

which present the state's financial position and the fiscal results of state operations. This report shall be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles .

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 16A.55, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**16A.55 GROUPING OF BOOKKEEPING ACCOUNTS.** Subdivision 1. **COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE'S DUTY.** The commissioner of finance, in maintaining the general books of account and in reflecting all revenues deposited in the state treasury and expenditures appropriated therefrom, shall group the various bookkeeping accounts in accordance with categories prescribed by this section generally accepted accounting principles .

Sec. 4. The sum of \$246,300 is appropriated to the commissioner of finance for assisting state officials in preparing financial statements and for the preparation of the state annual financial report, to be available for the fiscal year ending June 30 in the years indicated. This appropriation shall be used only for staff or consultants whose sole responsibility is the development of financial statements required by sections 1 and 2.

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\$127,900	\$118,400

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Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 16A.55, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are repealed.

Approved June 1, 1979.

## CHAPTER 315—H.F.No.1091

*An act relating to natural resources; providing a public policy directed to preservation of agricultural lands; establishing a temporary joint legislative committee on agricultural land preservation; requiring studies and reports by the state planning agency; providing for staffing of the joint legislative committee.*

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

Section 1. **PURPOSES; OBJECTIVES.** *The legislature hereby declares it to be the policy of the state to assure that Minnesota lands that are well suited for the production of agricultural products be used and managed primarily for that purpose by:*

- (a) Maintaining optimum agricultural production;
- (b) Permanently preserving certain parcels of prime agricultural and open space land from conversion to other uses;
- (c) Attempting to guide growth and development to utilize land, resources, and capital most effectively; and

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(d) Providing relief from escalating property taxes and special assessments in agricultural areas subject to development pressures.

The legislature further finds that the public purposes to be served by this policy will be best met by:

(a) Defining and locating lands well suited for the production of agricultural products;

(b) Assuring that state agencies conduct their activities in a manner that considers and seeks to minimize negative impacts on agricultural activities, in accordance with other social, economic and environmental considerations;

(c) Assuring that public agencies employ and promote the use of management procedures which maintain or enhance the natural productivity of lands well suited to the production of agricultural products; and

(d) Providing units of local government with tools and incentives to prevent the unplanned and unscheduled conversion of agricultural and open space lands to other uses.

**Sec. 2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.** A joint legislative committee on agricultural land preservation shall be established by July 1, 1979, and shall expire by June 30, 1982, unless extended by legislative action. The committee shall be composed of eight members of the house of representatives from the transportation, agriculture, environment and natural resources, local and urban affairs, and tax committees appointed by the speaker and the chairman of the committee on rules and legislative administration; and eight members of the senate from the transportation, agriculture and natural resources, local government, tax, and governmental operations committees appointed by the subcommittee on committees. The committee shall elect a chairman from among its members. The expenses of and per diem payments to committee members shall be paid from the legislative expense fund of their respective body upon approval of the chairman of the joint committee. Other expenses of the committee shall be evenly divided between the house of representatives and the senate.

**Sec. 3. STATE PLANNING AGENCY.** The director of the state planning agency shall be responsible for the preparation of the studies, inventories, and reports which the joint legislative committee and the agency deem necessary to carry out the intent of section 1. The planning agency shall summarize, and if and where possible evaluate laws, programs and practices in other states relating to agricultural land preservation. The agency, in cooperation with other units and agencies of government shall identify available federal funding for research contemplated by sections 1 to 4. The agency shall coordinate all activities with other state agencies and local units of government necessary to fulfill the intent of section 1, and shall formulate the procedures necessary to ensure public education and involvement in agricultural land preservation and assess community attitudes in these matters. The agency shall study and recommend means of coordinating federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and programs relating to agricultural land preservation.

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Sec. 4. **STAFFING.** The joint legislative committee staff shall be comprised of existing house of representatives and senate staff as determined by the joint legislative committee.

Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved June 1, 1979.

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**CHAPTER 316—S.F.No.202**

*An act relating to health; providing for several types of life support transportation service; providing for health systems agencies to be involved in the licensing process; providing factors to be used in making licensing recommendations; providing for standards for services; forbidding inquiry as to ability to pay before provision of life support transportation services; requiring rules for nonemergency transportation reimbursement under medical assistance; exempting certain providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 144.801; 144.802; 144.803; 144.804; 144.805; 144.807, Subdivision 1; 144.808; 144.809 and 144.8091, Subdivision 1 and 256B.04, Subdivision 12.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 144.801, is amended to read:

144.801 **DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 144.801 to ~~144.808~~ 144.8091, the terms defined in this section have the meaning given them.

Subd. 2. "~~Land~~ Ambulance" means any vehicle designed or intended for and actually used in providing ~~land transportation of wounded; injured; sick; invalid; or incapacitated~~ life support transportation service to ill or injured persons, or expectant mothers.

Subd. 3. "Air ambulance" means any vehicle which is designed or intended for and actually used in providing air transportation of wounded; injured; sick; invalid; or incapacitated persons; or expectant mothers.

Subd. 3. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 4. "Emergency ambulance Life support transportation service" means transportation and treatment which is rendered or offered to be rendered preliminary to or during transportation to, from, or between health care facilities for ~~wounded; injured; sick; invalid; or incapacitated~~ ill or injured persons, or expectant mothers; ~~provided by any operator.~~

Subd. 5. "Nonemergency ambulance service" means transportation to or from a health care facility for examination, diagnosis, treatment, therapy, or consultation for ~~Changes or additions indicated by~~ underline ~~deletions by~~ strikeout