

director of the Department of Finance and Management Services of the city of St. Paul.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act shall become effective as to each city the day after compliance by the governing body of each city with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, Subdivision 3.

Approved May 6, 1981

CHAPTER 98 — H.F.No. 410

An act relating to public welfare; authorizing the commissioner of public welfare to designate the county of financial responsibility for patients transferred under the Interstate Compact on Mental Health who are not residents of Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 245.52.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 245.52, is amended to read:

245.52 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WELFARE AS COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR.

The commissioner of public welfare is hereby designated as "compact administrator." He shall have the powers and duties specified in the compact, and he may, in the name of the state of Minnesota, subject to the approval of the attorney general as to form and legality, enter into such agreements authorized by the compact as he deems appropriate to effecting the purpose of the compact. He shall, within the limits of the appropriations for the care of the mentally ill and mentally deficient available therefor, authorize such payments as are necessary to discharge any financial obligations imposed upon this state by the compact or any agreement entered into under the compact.

If the patient has no established residence in a Minnesota county, the commissioner shall designate the county of financial responsibility for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Interstate Compact on Mental Health as it pertains to patients being transferred to Minnesota. The commissioner shall designate the county which is the residence of the person in Minnesota who initiates the earliest written request for the patient's transfer.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 6, 1981

Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.