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ing or condemning any scale, weight, or measure, or weighing or measuring device, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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[ 1977 c 364 s 17 ]
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239.24 Hindering official; penalty.

Any person hindering, impeding, or restricting in any way any employee of the division while in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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[ 1977 c 364 s 18 ]
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239.44 Penalty for violation.

Whoever in buying shall take any greater number of pounds or cubic feet to the bushel, barrel, ton, or cord, as the case may be, than is allowed and provided in sections 239.28 to 239.37, or in selling, shall give any less number, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

[1977 c 364 s 19]

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241.01 Creation of department.

Subdivision 1. Commissioner. The department of corrections is created under the control and supervision of the commissioner of corrections which office is established. The commissioner of corrections shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and shall have wide and successful administrative experience in correctional programs embodying rehabilitative concepts. The commissioner shall be appointed by the governor under the provisions of section 15.06.

Subd. 2. Divisions; deputies. The commissioner of corrections may appoint and employ no more than two deputy commissioners. The commissioner may also appoint a personal secretary, who shall serve at his pleasure in the unclassified civil service.

[For text of subds 3a to 8, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 305 s 28,29]

241.045 Corrections board.

[For text of subds 1 to 3a, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 4. Compensation; expenses. Each member of the board other than the chairman shall receive as compensation the sum of \$22,000 per year, payable in the same manner as other employees of the state. The chairman of the board shall receive as compensation his salary as an officer of the department of corrections, which shall not be less than the salary of the other members of the board. In addition to the compensation herein provided, each member of the board shall be reimbursed for all expenses paid or incurred by him in the performance of his official duties in the same manner as other employees of the state. This compensation and these expenses shall be paid out of the general fund in the same manner as the salaries and expenses of other state officers are paid, except that the salary and ex-

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penses of the chairman of the board shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the commissioner of corrections.

[For text of subds 6 to 8, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 455 s 81]

241.55 Crime victim crisis center.

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 241.55 to 241.58, "center" means a crime victim crisis center providing services to victims of crime.

Subd. 2. The commissioner of corrections, not later than January 1, 1978, shall establish at least two operational centers. The commissioner of corrections may contract with a public or private agency for the purposes of planning, implementing and evaluating the centers established herein.

[1977 c 314 s 1]

241.56 Planning.

The commissioner of corrections, while developing the center plan as provided in section 241.55, shall evaluate and determine factors relating to the procedural and substantive needs of the centers.

[1977 c 314 s 2]

241.57 Functions.

The centers shall:

- (a) Provide direct crisis intervention to crime victims;
- (b) Provide transportation for crime victims to assist them in obtaining necessary emergency services;
- (c) Investigate the availability of insurance or other financial resources available to the crime victims;
- (d) Refer crime victims to public or private agencies providing existing needed services;
- (e) Encourage the development of services which are not already being provided by existing agencies;
- (f) Coordinate the services which are already being provided by various agencies;
- (g) Facilitate the general education of crime victims about the criminal justice process;
 - (h) Educate the public as to program availability;
- (i) Encourage educational programs which will serve to reduce victimization and which will diminish the extent of trauma where victimization occurs;
 - (j) Other appropriate services.

[1977 c 314 s 3]

241.58 Evaluation.

Within three years of May 28, 1977, the commissioner of corrections shall evaluate the operation of the centers. This evaluation shall determine the centers impact in assisting crime victims, its impact on the criminal justice system, the nature of community attitudes generated by the centers, the necessity for maintaining the two existing centers, the desirability of establishing additional centers and propose alternative means to accomplish the purposes of sections 241.55 to 241.58 in all areas of the state.

[1977 c 314 s 4]

241.61 Definitions.

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 241.61 to 241.66, the following terms have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. "Battered woman" means a woman who is being or has been assaulted by her spouse, other male relative, or by a male with whom she is residing or has resided in the past.

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- Subd. 3. "Emergency shelter services" include, but are not limited to, secure crisis shelters for battered women and housing networks for battered women.
- Subd. 4. "Support services" include, but are not limited to, advocacy services, legal services, counseling services, transportation services, child care services, and 24 hour information and referral services.
- Subd. 5. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of corrections or his designee.

[1977 c 428 s 1]

241.62 Pilot programs.

Subdivision 1. Programs designated. The commissioner shall designate four pilot programs to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women and shall award grants to the pilot programs. Two pilot programs shall be designated in the metropolitan area, composed of Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, Scott, Washington and Carver counties. One pilot program shall be designated in a city located outside of the metropolitan area, and one pilot program shall be designated in a location accessible to a predominately rural population.

