

stops. In analyzing the feasibility of expanding the railroad passenger service, the commissioner shall consider the following factors and any other factors deemed appropriate: (1) minimum train speed, service frequency, and performance standards; (2) station locations; (3) availability of equipment; (4) ridership forecasts; (5) track upgrading estimates; (6) fuel consumption; and (7) estimated fare recovery in relation to total operating costs. The commissioner shall report to the house and senate transportation committees by February 1, 1985, on his findings and recommendations.

This appropriation may not be expended until units of government along the proposed corridors have committed at least \$17,500 to match it.

Notwithstanding any provision of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A or any other law, the total amount appropriated for rail service improvements by Laws 1983, chapter 293, section 2, subdivision 5(a), shall be available for expenditure in any fiscal year.

Subd. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 1 is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 2, 1984

CHAPTER 656 — H.F.No. 1587

An act relating to public employment; providing that no public business shall be conducted on Martin Luther King's birthday; allowing school districts and state colleges to conduct classes on Martin Luther King's birthday provided there is a patriotic observance of the day; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 126.10; 126.13; 136.22; and 645.44, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 126.10, is amended to read:
126.10 **SPECIAL DAYS.**

The following days or the school days nearest to them are designated for special observance in the public schools of the state: September 28 as Frances

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Willard Day, October 9 as Leif Ericson Day, January 15 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and February 15 as Susan B. Anthony Day. On these days schools may offer instruction and programs in commemoration of the life and history of the respective persons and the principles and ideals they fostered.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 126.13, is amended to read:

126.13 CONDUCT OF SCHOOL ON CERTAIN HOLIDAYS.

The governing body of any district may contract with any of the teachers thereof for the conduct of schools, and may conduct schools, on either, or any, of the following holidays, provided that a clause to this effect is inserted in the teacher's contract: Martin Luther King's birthday, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Columbus Day and Veterans' Day, provided that on Martin Luther King's birthday, Washington's birthday, Lincoln's birthday, and Veterans' Day at least one hour of the school program be devoted to a patriotic observance of the day.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 136.22, is amended to read:

136.22 CLASSES ON HOLIDAYS.

The state university board is hereby authorized to conduct classes in the several state colleges on either or any of the following holidays: Martin Luther King's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day, provided that when classes are held on Martin Luther King's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, or Veterans Day, that at least one hour of the school day be devoted to a patriotic observance of that day.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 645.44, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **HOLIDAYS.** "Holiday" includes New Year's Day, January 1; Martin Luther King's birthday, the third Monday in January; Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday, the third Monday in February; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, the first Monday in September; Christopher Columbus Day, the second Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; and Christmas Day, December 25; provided, when New Year's Day, January 1; or Independence Day, July 4; or Veterans Day, November 11; or Christmas Day, December 25; falls on Sunday, the following day shall be a holiday and, provided, when New Year's Day, January 1; or Independence Day, July 4; or Veterans Day, November 11; or Christmas Day, December 25; falls on Saturday, the preceding day shall be a holiday. No public business shall be transacted on any holiday, except in cases of necessity and except in cases of public business transacted by the legislature, nor shall any civil process be served thereon. However, for the executive branch of the state of Minnesota, "holiday" also includes the Friday after Thanksgiving but does not include Christopher Colum-

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bus Day. Other branches of state government and political subdivisions shall have the option of determining whether Christopher Columbus Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving shall be holidays. Where it is determined that Columbus Day or the Friday after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be conducted thereon.

Any agreement between a public employer and an employee organization citing Veterans Day as the fourth Monday in October shall be amended to cite Veterans Day as November 11.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 4 are effective January 1, 1986.

Approved May 2, 1984

CHAPTER 657 — H.F.No. 229

An act relating to health; allowing any interested person to seek enforcement of certain patient rights; amending Minnesota Statutes 1983 Supplement, section 144.651, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1983 Supplement, section 144.651, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** 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. An interested person may also seek enforcement of these rights on behalf of a patient or resident who has a guardian or conservator through administrative agencies or in probate court or county court having jurisdiction over guardianships and conservatorships. Pending the outcome of an enforcement proceeding the health care facility may, in good faith, comply with the instructions of a guardian or conservator. 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.

Approved May 7, 1984

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