

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [198.065] CHIROPRACTIC CARE AVAILABILITY.

In addition to the other services now provided to residents of the Minnesota veterans home, the commissioner shall provide chiropractic services. The services shall be provided, as appropriations permit, without charge to residents by a licensed chiropractor who is either employed by the commissioner for the purpose or who has contracted with the commissioner to provide the services.

Approved March 22, 1982

CHAPTER 504 — H.F.No. 1572

An act relating to health; establishing the right to complete information on all alternative treatments for patients with breast cancer; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 144.651.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 144.651, is amended to read:

144.651 PATIENTS AND RESIDENTS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES; BILL OF RIGHTS.

It is the intent of the legislature and the purpose of this section to promote the interests and well being of the patients and residents of health care facilities. No health care facility may require a patient or resident to waive these rights as a condition of admission to the facility. Any guardian or conservator of a patient or resident or, in the absence of a guardian or conservator, an interested person, may seek enforcement of these rights on behalf of a patient or resident. It is the intent of this section that every patient's civil and religious liberties, including the right to independent personal decisions and knowledge of available choices, shall not be infringed and that the facility shall encourage and assist in the fullest possible exercise of these rights.

For the purposes of this section, "patient" means a person who is admitted to an acute care inpatient facility for a continuous period longer than 24 hours, for the purpose of diagnosis or treatment bearing on the physical or mental health of that person. "Resident" means a person who is admitted to a non-acute care facility including extended care facilities, nursing homes, and board and care homes for care required because of prolonged mental or physical illness or disability, recovery from injury or disease, or advancing age. It is declared to be the public policy of this state that the interests of each patient and resident be

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protected by a declaration of a patients' bill of rights which shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) Every patient and resident shall have the right to considerate and respectful care;

(2) Every patient and resident can reasonably expect to obtain from his physician or the resident physician of the facility complete and current information concerning his diagnosis, treatment and prognosis in terms and language the patient can reasonably be expected to understand. In cases in which it is not medically advisable to give the information to the patient or resident the information may be made available to the appropriate person in his behalf;

(3) Every patient and resident shall have the right to know by name and specialty, if any, the physician responsible for coordination of his care;

(4) Every patient and resident shall have the right to every consideration of his privacy and individuality as it relates to his social, religious, and psychological well being;

(5) Every patient and resident shall have the right to respectfulness and privacy as it relates to his medical care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination, and treatment are confidential and should be conducted discreetly;

(6) Every patient and resident shall have the right to expect the facility to make a reasonable response to his requests;

(7) Every patient and resident shall have the right to obtain information as to any relationship of the facility to other health care and related institutions insofar as his care is concerned;

(8) Every patient and resident shall have the right to expect reasonable continuity of care which shall include but not be limited to what appointment times and physicians are available;

(9) Every resident shall be fully informed, prior to or at the time of admission and during his stay, of services available in the facility, and of related charges including any charges for services not covered under medicare or medicaid or not covered by the facility's basic per diem rate;

(10) Every patient and resident shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the planning of his medical treatment and to refuse to participate in experimental research;

(11) No resident shall be arbitrarily transferred or discharged but may be transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, for his or other residents' welfare, or for nonpayment for stay unless prohibited by the welfare programs paying for the care of the resident, as documented in the medical record. Reasonable advance notice of any transfer or discharge must be given to a resident;

(12) Every resident may manage his personal financial affairs, or shall be given at least a quarterly accounting of financial transactions on his behalf if he delegates this responsibility in accordance with the laws of Minnesota to the facility for any period of time;

(13) Every resident shall be encouraged and assisted, throughout his period of stay in a facility, to understand and exercise his rights as a patient and as a citizen, and to this end, he may voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff and outside representatives of his choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal;

(14) Every resident shall be free from mental and physical abuse, and free from chemical and physical restraints, except in emergencies, or as authorized in writing by his physician for a specified and limited period of time, and when necessary to protect the resident from injury to himself or to others;

(15) Every patient and resident shall be assured confidential treatment of his personal and medical records, and may approve or refuse their release to any individual outside the facility, except as otherwise provided by law or a third party payment contract;

(16) No resident shall be required to perform services for the facility that are not included for therapeutic purposes in his plan of care;

(17) Every resident may associate and communicate privately with persons of his choice, and send and receive his personal mail unopened, unless medically contraindicated and documented by his physician in the medical record;

(18) Every resident may meet with representatives and participate in activities of commercial, religious, and community groups at his discretion; provided, however, that the activities shall not infringe upon the right to privacy of other residents;

(19) Every resident may retain and use his personal clothing and possessions as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon rights of other patients or residents, and unless medically contraindicated and documented by his physician in the medical record;

(20) Every resident, if married, shall be assured privacy for visits by his or her spouse and if both spouses are residents of the facility, they shall be permitted to share a room, unless medically contraindicated and documented by their physicians in the medical record; ~~and~~

(21) Every patient or resident shall be fully informed, prior to or at the time of admission and during his stay at a facility, of the rights and responsibilities set forth in this section and of all rules governing patient conduct and responsibilities; and

(22) Every patient or resident suffering from any form of breast cancer shall be fully informed, prior to or at the time of admission and during her stay, of all alternative effective methods of treatment of which the treating physician is knowledgeable, including surgical, radiological, or chemotherapeutic treatments or combinations of treatments and the risks associated with each of those methods.

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CHAPTER 505 — H.F.No. 1550

An act relating to the city of Big Falls; authorizing the establishment of detached banking facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **BIG FALLS, CITY OF; DETACHED BANKING FACILITY; AUTHORIZATION.**

With the prior approval of the commissioner of banks, any bank doing business within 35 miles of the city of Big Falls in Koochiching County may establish and maintain not more than one detached facility in the city of Big Falls. Any bank desiring to establish a detached facility shall follow the approval procedure prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, Section 47.54. The establishment of a detached facility in the city of Big Falls shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 47.51 to 47.57 except insofar as inconsistent with this section. No detached facility shall be established under this section if there is an existing bank located within 15 miles of the location of the detached facility to be established under this section.

Sec. 2. **LOCAL APPROVAL.**

This act takes effect the day after compliance by the governing body of the city of Big Falls with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, Subdivision 3.

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CHAPTER 506 — H.F.No. 1430

An act relating to the city of Hibbing; fixing the amount of the mayor's contingent fund; amending Laws 1939, Chapter 329, Section 1.

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