- Subd. 2. Applications. Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the commissioner for designation as a pilot program to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women. The application shall be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner by rule, and shall include:
- (a) a proposal for the provision of emergency shelter services and support services for battered women:
 - (b) a proposed budget;
- (c) evidence of the integration of the uniform method of data collection and program evaluation established by the director pursuant to section 241.63 into the proposed program;
- (d) evidence of the participation of the local law enforcement agencies and courts, county welfare agencies, local boards or departments of health, and other interested agencies or groups in the development of the application; and
 - (e) any other content the commissioner may, by rule, require.
- Subd. 3. Duties of grantees. Every public or private nonprofit agency which receives a grant to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women shall comply with all rules of the commissioner related to the administration of the pilot programs.
- Subd. 4. Educational programs. In addition to designating four pilot programs to provide emergency shelter services and support services, the commissioner shall award grants for the development and implementation of education programs designed to promote public and professional awareness of the problems of battered women. Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the commissioner for an education grant. The application shall be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner by rule. Every public or private nonprofit agency which receives an education grant shall comply with all rules of the commissioner related to the administration of education programs.

[1977 c 428 s 2]

241.63 Duties of commissioner.

The commissioner shall:

- (a) Review applications for designation as a pilot program, and designate four pilot programs pursuant to section 241.62, subdivision 1;
- (b) Review applications from and award grants to public or private nonprofit agencies which submit proposals to develop and implement education programs pursuant to section 241.62, subdivision 4;
- (c) Appoint the members of the advisory task force created under section 241.64, and provide staff and other administrative services to the advisory task force;
 - (d) Appoint a project coordinator to perform the duties set forth in section

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241.65:

- (e) Design and implement a uniform method of collecting data on battered women and of evaluating the programs funded under section 241.62;
- (f) Provide technical aid to applicants in the design and implementation of the programs funded under section 241.62;
- (g) Promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions of sections 241.61 to 241.66 and 256D.05, subdivision 3, including emergency rules; and
- (h) Report to the legislature on January 1, 1978, January 1, 1979, and November 15, 1979, on the programs funded under section 241.62.

[1977 c 428 s 3]

241.64 Advisory task force.

Subdivision 1. Creation. Within 60 days after the effective date of sections 241.61 to 241.66, the commissioner shall appoint a nine member advisory task force to advise him on the implementation of sections 241.61 to 241.66. The provisions of section 15.059, subdivision 6, shall govern the terms, compensation, and removal of members of the advisory task force.

Subd. 2. Membership. Persons appointed shall be knowledgeable in the fields of health, law enforcement, social services or the law. Five members of the advisory task force shall be representatives of community or governmental organizations which provide services to battered women, and four members of the advisory task force shall be public members.

Subd. 3. Duties. The advisory task force shall:

- (a) recommend to the commissioner the names of five applicants for the position of project coordinator.
- (b) advise the commissioner on the rules promulgated pursuant to section 241.63:
- (c) review and comment on applications received by the commissioner for designation as a pilot program and applications for education grants; and
- (d) advise the project coordinator in the performance of his duties in the administration and coordination of the programs funded under section 241.62.

[1977 c 428 s 4]

241.65 Project coordinator.

The commissioner shall appoint a project coordinator. In appointing the project coordinator the commissioner shall give due consideration to the list of applicants submitted to him by the advisory task force pursuant to section 241.64, subdivision 3, clause (a). The project coordinator shall administer the funds appropriated for sections 241.61 to 241.66 and 256D.05, subdivision 3, coordinate the programs funded under section 241.62, and perform other duties as the commissioner may assign to him. The project coordinator shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner in the unclassified service.

[1977 c 428 s 5]

241.66 Data collection.

Subdivision 1. Form prescribed. The commissioner shall, by rule, prescribe a uniform form and method for the collection of data on battered women. The method and form of data collection shall be designed to document the incidence of assault on women by their spouses, male relatives or other males with whom they are residing or have resided in the past. All data collected by the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be summary data within the meaning of section 15.162, subdivision 9.

Subd. 2. Mandatory data collection. Every hospital licensed pursuant to sections 144.50 to 144.58, every physician licensed to practice in this state, every public health nurse, and every local law enforcement agency shall collect data related to battered women in the form required by rule of the commissioner. The data shall be collected and transmitted to the commissioner at such times as he shall, by rule, require.

[1977 c 428 s 6]