

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 621.05, is amended to read:

621.05 Contiguous buildings burning. When an apurtenance to a building is so situated with reference to such building, or when any building is so situated with reference to another building, that the burning of the one will manifestly endanger the other, a burning of the one shall be deemed a burning of the other, within the provisions of *this act*, against any person actually participating in the original setting on fire, as of the moment when the fire from the one communicates to and sets on fire the other.

Sec. 8. [621.065] **Effect of act.** The enactment of this act shall not affect any act done, or offense committed, or punishment incurred prior to the time that the repeal of any statute under this act takes effect, but the same may be enforced and prosecuted or inflicted as fully and to the same extent as if such repeal had not been effected, and all criminal prosecution actions and proceedings commenced under or by virtue of any provision of a statute by this act repealed may be prosecuted and defended to final effect in the same manner as if such statute were not so repealed.

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CHAPTER 603—S. F. No. 1176

An act creating and establishing a department of employment security, prescribing its powers and duties and transferring to it the powers and duties of the division of employment and security of the department of social security; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 268.12, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 713, Section 29.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 268.12, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 713, Section 29, is amended to read:

268.12 Administration. Subdivision 1. (1) *There is hereby created and established a department of employment security which shall be the successor to the division of employment and security, which said division is hereby abolished as a division of the department of social security as established by Laws 1939, Article VII, Section 1.*

(2) *A commissioner of employment security shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the*

senate to administer Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 268.03 to 268.24, as amended, and as the same may hereafter from time to time be amended. The term of office of the commissioner first appointed shall expire February 1, 1959, after which the term of office of the commissioner shall be for a term of six years. The commissioner shall be selected on the basis of ability and experience and without regard to political affiliations. The governor may remove the commissioner at any time for cause after notice and hearing. Subject to the provisions of sections 268.03 to 268.24 and other applicable laws now or hereafter enacted, the commissioner shall have the power to organize his department in such manner as he may deem necessary. Appointments to exercise delegated powers shall be written orders filed with the secretary of state. The salary of the commissioner shall be \$7,400 per year and he shall give bond in the sum of \$10,000; provided that the annual adjustment increment shall be \$300, and the basic salary herein provided adjusted in accordance with the provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 718, section 2.

(3) All proceedings, court actions, prosecutions or other business undertaken or commenced prior to the passage of this act by the division of employment and security and any other matters of the division of employment and security pending at the time of the passage of this act may be conducted and completed by the new department of employment security in the same manner and under the same terms and conditions and with the same effect as though it were undertaken, commenced or conducted or completed by said division of employment and security prior to such change. All functions, powers and duties of such division of employment and security are by this act assigned and transferred to the department of employment security.

(4) All the powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon the director of the division of employment and security as a division of the department of social security are hereby vested in and imposed upon the commissioner of employment security.

All of the employees of said division of employment and security are hereby transferred to the department of employment security created by this act, and said commissioner shall take charge of said employees and shall employ them in the exercise of the respective functions, powers and duties transferred as aforesaid without reduction of compensation or civil service status enjoyed by said employees at the time of such transfer, subject, however, to change or termination of em-

ployment, compensation or civil service status as may be otherwise provided by law.

(5) All other acts or parts of acts now in effect inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, superseded, modified or amended so far as necessary to conform to and give full force and effect to the provisions of this act.

(6) This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage; provided, that no transfer of functions, rights, powers, duties, or funds made by this act shall take effect until the commissioner of the department to whom the same are transferred shall have been appointed; taken his oath of office and filed oath and bond in the office of the secretary of state; and until then the former division or agency vested therewith shall continue to exercise and perform such functions, rights, powers, and duties, and to have charge of such funds.

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CHAPTER 604—S. F. No. 1201

An act relating to patients discharged from state hospitals for the mentally ill; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 525.761, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 525.761, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Parolee; notice of discharge from mental hospital.** Each patient so released, until unconditionally discharged from custody, is subject to supervision and return to custody. The superintendent of any state hospital for the mentally ill, upon the provisional or outright discharge of any patient from such hospital, shall notify the welfare board of the county of such patient's residence at least one week prior to the date that the patient is to be released from the institution. The director of social welfare shall provide by rule and regulation the procedure and methods whereby such discharged patient shall receive all benefits in the way of old age assistance, direct relief or other similar benefits provided by the law of the state to which his residence and circumstances entitle him, and in addition thereto provide that it shall be the duty of such welfare boards to supervise and assist such dis-