

CHAPTER 562—H. F. No. 1744

An act relating to the powers and duties of the director of public institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 246.01, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 246.01, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 713, Section 23, is amended to read :

246.01 Powers and duties transferred to directors. The director of public institutions is hereby specifically constituted the guardian of both the estate and person of all feeble-minded or epileptic persons, the guardianship of whom has heretofore been vested in the state board of control or in the director of social welfare whether by operation of law or by an order of court without any further act or proceeding, and all the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the state board of control or the director of social welfare, with reference to mental testing of persons mentally deficient or epileptic, and with reference to the institutions of the State of Minnesota except the state sanatorium for consumptives, the state training school for boys and the Minnesota Home School for Girls, are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the director of public institutions, and in relation thereto said director is hereby charged with and shall have the exclusive power of administration and management of all of the following state institutions: The state prison, the state reformatory for men, the schools for the mentally deficient, state hospitals for the mentally ill, the Minnesota Braille and sightsaving school, the state school for the deaf, the state epileptic colony, the state hospital for indigent, crippled, and deformed children, the state hospital for inebriates, and the state reformatory for women. The director shall have power and authority to determine all matters relating to the unified and continuous development of all the foregoing institutions and of such other institutions, the supervision of which may, from time to time, be vested in the director. It is intended that there be vested in the director all of the powers, functions, and authority heretofore vested in the state board of control relative to state institutions, except the state sanatorium for consumptives, the state training school for boys, and the Minnesota Home School for Girls. The director shall have the power and authority to accept, in behalf of the state, contributions and gifts of *money and personal property* for the use and benefit of the inmates of the public institutions under his control, and *all moneys and securities* so received shall be *deposited in the state treasury subject*

to the order of the director of public institutions. If the gift or contribution is designated by the donor for a certain institution or purpose, the director of public institutions shall expend or use the same as nearly as may be in accordance with the conditions of the gift or contribution, compatible with the best interests of the inmates and the state. The director of public institutions is hereby constituted the "state agency" as defined by the social security act of the United States and the laws of this state for all purposes relating to mental health and mental hygiene.

It shall be the duty of the several directors to actively cooperate, each with the other, in establishing an efficient working relationship relative to the care and supervision of individuals both prior to and after departure from institutions hereinabove mentioned.

Approved April 21, 1953.

CHAPTER 563—H. F. No. 1745

An act relating to the acceptance of gifts by superintendents of state institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 246.20.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 246.20, is amended to read:

246.20 Employees, agents; acceptance of gifts. No agent or employee of the director of public institutions, and no officer or manager of any institution under his charge, shall directly or indirectly, for himself or another, or for any such institution, receive or accept any gift or gratuity from any dealer in goods, merchandise, or supplies which are or may be used in any such institution, or from any servant or agent of such dealer. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor.

Except as provided above, the superintendent or chief executive officer of any institution may, under rules and regulations prescribed by the director of public institutions, accept contributions and gifts of money and personal property for the use and benefit of the inmates of the institution under his jurisdiction. All monies and securities so received shall be deposited in a separate account at the institution and records shall be kept, clearly showing the identity of the donor, the purpose of the donation and the ultimate disposition of the con-