

the general public. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the appointment to the community mental health board of individuals who are also members of a board of county commissioners so long as the mental health board retains the representative character indicated above. Membership may include a representative from any county which purchases substantial services from the community mental health board. Nothing in this act shall prevent a county or community mental health board from purchasing services from an agency outside the boundaries of the Minnesota economic development region.

Approved April 30, 1975.

CHAPTER 70—S.F.No.396

An act relating to certain nonprofit corporations; permitting expense reimbursement to child caring agencies for services related to adoptions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 317.65, Subdivision 7.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 317.65, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS; ADOPTION; EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT. (1) Any organization, association or society licensed by the department of public welfare may receive expense reimbursement from a person who takes a child into his home, or a person who adopts a child, payment for expenses related to adoption services in such an amount as will not exceed a sum that fairly reflects the average the agency's reasonable and necessary expenses of adoptive counseling, whether or not legal adoption is completed; making the investigation of the home; provision of service to the child-services to children prior to adoptive placement ; and the supervision of the child in the home children in the home until legal adoption is completed ; provided that such expense reimbursement shall not exceed \$600; provided further that Only such part that portion of the expenses may be requested which the adopting person seeking to adopt is financially able to meet and provided further that. No person shall be barred from receiving a child for adoption because of inability to pay any part of the expense-expenses referred to in this subdivision. In addition to such-any other reports as may be required, each licensed agency ; shall file annually with the commissioner of public welfare a full accounting of all expense reimbursement received pursuant to this subdivision, together with the record of the services given for which such-the reimbursement was made. If he returns the child to the corporation, the person shall not receive compensation for the care, clothing, or medical attendance of the child.

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This provision shall not preclude voluntary contributions ~~on the part of anyone by any individual or organization~~ at any time.

(2) No organization, association or society shall be eligible to receive an expense reimbursement from a person who takes a child into his home or who adopts a child in any amount whatsoever during the first five years that ~~such the organization~~, association or society ~~shall be is~~ licensed by the department of public welfare.

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CHAPTER 71—S.F.No.422

An act relating to town government; authorizing town boards to fix the compensation of town assessors without limitation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 273.04; and 367.05, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 367.05, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

367.05 TOWNS; ASSESSORS; COMPENSATION. Subdivision 1. **ASSESSORS.** The town assessors, except in towns wherein special laws set the salary and compensation of the assessor, shall be compensated in an amount to be determined by the town board but not more than at the rate of \$15 per day for each day's service necessarily rendered for the first two years and may be compensated at the rate of not more than \$20 per day in each year of service thereafter; but at the annual town meeting the electors may increase the salary of the assessor in any amount that they shall determine, and mileage at the rate of seven and one-half cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the county seat of the county to attend any meeting of the assessors of the county which may be legally called by the county auditor; and also for each mile necessarily traveled in making his return of assessment to the proper county officer. The town board is also authorized to reimburse any town assessor for expenses; and mileage at the rate of seven and one-half cents per mile in attending other meetings and instructional courses. At the annual town meeting, after reading and disposing of the annual report, the electors may fix the compensation of the assessor on an annual basis; but such compensation in any town having an assessed valuation of more than \$200,000 and less than \$1,000,000 when so fixed shall not exceed \$1,500 and shall not be less than \$100 in any one year. In any town having an assessed valuation, including money and credits; of less than \$200,000 the maximum compensation for assessor in any year shall not exceed \$1,000 and shall not be less than \$75. In any town having an assessed valuation of \$1,000,000 or more, the compensation shall

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