

## CHAPTER 85A

## MINNESOTA ZOO

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85A.05 Minnesota State Zoological Garden bonds.

**85A.02 POWERS AND DUTIES.***[For text of subs 1 to 16, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 17. **Additional powers.** (a) The board may establish a schedule of charges for admission to or the use of the Minnesota Zoological Garden or any related facility. Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, legislative approval is not required for the board to establish a schedule of charges for admission or use of the Minnesota Zoological Garden or related facilities. The board shall have a policy admitting elementary school children at a reduced charge when they are part of an organized school activity. The Minnesota Zoological Garden will offer free admission throughout the year to economically disadvantaged Minnesota citizens equal to ten percent of the average annual attendance. However, the zoo may charge at any time for parking, special services, and for admission to special facilities for the education, entertainment, or convenience of visitors.

(b) The board may provide for the purchase, reproduction, and sale of gifts, souvenirs, publications, informational materials, food and beverages, and grant concessions for the sale of these items. Notwithstanding subdivision 5b, section 16C.09 does not apply to activities authorized under this paragraph.

*[For text of subd 18, see M.S.2002]***History:** 2003 c 128 art 1 s 46**85A.05 MINNESOTA STATE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN BONDS.***[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 2. **Issuance of bonds.** Upon request by resolution of the Minnesota Zoological Board and upon authorization as provided in subdivision 1 the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue Minnesota Zoological Garden bonds in the aggregate amount requested, upon sealed bids and upon such notice, at such price, in such form and denominations, bearing interest at such rate or rates, maturing in such amounts and on such dates, without option of prepayment or subject to prepayment upon such notice and at such times and prices, payable at such bank or banks within or outside the state, with such provisions for registration, conversion, and exchange and for the issuance of notes in anticipation of the sale or delivery of definitive bonds, and in accordance with such further rules, as the commissioner of finance shall determine, subject to the approval of the attorney general, but not subject to chapter 14, including section 14.386. The bonds shall be executed by the commissioner of finance under official seal. The signature on the bonds and any appurtenant interest coupons and the seal may be printed, lithographed, engraved, or stamped thereon, except that each bond shall be authenticated by the manual signature on its face of the commissioner of finance or of an officer of a bank designated by them as authenticating agent. The commissioner of finance shall ascertain and certify to the purchasers of the bonds the performance and existence of all acts, conditions, and things necessary to make them valid and binding general obligations of the state of Minnesota, subject to the approval of the attorney general.

*[For text of subd 3, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 4. **Minnesota State Zoological Garden bond account in the state bond fund.** The commissioner of finance shall maintain in the state bond fund a separate

bookkeeping account which shall be designated as the state zoological garden bond account, to record receipts and disbursements of money transferred to the fund to pay Minnesota Zoological Garden bonds and income from the investment of such money, which income shall be credited to the account in each fiscal year. The amounts directed by section 85A.04, subdivision 2 to be transferred annually to this bond account are appropriated thereto, and the legislature may also appropriate to the bond account any other money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. On November 1 of each year there shall be transferred to the bond account all of the money then available under any such appropriation or such lesser sum as will be sufficient, with all money previously transferred to the account and all income from the investment of such money, to pay all principal and interest then and theretofore due and all principal and interest to become due to and including July 1 in the second ensuing year on Minnesota Zoological Garden bonds. All money so transferred and all income from the investment thereof shall be available for the payment of such bonds and interest thereon, and so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for such payments. The state auditor and commissioner of finance are directed to make the appropriate entries in the accounts of the respective funds.

*[For text of subds 5 and 6, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 112 art 2 s 13,50.