the commissioner in deciding whether or not the application shall be granted. A notice of the hearing shall be published in the form prescribed by the commissioner in a newspaper as described in subdivision 1, at the expense of the applicant, not less than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing. At the hearing the commissioner shall consider the application and hear the applicant and such any witnesses as who may appear in favor of or against the granting of the application. The hearing shall be conducted by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of the administrative procedures act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 15.0411 to 15.052, governing contested cases, including the provisions of the act relating to judicial review of agency decisions.

- Subd. 4. If, upon the hearing, it shall appears to the commissioner that the application should be granted requirements for approval contained in subdivision 2 of this section have been met, he shall, not later than 90 days after the hearing, and after the applicant has otherwise complied with the provisions of law applicable to the establishment of a facility, including the provisions herein contained, issue the certificate of authorization. If a facility is not activated within 12 months from the date of issue of the certificate, the certificate shall automatically expire. If the commissioner shall decide that the application should not be granted, he shall issue his order to that effect and forthwith give notice by certified mail to the applicant.
 - Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 47.55, is amended to read:
- 47.55 EXISTING FACILITY, A bank may retain and operate one detached facility as it may have had in operation prior to May 1, 1971 without requirement of approval hereunder, provided that its function is limited as provided in section 47.53 and its location conforms with the provisions of section 47.52. A bank having such a retained detached facility shall be limited to operating that one two additional detached facilities.

Approved June 2, 1977,

CHAPTER 379—H.F.No.456

[Coded]

An act relating to the operation of state government; providing for the purchase of certain motor vehicles for use by investigative and undercover agents of the department of public safety; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.07, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8a. PUBLIC SAFETY; UNDERCOVER AGENTS; CERTAIN VEHICLES. Upon the written request of the commissioner of public safety, motor vehicles for the specific use by investigative and undercover agents of the department of public safety

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shall be purchased by the brand make and model. All other provisions of chapter 16 relating to competitive bidding shall apply to the above purchases.

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment,

Approved June 2, 1977.

CHAPTER 380—H.F.No.462

[Coded]

An act relating to public health; requiring the provision of health record information to certain persons; requiring the transfer of health records under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 144, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 144, is amended by adding a section to read:

[144.335] HEALTH; ACCESS TO HEALTH RECORDS. <u>Subdivision 1.</u> DEFINITIONS. <u>For the purposes of this section</u>, the following terms have the meanings given them:

- (a) "Patient" means a natural person who has received health care services from a provider for treatment of a medical, psychiatric or mental condition, or a person he designates in writing as his representative. Except for minors who have received health care services pursuant to sections 144.341 to 144.347, in the case of a minor, "patient" includes a parent or guardian, or a person acting as a parent or guardian in the absence of a parent or guardian.
- (b) "Provider" means (1) any person who furnishes health care services and is licensed to furnish the services pursuant to chapters 147, 148, 150A, 151 or 153; and (2) a health care facility licensed pursuant to chapters 144 or 144A.
- Subd. 2. PATIENT ACCESS. Upon request a provider shall supply to a patient complete and current information possessed by that provider concerning any diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of the patient in terms and language the patient can reasonably be expected to understand.

Upon a patient's written request, a provider at a reasonable cost to the patient shall furnish to the patient: (a) copies of the patient's health record, including but not limited to laboratory reports, x-rays, prescriptions, and other technical information used in assessing the patient's health condition; (b) the pertinent portion of the record relating to a specific condition; or (c) a summary of the record.

If a provider, as defined in subdivision 1, clause (b) (1), reasonably determines that

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