

factory proof thereof shall be issued a certificate, without examination upon the payment of a fee of \$15.00.

(3) Watchmakers of this state who are in the armed forces of the United States of America at the time Laws 1943, Chapter 474, becomes a law, shall be exempt from taking the examination herein provided upon making application for certificate within one year after his discharge from service, accompanied by an application fee of \$10.00.

(4) Certificates of registration shall expire on the 30th day of June each year and must be renewed within 30 days for one year upon payment of a fee of \$5.00, or less at the discretion of the board. *If such certificate of registration is not renewed on or before August 1st of the year in which issued, such registrant may be required to pay a penalty of \$1.50 in addition to the renewal fee.* Application may be made for renewal after the fifteenth day of June of each year.

(5) The board shall issue a temporary 60 days certificate upon payment of a fee of \$1.00.

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CHAPTER 621—H. F. No. 684

An act authorizing cities of the second, third, and fourth class, however organized, villages, and boroughs to acquire, maintain and operate automobile parking facilities, to finance the cost of providing such facilities by the issuance of bonds or the imposition of special assessments against benefited property, and to make charges for the use of such facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 459.14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 459.14, is amended to read as follows:

459.14. Villages and cities of the second, third, and fourth class may acquire parking places. *Subdivision 1. - Acquire automobile parking facilities. Any city of the second, third, or fourth class, however organized, and any village or borough may acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation proceedings, construct, or otherwise provided, [provide] equip, maintain and operate automobile parking facilities and may expend municipal funds for these purposes. The term "automobile parking*

facilities" as used in this act includes lots, garages, or other structures and accessories; such facilities may be surface facilities or facilities above or under the ground. Provided that no product or service other than the parking of vehicles and the delivery thereof shall be dispensed or furnished at or in connection with any such parking facility.

Subd. 2. Financed by special assessments against benefited property; procedure for issuance of bonds or certificates; benefited property. Any such municipality may pay for any portion of the cost of providing automobile parking facilities by levying special assessments against benefited property. In such case the procedure for such an improvement and assessment and for the issuance of certificates of indebtedness shall be that provided for street improvements in fourth class cities and villages by Minnesota Statutes Sections 434.14 to 434.27 with the exceptions contained in this Section. Proceedings shall be initiated by a petition for the improvement defining the area proposed to be included in the assessment district and signed by the owners of real estate in the district equal to at least 50 per cent of the area in square feet of all real estate in the district. The petition shall have the same effect as the petition provided for in Section 434.14. If in the opinion of the council, after a hearing as provided in Section 434.16, the district proposed by the petition includes either more or less territory than would be benefited by the improvement, the council shall by resolution direct the return of the petition to the petitioners and fix the boundaries of the proposed assessment district. The petitioners may then amend the petition, obtain signatures to the amended petition and re-submit it to the council. The costs of providing parking facilities may be assessed upon all property within the assessment area, but not in excess of the benefit to the property.

Subd. 3. Issuance and sale of bonds. Any municipality to which this act applies may issue bonds for the acquisition, construction or improvement of automobile parking facilities. Any such bonds shall be authorized and issued and sold in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state or the charter of the municipality for the issuance and authorization of bonds thereof for public purposes generally. The amount of all bonds issued by any municipality under this act shall not be included in the net indebtedness of the municipality or in any computation of the outstanding indebtedness of the municipality for the purpose of determining the limit of its net indebtedness.

Subd. 4. Municipality may charge for parking facilities. The governing body of any municipality providing automobile

parking facilities under this act may charge reasonable fees or rentals for their use and make such other provision for their operation and management as it may deem necessary.

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CHAPTER 622—H. F. No. 839

An act relating to the commitment and release of incompetent persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 525.749, 525.75, 525.751, 525.752, 525.753, 525.754, 525.76, 525.761, 525.762, 525.763, 525.77, 525.78, and 525.79; and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 253.03, 253.04, 253.05, 254.08, 255.01, 255.02, 255.03, 255.04, 255.05, 255.06, 255.07, 255.08, 255.09, 255.10, 255.11, and 255.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 525.749, is amended to read as follows :

Commitments

525.749. **Definitions.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of Minnesota Statutes Sections 525.75 to 525.79, *unless a different meaning is indicated by the context, the words, terms, and phrases defined in this section shall have the meanings given them.*

Subd. 2. **Patient.** *“Patient” means any person for whose commitment, as mentally ill, senile, inebriate, mentally deficient, or epileptic, proceedings have been instituted or completed.*

Subd. 3. **Mentally ill person.** *“Mentally ill person” means any person of unsound mind and in need of treatment, control or care.*

Subd. 4. **Senile person.** *“Senile person” means any person who is mentally ill due to advanced years.*

Subd. 5. **Inebriate person.** *“Inebriate person” means any person incapable of managing himself or his affairs by reason of the habitual and excessive use of intoxicating liquor, drugs, or other narcotics.*

Subd. 6. **Mentally deficient person.** *“Mentally deficient person” means any person, other than a mentally ill person,*