
CHAPTER 142—S.F.No.905

An act relating to public lands; authorizing the transfer of titles to lands of the state and local units of government; specifying powers and duties of the land exchange board, the commissioner of natural resources, and local units of government in relation to title transfers.

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

Section 1. **[94.349] TRANSFERS OF TITLE INVOLVING THE STATE AND GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE.** Subdivision 1. For the purpose of consolidating ownership or for any other public purpose, the state, acting through the commissioner of natural resources, or a local unit of government of the state may submit a proposal involving transfer of titles of land of the state and the local unit of government to the land exchange board, for review and recommendation of the board.

Subd. 2. The procedures relating to appraisal, title examination, and hearings set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 94.341 to 94.348 for land exchanges shall be followed, insofar as applicable, in matters relating to transfers of land titles under this section, subject to such further limitations as may be provided in this section.

Subd. 3. The classes of state land which may be involved in a transfer of title are the same as those which may be exchanged under land exchange laws and are subject to the same limitations as are applied to state lands under land exchange laws. In addition, land subject to the public sale requirements of Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Section 8, shall be condemned prior to any title transfer. The condemnation award must be paid and the time to appeal from the award must have expired prior to any title transfer under this section.

Subd. 4. For the purposes of this section, lands acquired through tax-forfeiture, held subject to a trust in favor of taxing districts, and under the control of county authorities for classification, appraisal and sale may be considered as land of a local unit of government for the purposes of this section. This land is subject to the same limitations as are applied to the same lands under land exchange laws.

Subd. 5. The land exchange board shall recommend such legislation as may be necessary to complete the transfer of titles under this section.

Subd. 6. Upon satisfaction of the requirements of this section, and upon the unanimous approval of the land exchange board, the commissioner of natural resources, as to the state land involved in the transfer of titles, and the governing body of the local unit of government, as to the local government land involved in the transfer of titles, shall execute deeds in the name of the respective government involved in the transfer, which deeds shall be executed and recorded in the same manner as deeds in land exchanges.

Subd. 7. The commissioner of natural resources, with the approval of the board, shall determine the status of each tract of land received by the state in the transfer of

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titles. The county board, in a situation where the land given in a transfer is that type of land described in subdivision 4, shall proceed as required in Minnesota Statutes, Section 94.344, Subdivision 11.

Subd. 8. State land involved in a transfer of title shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 94.343, Subdivision 4. Tax-forfeited land under the control of a county involved in a title transfer shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 94.344, Subdivision 4.

Subd. 9. The provisions of this section shall be supplementary to other laws relating to transfer of title of land or interests in land involving the state and local units of government.

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CHAPTER 143—S.F.No.1310

An act relating to children; requiring reports of neglect and sexual abuse of children; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 626.556, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 626.556, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them unless the specific content indicates otherwise:

(a) "Sexual abuse" means the subjection by the child's parents, guardian, or person responsible for the child's care, to any act which constitutes a violation of sections 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, or 609.345. Sexual abuse also includes any act which involves a minor which constitutes a violation of section 609.32 or 617.246.

(b) "Neglect" means failure by a parent, guardian or other person responsible for a child's care to supply a child with necessary food, clothing, shelter or medical care when reasonably able to do so or failure to protect a child from conditions or actions which imminently and seriously endanger the child's physical and mental health when reasonably able to do so. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a child is neglected solely because the child's parent, guardian or other person responsible for his care in good faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or remedial care of the child.

(c) "Physical abuse" means:

(i) Any physical injury inflicted by a parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child's care on a child other than by accidental means; or

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