

conclusively presumed to have been sold, and the agent possessing the same or to whom they are charged shall be accountable therefor. The commissioner shall collect the same issuing fee as a subagent for licenses sold directly through a license distribution center operated by the department of natural resources. The issuing fees so collected by the commissioner shall be credited to the game and fish fund.

Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATIONS.** There is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources from the game and fish fund the sums of \$400,000 for fiscal year 1978 and \$400,000 for fiscal year 1979 for waterfowl habitat improvement. Of these funds, not more than ten percent shall be expended for administrative costs. This amount of money is intended to approximate the amounts of money raised by the sale of stamps.

Sec. 6. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 27, 1977.

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CHAPTER 318—S.F.No.615

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to education; higher education coordinating board; authorizing the board to contract for spaces for Minnesota residents in out of state schools of osteopathy and optometry; authorizing the board to explore the feasibility of a regional school of optometry; appropriating money.*

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

Section 1. [136A.225] **OSTEOPATHY AND OPTOMETRY; OUT-OF-STATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES; POLICY; CONTRACTS; CONTENTS.** Subdivision 1. The legislature finds that it is in the public interest that opportunity be provided for Minnesota students to become osteopaths and optometrists.

Subd. 2. The higher education coordinating board shall seek to contract with schools of optometry and osteopathy located in other states for placement for Minnesota residents. The number of placements in colleges of osteopathy shall not exceed ten and in colleges of optometry shall not exceed 13.

Subd. 3. Selection of students for spaces obtained through contract between the higher education coordinating board and the out of state schools shall be the responsibility of the individual school, provided that any student for whom space is contracted shall be required to enter into an agreement with the higher education coordinating board to practice osteopathy or optometry in the state of Minnesota for a period of not less than three years.

Subd. 4. The agreement with the student shall provide that practice in Minnesota by the student shall begin within 18 months following completion of the academic program unless the board approves a later time for beginning practice. The board may

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approve a delay in the time for the student to begin practice in Minnesota for a period of not to exceed seven years in the case of osteopaths and not to exceed four years in the case of optometrists. The delay may be approved to allow for additional education or clinical experience or for extenuating circumstances which in the judgment of the board constitute sufficient justification for delay.

Subd. 5. A student who fails to fulfill the obligation to practice in accordance with subdivision 4 or who for any reason except death or disability discontinues full time study under the agreement shall pay a penalty in an amount equal to the amount paid to the school by the higher education coordinating board for the space which the student occupied. The penalty shall be payable on demand in accordance with terms and conditions prescribed by the board.

Subd. 6. The higher education coordinating board is authorized to establish terms and conditions of contracts with schools of osteopathy and optometry including the amount of payment to be made to each school.

**Sec. 2. FEASIBILITY REPORT ON REGIONAL SYSTEM OF OPTOMETRIC EDUCATION.** The higher education coordinating board shall explore the feasibility of cooperating with neighboring states in the development of a regional system for the delivery of optometric education. The board shall report on the results of the feasibility study no later than January, 1979.

**Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.** The sum of \$217,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the higher education coordinating board for the biennium ending June 30, 1979. Of this amount, not to exceed \$30,000 shall be available for the biennium for administrative expenses of the board. Also of this amount, the sum of \$52,000 shall be available for payments under contract to schools of optometry and the sum of \$135,000 shall be available for payments under contract to schools of osteopathy for the year ending June 30, 1979.

Approved May 27, 1977.

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**CHAPTER 319—S.F.No.626**

*An act relating to taxation; providing for reduced assessment classification of certain resort property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 273.13, Subdivisions 4 and 6.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 273.13, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **TAXATION; RESORT PROPERTY; CLASS 3.** Tools, implements and machinery of an electric generating, transmission or distribution system or a pipeline system transporting or distributing water, gas, or petroleum products or mains and pipes

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