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**CHAPTER 515-S.F.No.997**

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*An act relating to civil actions; abolishing all civil causes of action for breach of promise to marry, alienation of affections, criminal conversation and seduction.*

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

Section 1. **[553.01] BREACH OF PROMISE, ALIENATION OF AFFECTIONS, CRIMINAL CONVERSATION AND SEDUCTION; DECLARATION OF POLICY.** Actions based upon alleged alienation of affections, criminal conversation, seduction and breach of contract to marry, have been subject to grave abuses, have caused intimidation and harassment, to innocent persons and have resulted in the perpetration of frauds. It is declared as the public policy of the state that the best interests of the people of the state will be served by the abolition of these causes of action.

Sec. 2. **[553.02] CIVIL CAUSES ABOLISHED.** All civil causes of action for breach of promise to marry, alienation of affections, criminal conversation and seduction are abolished.

Sec. 3. **[553.03] BREACH OF CONTRACT TO MARRY NOT ACTIONABLE.** No act done within this state shall operate to give rise, either within or without this state, to any of the rights of action abolished by this act. No contract to marry made or entered into in this state shall operate to give rise, either within or without this state, to any cause or right of action for breach, nor shall any action alleging breach of contract to marry be heard in the courts of this state.

Sec. 4. This act is effective the day following final enactment, but shall not be construed to have any effect on actions already commenced.

Approved March 23, 1978.

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**CHAPTER 516-S.F.No.1229**

*An act relating to commerce; permitting price advertising of eyeglasses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 148.57, Subdivision 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 148.57, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **REVOCATION, SUSPENSION.** The board may revoke the license or **Changes or additions indicated by underline deletions by ~~strikeout~~**

suspend the right to practice of any person who has been convicted of any violation of sections 148.52 to 148.62 or of any other criminal offense, or who is found by the board to be grossly incompetent; afflicted with contagious disease; an habitual drunkard; or guilty of unprofessional conduct. "Unprofessional conduct" means any conduct of a character likely to deceive or defraud the public, including, among other things, ~~price advertising, and free examination advertising,~~ the loaning of his license by any licensed optometrist to any person; the employment of "cappers" or "steerers" to obtain business; splitting or dividing a fee with any person; the obtaining of any fee or compensation by fraud or misrepresentation; employing directly or indirectly any suspended or unlicensed optometrist to perform any work covered by sections 148.52 to 148.62; the advertising by any means of optometric practice or treatment or advice in which untruthful, improbable, misleading, or impossible statements are made. After one year, upon application and proof that the disqualification has ceased, the board may reinstate such person.

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CHAPTER 517-S.F.No.1282

*An act relating to public health; authorizing school superintendents appointed to county nursing committees to designate certain other persons to serve in their place; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 145.12.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 145.12, is amended to read:

**145.12 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOME HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE.** Subdivision 1. **MEMBERS; EXPENSES AND PAYMENTS.** The board of county commissioners of any county, except counties now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more, and except Cook, Isanti, and Kanabec counties, shall detail county public health nurses and home health service personnel to act under the direction of the county board of health or a public health nursing committee composed of at least five members, as follows:

(1) ~~The county superintendent of schools if there be one; otherwise~~ The county commissioners shall appoint one member from among the superintendents of independent school districts in ~~such~~ the county. Another person may be designated by the appointed superintendent to serve on this committee in place of the superintendent. This person shall be employed in the same district as the appointed superintendent;

(2) The county health officer or a physician appointed by the county commissioners;

(3) A county commissioner appointed by the board of county commissioners;

(4) Two residents of the county appointed by the county commissioners.

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