

highways, provided, no acquisition costing over \$1,000 shall be made without first obtaining the approval of the executive council, and provided further that the authority herein granted shall not extend to lakes completely surrounded by lands owned and maintained for the purpose of conducting an educational or religious institution, or to lakes which are unmeandered or which contain less than 200 acres within the meander lines; provided, that in the case of any lake containing less than 200 acres but not less than 150 acres within the meander lines, the authority herein granted shall apply where the lands, easements, or rights of way required are acquired by gift or purchase but not by condemnation and provided further, that public easements and public right of way may be acquired other than by condemnation to lakes of any size which are to be thereafter managed intensively for fishing. All areas, easements, and rights of way acquired hereunder shall be maintained by the commissioner from the game and fish fund, except that the commissioner may make agreements with the county board if the connecting public highway is a county state-aid highway or county highway and the town board if the connecting public highway is a town road for the maintenance of the easements and rights of way to the areas. The county board and town board may expend money from their respective road and bridge funds for such maintenance in accordance with the agreement.

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#### CHAPTER 588—S.F.No.954

*An act relating to guardianships, persons subject to; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 525.54.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 525.54, is amended to read:

**525.54 PROBATE PROCEEDINGS; GUARDIANSHIPS; PERSONS REQUESTING.** The court may appoint one or two persons suitable and competent to discharge the trust as guardians of the person or estate or of both of any person who is a minor, ~~or who because of old age, or imperfection or deterioration of mentality is incompetent to manage his person or estate, or of any person who because of excessive intoxication, gambling, idleness, or debauchery,~~ so spends or wastes his estate or injures his person as to be likely to

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expose himself or his family to want or suffering, or who, though not otherwise incompetent to manage his person or estate, requests the court to appoint such a guardian, provided such person is a resident of the county or being a non-resident of this state has property in the county. No guardian of the person of any minor shall be appointed while proceedings for his care and custody are pending in any juvenile court of this state. Nothing herein contained shall diminish the power of any court to appoint a guardian to serve or protect the interest of any minor or other person under disability in any proceedings therein, nor abridge the rights of the father and mother, if suitable and competent, as the natural guardians of their minor children.

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#### CHAPTER 589—S.F.No.1074

*An act relating to workmen's compensation; subsequent disability; defining physical impairment; requiring registration thereof; increasing employer liability; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 176.131, Subdivisions 1, 2, 4 and 8.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 176.131, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**176.131 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; SUBSEQUENT DISABILITY; PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT; SPECIAL FUND.** Subdivision 1. If an employee incurs personal injury and suffers disability that is substantially greater, because of a pre-existing physical impairment, than what would have resulted from the personal injury alone, the employer shall pay all compensation provided by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 176, but he shall be reimbursed from the special compensation fund for all compensation paid in excess of ~~26 52~~ weeks of monetary benefits and ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 in medical expenses, subject to the following exceptions:

(a) If the personal injury alone results in permanent partial disability to a scheduled member under section 176.101, the monetary and medical expense limitations shall not apply and the employer shall be liable for such compensation, medical expense, and retraining attributable to the permanent partial disability, and he may be

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