CHAPTER 26—S.F.No.135

An act relating to public welfare; eliminating durational residency requirements for receipt of assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 256.16; 256.456; 256.51, Subdivision 1; and 256.73, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 256.16, is amended to read:

256.16 PUBLIC WELFARE; RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; APPLICANTS, REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN AID. Old age assistance may be granted to an applicant who:

- (1) Has attained the age of 65 years;
- (2) Has resided in the state for one year immediately preceding the application for old age assistance; except that an applicant who is receiving old age assistance from another state and has removed to Minnesota shall be granted assistance only when he has resided in Minnesota for a period equal to that required by such other state before it will grant assistance to a Minnesota recipient who removes to such state Resides in Minnesota.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 256.456, is amended to read:

256.456 NEEDY INDIVIDUALS; QUALIFICATIONS. Subdivision 1. Subject to the other provisions of sections 256.451 to 256.475, assistance may be granted to a needy individual who:

- (1) Has attained the age of 18 years;
- (2) Has been a resident of this state for at least one year immediately preceding his application Resides in Minnesota;
 - (3) Is permanently and totally disabled.
- Subd. 2. Absence in service of state or United States. For all purposes of such sections, absence in the service of the state of Minnesota or of the United States shall not be deemed to interrupt residence in this state if domicile be not acquired outside of the state.
- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 256.51, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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- 256.51 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. Subdivision 1. ELIGIBILITY. Assistance shall be given under sections 256.49 to 256.71 to any person who:
- (1) Has lost his eyesight while a resident of the state, or has resided in the state, for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the application for assistance with the county agency of the county in which he is residing Resides in Minnesota;
- (2) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health which shall mean, with respect to personal property, a person whose personal property is worth not more than \$2,000 for a single person, or \$4,000 for a married couple. Personal property shall include stocks and bonds, bank savings, land contracts, mortgages and cash value of life insurance policies. Personal property used as a regular abode by the applicant or recipient may be excluded in determining the value of personal property owned. Household goods and furniture in use in the home, wearing apparel, and a lot in a burial ground shall not be considered in determining the property limitation set forth in this section. If the liquidation of the land contracts convertible into cash referred to in this section would cause undue loss or hardship, assistance may nevertheless be granted;
- (3) Is not an inmate of, or being maintained by a municipal, county, state, or national institution at the time of receiving assistance, but part or all of any aid to the blind may be paid to patients in public or private medical institutions who are eligible for such aid, subject to rules and regulations made by the state agency;
- (4) Has not made an assignment or transfer of property, so as to render himself eligible for assistance under these sections, at any time within two years immediately prior to the filing of application for assistance pursuant to the provisions thereof;
- (5) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, soliciting alms;
- (6) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, receiving old age assistance, aid to dependent children or aid to the permanently and totally disabled.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 256.73, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 256.73 ASSISTANCE, RECIPIENTS. Subdivision 1. DEPEND-ENT CHILDREN. Assistance shall be given under sections 256.72 to 256.87 to or on behalf of any dependent child who:

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- (1) Has resided in the state for one year immediately preceding the application for such assistance; or who was born within one year immediately preceding the application, if the parent or other relative with whom the child is living has resided in the state for one year immediately preceding the application; provided, that the time during which a child has been an inmate of a hospital, a home of detention, a licensed boarding or foster home, or of any public or private institution, shall be excluded in determining the time of residence of such child in obtaining county residence but shall not preclude a child from gaining state residence; or a dependent child who has come to the state of Minnesota from another state which has no residence requirements Resides in Minnesota;
- (2) Is living in a suitable home conducted by a family having as far as practicable the same religious faith as the family of the child and meeting the standards of care and health fixed by the laws of this state and rules and regulations of the state agency thereunder.
- Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

Approved March 22, 1973.

CHAPTER 27—S.F.No.149

An act relating to traffic regulations; defining authorized emergency vehicle; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.01, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.01, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; AUTHORIZED EMER-GENCY VEHICLE. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any of the following vehicles when equipped and identified according to law: (1) A vehicle of a fire department; (2) a publicly owned police vehicle or a privately owned vehicle used by a police officer for police work under agreement, express or implied, with the local

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