

necessary to enable him to act in that capacity.

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CHAPTER 520-S.F.No.1446

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the state council for the handicapped; authorizing appeals by the council from state building code decisions affecting the interests of handicapped persons; granting the commissioner of administration authority to promulgate rules governing display of the international symbol of accessibility; authorizing the council to initiate or intervene in proceedings affecting handicapped persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.863; and Chapter 16, by adding a section; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 299G.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.863, is amended to read:

16.863 **APPEALS.** Any person aggrieved by the final decision of any municipality as to the application of the code, including any rules promulgated pursuant to sections 471.465 to 471.469, may, within 30 days of said decision, appeal to the commissioner. Appellant shall submit a fee of \$20, payable to the commissioner, with his request for appeal. The final decision of the involved municipality shall be subject to review de novo by the commissioner or his designee, and the commissioner shall submit his written findings to the involved parties. Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the commissioner may appeal to the district court in the county in which the dispute arose. For the purpose of this section "any person aggrieved" shall include the state council for the handicapped. No fee shall be required when the council for the handicapped is the appellant.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 16, is amended by adding a section to read:

[16.8632] SYMBOL INDICATING ACCESS. Subdivision 1. STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds that there is an urgent need to adopt an internationally accepted symbol to indicate buildings, facilities and grounds which are accessible to and usable by handicapped persons, that a wheelchair symbol has been adopted by Rehabilitation International's Eleventh World Congress, and that this symbol is universally recognized by handicapped persons.

Subd. 2. ADOPTION AND DISPLAY OF SYMBOL. The symbol adopted by Rehabilitation International's Eleventh World Congress shall be the state symbol indicating buildings, facilities and grounds which are accessible to and usable by handicapped persons. In the interests of uniformity, this symbol in its white on blue format shall be the sole symbol for display in or on all public or private buildings, facilities and grounds which qualify for its use. The secretary of state shall obtain and

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keep on file the symbol. No building, facility or grounds shall display the symbol unless it is in compliance with the rules promulgated by the commissioner of administration as provided for by subdivision 3 of this section.

Subd. 3. RULES GOVERNING DISPLAY OF SYMBOL. The commissioner of administration shall promulgate rules to govern display of the state symbol of accessibility. Before the rules are proposed for adoption the commissioner shall consult with the state council for the handicapped.

The rules shall be enforced in the same manner as other accessibility rules of the state building code.

The commissioner shall implement this subdivision so that the rules required by this subdivision are effective no later than March 1, 1979.

Sec. 3. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 299G.12, is repealed.

Sec. 4. This act is effective on the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 521-S.F.No.1495

An act relating to municipal obligations; revising provisions relating to advance refunding; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 475.67.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 475.67, is amended to read:

475.67 REFUNDING BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS; VALIDITY; PROCEDURE. Subdivision 1. No purchaser or owner of bonds or other obligations issued by a municipality for the purpose of refunding its outstanding obligations or floating indebtedness need inquire into the validity of the debts refunded by such bonds or other obligations. The determination by resolution of the governing body to issue the bonds or other obligations of the municipality for such purpose, as to such purchaser or owner, shall be conclusive evidence of the validity of the debts thereby refunded.

Subd. 2. As between the municipality and the owner or holder of any bond, warrant, or order so refunded, nothing in this section validates any invalid bond, warrant, or order.

Subd. 3. Obligations and interest thereon may be refunded if and when and to the extent that for any reason the taxes or special assessments, revenues, or other funds appropriated for their payment are not sufficient to pay all principal and interest due or about to become due thereon. All obligations but not of one or more issues regardless of

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