

soft drinks and soft drink vending machines and may fix the price and duration of such licenses and when in their opinion the public interest requires it, revoke the same. Within any platted residential area of the town they may license and regulate the presence or keeping of dogs or domestic animal pets and may regulate or prohibit the discharge of firearms, when deemed to be in the public interest.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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CHAPTER 189—H.F.No.1548

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to Nicollet county; authorizing an increased annual appropriation to the county extension committee.*

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

Section 1. **NICOLLET COUNTY; EXTENSION COMMITTEE; FUNDING.** Notwithstanding any provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 38.36, to the contrary, the board of county commissioners of Nicollet county may annually provide to the county extension committee funding not to exceed \$45,000 for the maintenance, support and expenses of county extension work in agriculture and home economics.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect only upon the approval of the board of county commissioners of Nicollet county, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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CHAPTER 190—S.F.No.104

[Coded]

*An act relating to public welfare; permitting county welfare boards to charge fees for services; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 393, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 393, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[393.12] PUBLIC WELFARE; COUNTY WELFARE BOARD; FEES FOR HOMEMAKER SERVICES.** A county welfare board may charge fees for homemaker services furnished to a family not on public assistance. The county welfare board shall establish fee schedules based on the recipient's ability to pay. The schedules shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner of public welfare.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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#### CHAPTER 191—S.F.No.117

*An act relating to welfare; defining "continuous absence from the home" as used in sections 256.72 to 256.87; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 256.12, Subdivision 15.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 256.12, Subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. **PUBLIC WELFARE; CONTINUED ABSENCE FROM THE HOME; DEFINITION.** "Continued absence from the home," as used in sections 256.72 to 256.87, means the absence from the home of the parent, whether or not entitled to the custody of the child, by reason of being an inmate of a penal institution or a fugitive after escape therefrom, or absence from the home by the parent for a period of at least three months believed to be, and declared by applicant to be, of a continuous duration together with failure on the part of the absent parent to support the child, provided that prior to the granting of such aid all reasonable efforts have been made to secure support for such child from the defaulting parent, and, provided, further, that no child which shall have been abandoned in this state shall continue eligible for such aid unless a warrant for arrest for such abandonment shall have been issued under the laws of this state, either prior to the application for aid or as soon thereafter as legally possible, and in any event within a period of not more than 120 days from the date of such application except in the event that a proceeding under

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