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CHAPTER 221

HEALTH, WELFARE AND IMPROVEMENTS

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§ 3551. Employment of nurses; state contribution

A municipality may employ, by itself or in conjunction with other contributing municipalities or private agencies, a qualified public health nurse to conduct a program acceptable to the Department of Health and Welfare.

1. State contribution. When a public health nursing program meets the requirements of the Department of Health and Welfare, the State may contribute not more than 50% annually for paying the salary and travel expenses of the public health nurse.

2. When not made. A state contribution may not be made where the population of any municipality exceeds 6,000 according to the last Decennial Census of the United States.

3. How paid. The contribution of the municipality shall be paid to the Treasurer of State and credited to the Department of Health and Welfare. Whenever the State contributes, the Department of Health and Welfare shall pay the salary and travel expenses of the public health nurse.

4. Source of payment. The state's share may be paid from the state appropriation to the Department of Health and Welfare, or from federal grants to the State when plans are approved by the granting agency.

R.S.1954, c. 91, §§ 103, 123; 1957, c. 405, § 1.

§ 3552. Recreation

A municipality may acquire and maintain real estate and personal property for recreational purposes, and may establish and conduct a recreational program.

1. Municipalities may act jointly. Two or more municipalities may act jointly in establishing and conducting a recrea-

tional program and may contract with each other for its operation.

2. Powers are governmental. All powers exercised under the authority of this section are governmental and not proprietary.

3. Special acts not impaired. This section does not impair any power now vested by special act in any municipality, recreational board or park commission.

R.S.1954, c. 91, §§ 124, 126, 128, 129; 1957, c. 405, § 1.

§ 3553. Improvement of navigation and prevention of erosion

A municipality may acquire real estate or easements by the condemnation procedure for town ways as provided in Title 23, and may contract with the State and Federal Governments to comply with requirements imposed by the Federal Government in authorizing any project which has been approved by the Governor for improving harbor and river navigation or preventing property damage by erosion or flood.

1. Municipalities may act jointly. Two or more municipalities may act jointly in performing the operations authorized by this section.

2. Governor's power. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, may do the following with regard to such a project:

A. Designate a state agency to make any investigation considered necessary.

B. Provide for the payment by the State of not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the contribution required by the Federal Government, when an appropriation has been made for it by the Legislature.

C. Make an agreement with the Federal Government to hold and save it harmless from resulting claims.

R.S.1954, c. 91, §§ 136-141; 1957, c. 405, § 1.

§ 3554. Availability of state funds

Any municipality, which is financially unable to provide for its direct relief and work programs or its contributory share of public assistance programs of any nature, may make application to the Department of Health and Welfare for funds from the

State for said purpose. The application shall be made by the municipal officers in writing and a copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Board of Emergency Municipal Finance. No such funds shall be expended until the management of its affairs has been taken over by the board. The State through the Department of Health and Welfare may provide for direct relief and work programs or the necessary share for the said municipality of its contributory share of public assistance programs of any nature in said municipalities. The inability of such municipalities and unorganized territories to provide for their direct relief and work programs or their contributory share of public assistance programs of any nature shall be decided by the Department of Health and Welfare and the State Auditor.

R.S.1954, c. 102, § 11.