

18 years of age may and any male person of more than 18 years of age and not more than 25 years of age shall, and any male person over 25 years of age, who has never before been sentenced to a state prison or reformatory or a federal penitentiary, convicted of a felony other than murder in the first or second degree, may, when the court shall decide that a sentence to a state penal institution is the proper punishment, be sentenced to the state reformatory for men, which sentence shall be for an indeterminate term, except that the court may fix the maximum term. Except as hereinbefore provided all male persons convicted of a felony whom the court shall sentence to a state penal institution shall be sentenced to the state prison at Stillwater. The commitment to the reformatory and accompanying papers shall be the same as upon a sentence to the state prison. Imprisonment shall not exceed the maximum term, fixed by the court or by the law if the court does not fix the maximum.

Subd. 2. Any male person of the age of 18 years or more who shall commit a felony while on parole from the state training school for boys at Red Wing or shall commit a felony after he has left said institution without authority shall be tried for such offense and if he is convicted or his sentence suspended he shall not be returned to said state training school. The sentence, if any, imposed upon such person and not suspended shall be served for such time and at such institution as would be by law required if he were not a minor. If his sentence is suspended, the law applicable to the suspension of the sentence of adults shall be applied to the sentence of such person.

Subd. 3. Nothing in this act contained shall affect the right of the Director of Public Institutions to transfer prisoners from one penal institution to another after their commitment as herein provided.

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CHAPTER 455—H. F. No. 549

An act to assist disabled American veterans of the world war to secure compensation and benefits.

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

Section 1. **Privileges.** Soldiers, sailors and marines who were disabled in the military service during the World War

and their dependents, are entitled to the same privileges as are now enjoyed by other veterans.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenue fund of the State of Minnesota, the sum of \$7,500 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1946, and June 30, 1947, to be expended by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Minnesota, for the purpose of assisting veterans of all wars in the preparation and presentation of their claims to the United States government for compensation and other benefits to which they are entitled as a result of disabilities incurred in military service.

Sec. 3. Declaration of policy. This Act is hereby declared to be in the interest of the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and the existing public institutions, and for the purpose of assisting veterans who are entitled to compensation from the United States government, but have been unable to obtain it and in many instances have had to rely upon local assistance and charity.

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CHAPTER 456—H. F. No. 611

An act relating to the distribution of moneys from the income tax school fund.

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

Section 1. Income tax school fund; distribution. Out of the balance in the income tax school fund, after distributing therefrom the amounts provided for by other laws, there shall be distributed to each school district in the state an amount equal to the tax on moneys and credits in said school district for the year 1942, which was apportioned to and received by it in 1943, as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 285.14. Such distribution shall be semi-annually during the calendar year 1946 and each year thereafter.

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