

exceed 70 licensed hospital beds, or the combined licensed capacity of the hospitals, whichever is less;

(11) the relocation of licensed hospital beds from an existing state facility operated by the commissioner of human services to a new or existing facility, building, or complex operated by the commissioner of human services; from one regional treatment center site to another; or from one building or site to a new or existing building or site on the same campus;

(12) the construction or relocation of hospital beds operated by a hospital having a statutory obligation to provide hospital and medical services for the indigent that does not result in a net increase in the number of hospital beds;

(13) a construction project involving the addition of up to 31 new beds in an existing nonfederal hospital in Beltrami County;

(14) a construction project involving the addition of up to eight new beds in an existing nonfederal hospital in Otter Tail County with 100 licensed acute care beds;

(15) a construction project involving the addition of 20 new hospital beds used for rehabilitation services in an existing hospital in Carver County serving the southwest suburban metropolitan area. Beds constructed under this clause shall not be eligible for reimbursement under medical assistance, general assistance medical care, or MinnesotaCare; or

(16) a project for the construction or relocation of up to 20 hospital beds for the operation of up to two psychiatric facilities or units for children provided that the operation of the facilities or units have received the approval of the commissioner of human services;

(17) a project involving the addition of 14 new hospital beds to be used for rehabilitation services in an existing hospital in Itasca County; or

(18) a project to add 20 licensed beds in existing space at a hospital in Hennepin County that closed 20 rehabilitation beds in 2002, provided that the beds are used only for rehabilitation in the hospital's current rehabilitation building. If the beds are used for another purpose or moved to another location, the hospital's licensed capacity is reduced by 20 beds.

Presented to the governor May 7, 2004

Signed by the governor May 10, 2004, 8:55 p.m.

CHAPTER 188—S.F.No. 1946

An act relating to employment; directing the commissioner of employment and economic development to conduct an extended employment pilot project; authorizing a transfer of funds; providing for division and use of a federal funds match.

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

Section 1. PILOT PROJECT.

The commissioner of employment and economic development shall conduct an extended employment pilot project to study an industrial model for employment for individuals with severe disabilities in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Employment is to be provided by Custom Products, a division of Occupational Development Center. During the pilot, employment outcomes for individuals with severe disabilities will be assumed to be community employment as defined under Minnesota Rules, part 3300.2005. The pilot project will begin July 1, 2004, and end June 30, 2005. Evaluation of the pilot project must be completed by October 1, 2005, by the commissioner.

The pilot project must maintain a minimum ratio of 60 percent of nondisabled persons, must pay minimum wages or better to all employees with severe disabilities, and must provide them a level of benefits equal to those provided to nondisabled employees. All work teams must be integrated.

The pilot project must provide the extended employment program with useful information to clarify the distinction between center-based and community employment subprograms. The commissioner shall consider the findings of the pilot project in adopting rules.

Sec. 2. TRANSFERS AND CANCELLATIONS

Subdivision 1. Vocational Rehabilitation Transfer

Beginning in fiscal year 2005, the commissioner of employment and economic development may transfer \$1,325,000 from the independent living program's general fund appropriation to the vocational rehabilitation program. Each year the state director of the vocational rehabilitation program shall immediately restore from the vocational rehabilitation program's federal Social Security Administration program income or federal Title I funds, the \$1,325,000 to the Centers for Independent Living.

Subd. 2. Federal Funds Match

The transferred independent living general funds under subdivision 1 must be used to match federal vocational rehabilitation

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funds as they become available, and each year the resulting additional federal funds must be divided equally between the vocational rehabilitation program and the Centers for Independent Living.

The maximum amount of federal vocational rehabilitation funds that may be shared with the Centers for Independent Living is \$2,438,000. The vocational rehabilitation program may not use the Centers for Independent Living's share of the additional federal funds for any other purpose than to fund the Centers for Independent Living.

Subd. 3. Data Sharing

The Centers for Independent Living must share data with the vocational rehabilitation program to ensure that the transfer of funds, under subdivision 1, and the related contracts meet all legal requirements.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 10, 2004

Signed by the governor May 13, 2004, 12:15 p.m.

CHAPTER 189—S.F.No. 2453

An act relating to motor fuels; establishing testing and inspection criteria for liquefied petroleum gas-measuring equipment; increasing petroleum inspection fee and appropriating money from that increase; regulating oxygenated, nonoxygenated, and blended gasolines; abolishing a fee and certain requirements and powers of Department of Commerce relating to utility measuring equipment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 239.011, by adding a subdivision; 239.101, subdivision 3; 239.791, subdivision 12, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 239.12; 239.25.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 239.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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