

the general revenue fund or funds not otherwise appropriated, the amount of \$5,000 for the year ending June 30, 1946, and the amount of \$5,000 for the year ending June 30, 1947.

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CHAPTER 351—H. F. No. 225

*An act to authorize the governing body of cities of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or over, to levy an annual tax for the maintenance and operation of activities of such cities relating to the health and welfare of their citizens.*

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

Section 1. **Tax levy in support of hospitals.** The governing body of any city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or over, is hereby authorized and empowered to levy an annual tax, in addition to any tax authorized by law or charter of said city, of not to exceed five mills, upon all the taxable property within said city. The proceeds of said tax are to be used solely for the care, conduct, management and operation of hospitals, dispensaries and clinics maintained by said city and for the furnishing by it of medical and dental service to the poor. Such tax shall not at any time be in excess of the maximum rate of taxation fixed for the purpose hereinabove mentioned by any board or department of any such city, upon whom the duty of fixing the maximum rate of taxation for the various boards and departments of the city is placed by the charter of such city.

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CHAPTER 352—H. F. No. 354

*An act relating to cleaning and repairing county drains or ditches causing damage from overflowing of same, by county boards where the State of Minnesota holds title through tax*