acts, tasks or functions to persons other than physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedics.

(4) No licensed physician or registered nurse, who in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable care gives emergency instructions to a certified physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedic at the scene of an emergency, or while in transit to and from the scene of such emergency, shall be liable for any civil damages as a result of issuing such instructions.

(5) No certified physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedic, who in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable care renders emergency lifesaving care and treatment as set forth in this subsection, shall be liable for any civil damages because of rendering such care and treatment.

(F) **AIR QUALITY. (1) APPROPRIATION.** Ramsey county may appropriate and spend money in each year for the improvement and preservation of the purity and quality of the air.

(2) **JOINT POWERS.** Ramsey county may enter into contractual agreements with another governmental unit, body or group of bodies

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inside or outside the county without regard to whether the other governmental unit, body or group of bodies be a unit of state, county or municipal government or a school district, authority, or special district to perform on behalf of that unit, body or group of bodies the improvement and preservation of the purity and quality of the air.

(3) **ORDINANCE.** Ramsey county may, by ordinance, enact and enforce rules and regulations controlling the purity and quality of the air. No regulation adopted by the county pursuant hereto is effective within a governmental unit until ratified by the governing body of the governmental unit affected.

Sec. 3. Laws 1974, Chapter 435, is amended by adding a section to read:

[1.02072] PAYMENT FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICE. Subdivision 1. The governing body of the city of Saint Paul, in conjunction with the operation of its emergency or paramedic ambulance program, may impose reasonable charges for the emergency or paramedic ambulance services in order to finance its costs.

Subd. 2. The following persons shall not be subject to such charges:

(i) Any person who is eligible for or receiving public assistance under the aid to families with dependent children program, but is not eligible for any federally, state or locally funded public assistance program which would pay for such charges nor has medical, health or accident insurance policies which would pay for such charges; or

(ii) Any person who, except for the amount of income or resources, would qualify for aid to families with dependent children, is in need of medical assistance but is not eligible for any federally, state or locally funded public assistance program which would pay for such charges nor has medical, health or accident insurance policies which would pay for such charges; or

(iii) Any person over 18 years of age, in need of medical care that neither he nor his relatives responsible under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 256B.01 to 256B.26 are financially able to provide, is not eligible for any federally, state or locally funded public assistance program which would pay for such charges and has no medical, health or accident insurance policies which would pay for such charges.

Sec. 4. The provisions of Laws 1974, Chapter 435, Section 1.0207(e) and sections 2 and 3 of this act shall also apply to the city of Maplewood.

Sec. 5. Laws 1974, Chapter 435, Section 1.0209, is amended to read:

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Sec. 1.0209 HIGHWAYS. (a) **POWER TO APPROPRIATE FOR SAINT PAUL STREETS.** (1) **APPROPRIATION.** Ramsey county ~~may appropriate the reasonable sums of money that it considers proper—~~shall annually appropriate to the city of Saint Paul an amount of money to assist in the construction, improvement and maintenance of roads and streets, and bridges thereon, inside the limits of the city of Saint Paul where the roads and streets, and bridges thereon, connect with, and are extensions of, roads in the county outside of the city, but leading into the city. In no year shall the amount appropriated be less than \$1,300,000. The moneys so appropriated shall be paid to the city of St. Paul in two equal amounts, one to be paid by June 15, and one by November 15 of each year.

(2) **CITY TO CONTROL EXPENDITURE.** Moneys so appropriated shall be spent under the direction of the city.

(b) **DUTY TO APPROPRIATE FOR MUNICIPAL STREETS.** (1) **FORMULA FOR APPROPRIATION.** Ramsey county shall appropriate \$60,000 annually and pay it to the municipalities in the county, outside the city of St. Paul, to aid the municipalities in the construction and maintenance of municipal roads, streets or bridges, and this appropriation shall be apportioned in the following manner:

(A) 70 percent to be prorated to the municipalities in proportion as the number of miles of roads inside, and maintained exclusively by each municipality bears to the total number of miles of roads inside the county and maintained exclusively by all the municipalities; and

(B) 30 percent thereof to the municipalities, proportionately, according to the assessed valuation of all property for taxation in the municipalities, and shall be spent on municipal roads, streets, or bridges by the governing body of each municipality.

(2) **CERTIFICATE.** On or before March 15 of each year, the county engineer shall certify the actual number of miles of roads inside and maintained exclusively by the municipalities outside the city of St. Paul. The mileage so certified shall not include undeveloped roads, even though the plat thereof may have been filed for record.

(c) **COUNTY MAY DO MUNICIPAL WORK.** (1) **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.** In Ramsey county, the governing body of a city, village or town therein may authorize the county to construct and maintain any or all of its highways without advertising for bids.

(2) **COST, LIMITATION.** The construction that is referred to in the above paragraph is only to be performed as part of a maintenance job, and, the cost of the construction shall not exceed \$2,500 for a project.

(d) **LEXINGTON AVENUE; OLD TRUNK HIGHWAY NO. 10.** That part of Lexington avenue in Ramsey county from Larpenteur ave-

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nue to the northerly boundary of county road E and that part of county road E from Lexington avenue to trunk highway marked No. 51, are a part of the county state-aid system of highways. Minnesota Statutes, Section 161.082, applies to this section of highway.

Sec. 6. Notwithstanding any provision of the charter of the city of Minneapolis or any other statute, the park and recreation board of the city of Minneapolis is authorized and empowered to issue bonds for the cost of acquiring a title to land for parks and parkways, and to borrow, from time to time, for such times as it shall think expedient, not exceeding 50 years, a sum of money the annual interest upon which for all the moneys so borrowed including the sums heretofore borrowed, shall not exceed \$50,000, and for that purpose shall have authority to issue bonds of the city of Minneapolis, to be denominated "park bonds," secured upon said parks and the improvements thereon; which bonds shall issue under the seal of said park and recreation board, and shall be signed by the president and secretary of said board, and countersigned by the comptroller of the city of Minneapolis, and shall bear interest not exceeding the legal rate allowed by statute for general obligation bonds. And in no case shall bonds be issued by said commissioners so that the bonded debt of the city shall exceed the limit fixed by law. It shall be the duty of the secretary of said park and recreation board and of the city comptroller to keep an accurate register of all bonds issued, showing the amount, number and date of each bond. And for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, and said parks and improvements thereon shall be irrevocably pledged with a first lien thereon, and the city of Minneapolis shall be irrevocably bound; provided, that all lands shall be first subject to the unpaid purchase price thereof; and said bonds may be sold by said park and recreation board, upon such terms and for such prices as in its judgment are the best that can be obtained for the same.

Sec. 7. The bonding authority granted by this act shall not be in addition to that authorized by chapter 16, section 5 of the charter of the city of Minneapolis or any other statute.

Sec. 8. Laws 1971, Chapter 762, is repealed.

Sec. 9. LOCAL APPROVAL. Subdivision 1. Sections 1 and 3 of this act shall become effective only after their approval by a majority of the governing body of the city of Saint Paul and upon compliance with Section 645.021.

Subd. 2. Section 4 of this act shall become effective only after the approval of a majority of the governing body of the city of Maplewood and upon compliance with Section 645.021.

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