

CHAPTER 386 — S.F.No. 1756

An act relating to Independent School District No. 699; requiring certification of statutory operating debt.

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

Section 1. INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 699; STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT.

The commissioner of education shall certify, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 121.914, the amount of \$267,000 as statutory operating debt for Independent School District No. 699, Gilbert.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 645.021, Subdivision 3.

Approved March 8, 1982

CHAPTER 387 — S.F.No. 1582

An act relating to port authorities; authorizing seaway port authorities to establish a fiscal year based on the season for international shipping through the St. Lawrence Seaway; amending Minnesota Statutes 1981 Supplement, Section 458.14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1981 Supplement, Section 458.14, is amended to read:

458.14 RIGHT TO LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS FORBIDDEN.

The port authority shall have no right or authority to levy any tax or special assessment, nor to pledge the credit of the state, or any other subdivision or municipal corporation thereof; nor to incur any obligation enforceable upon any property, either within or without the port district, other than property owned by the port authority. Annually, at such time as may be fixed by charter, resolution, or ordinance of the city in and for which any such port authority is created, the port authority shall transmit to the council of such city a detailed estimate, in writing, of the amount of money which in its opinion will be required for the business and proper conduct of its affairs during the next ensuing fiscal year, in excess of any expected receipts from the conduct of its business, or other sources, and any such city, in addition to all other powers now possessed thereby,

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and in addition to, and in excess of any limitation upon the amount it is otherwise permitted by law to levy as taxes, is hereby granted the power and authority, in its discretion, to levy taxes for the benefit of, and for expenditure by, such port authority, not exceeding in any one year an amount equal to a tax of five one-hundredths of one mill upon the dollar of the assessed valuation thereof, upon all the taxable property in such city, excluding money and credits, and any amount so levied for such purposes shall be paid over by the city treasurer to the treasurer of the port authority, for expenditure by it, as above provided. The fiscal year of such port authority shall be identical with the fiscal year of such city; provided that any seaway port authority may, by resolution, adopt a fiscal year based on the international shipping season through the St. Lawrence Seaway, independent of the fiscal year of the city in which the seaway port authority is located. The board of county commissioners of any county in which any such city is located, is also hereby authorized to appropriate for the use of such port authority, and to include therefor in its levy for general revenue purposes, such amount as it may deem proper; provided, that the total amount permitted by law to be levied by any county for general revenue purposes shall not be deemed increased by this provision; the board of county commissioners in any county entitled to appoint members of a seaway port authority, may annually, upon receipt of a budget as specified above from such port authority, in its discretion levy a tax sufficient to produce a sum not exceeding \$50,000 for the benefit of and for expenditure by such port authority to defray the costs of its current operations in the next ensuing fiscal year which levy shall not be included in computing the amount of levies subject to tax limitations under chapter 275 or any other provision of law. The appropriation to a port authority of moneys derived from any of the county taxes herein authorized shall not be subject to any budgetary law applicable to said county. Any amounts so appropriated or levied by the county shall be paid over by the county treasurer to the port authority for expenditure by it as herein provided, at such times and in such manner as the county board may provide. When any city entitled to appoint members of a seaway port authority has secured the approval of two-thirds of the members of the city council of such city to issue its general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which are to be appropriated to such seaway port authority, the board of county commissioners of any county entitled to appoint members of such seaway port authority may by five-sevenths vote issue general obligation bonds of the county in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000, and appropriate the proceeds thereof to be used by such port authority for any or all of the purposes specified in section 458.15, if the county board by resolution determines that the conservation, development, reclamation, protection and improvement of lands under the jurisdiction of such port authority and the construction of port facilities thereon will promote the public welfare of the county at large and the economic well-being of its people, industries and commerce, and is an essential governmental function of the county, and can best be performed through the medium of such port authority. Any such bonds shall be issued, sold and secured as provided in

sections 475.60 to 475.753; an election shall not be necessary to the validity of such bonds.

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CHAPTER 388 — S.F.No. 709

An act relating to optometrists; authorizing the use of certain topical ocular drugs; providing for education, training and testing requirements; requiring an emergency treatment plan; requiring advice to patients to seek evaluation by physician under certain conditions; providing a penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 148.57, Subdivision 3; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 148.

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

Section 1. [148.571] USE OF TOPICAL OCULAR DRUGS.

Subdivision 1. AUTHORITY. Subject to the provisions of sections 1 to 5, a licensed optometrist may administer topical ocular drugs to the anterior segment of the human eye during an eye examination in the course of his or her practice in his or her normal practice setting, solely for the purposes of determining the refractive, muscular, or functional origin of sources of visual discomfort or difficulty, and detecting abnormalities which may be evidence of disease.

Subd. 2. DRUGS SPECIFIED. For purposes of sections 1 to 5, "topical ocular drugs" means:

(1) commercially prepared topical anesthetics as follows: proparacaine HCl 0.5 percent, tetracaine HCl 0.5 percent, and benoxinate HCl 0.4 percent;

(2) commercially prepared mydriatics as follows: phenylephrine HCl in strength not greater than 2.5 percent and hydroxyamphetamine HBr in strength not greater than 1 percent; and

(3) commercially prepared cycloplegics/mydriatics as follows: tropicamide in strength not greater than 1 percent and cyclopentolate in strength not greater than 1 percent.

Sec. 2. [148.572] ADVICE TO SEEK DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT.

Whether or not topical ocular drugs have been used, if any licensed optometrist is informed by a patient or determines from examining a patient, using judgment and that degree of skill, care, knowledge and attention ordinarily possessed and exercised by optometrists in good standing under like circumstanc-

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