

CHAPTER 114 — S.F.No. 358

An act relating to counties; permitting changes to appointed coroners, medical examiners, and death investigations in certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 390.005, by adding a subdivision; and 390.35.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 390.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. VACANCY; CORONER'S OFFICE. Notwithstanding subdivision 2, when there is a vacancy in the office of coroner in any county in which the office has not been abolished, the board of county commissioners may by resolution declare its intention to fill the office by appointment. Upon adoption of the resolution, the board shall fill the office by appointment immediately. The coroner shall serve for a term as determined by the board but not to exceed four years.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 390.35, is amended to read:

390.35 ELECTION TO FOLLOW SIMPLIFIED INVESTIGATION.

Sections 390.31 to 390.35 apply only to those counties in which the county board elects to be bound by its provisions in lieu of any other law relating to coroners. In any county in which sections 390.31 to 390.35 apply, the county board may by resolution resume death investigations under sections 390.005 to 390.26. The board shall then fill the office of coroner as provided by section 390.005.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day after final enactment.

Approved May 10, 1983

CHAPTER 115 — S.F.No. 611

An act relating to occupations and professions; limiting municipal regulation of tow truck operators; limiting removal by tow trucks from private property; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 465.

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

Section 1. **[465.75] REGULATION OF VEHICLE TOWERS LIMITED.**

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Subdivision 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them:

(a) "Vehicle tower" means a person engaged in the business of towing or recovering vehicles by means of a crane, hoist, tow bar, tow line, or dolly for the purpose of moving or transporting wrecked, damaged, disabled, replacement, or abandoned vehicles; and

(b) "Municipality" means a statutory or home rule charter city or a town.

Subd. 2. REQUEST BY OWNER. No municipality may prohibit the operation within its boundaries of a vehicle tower who is not licensed by that municipality and who is responding to a service request from a person who is the owner or operator or the agent of the owner or operator of the motor vehicle for which vehicle towing service is requested.

Subd. 3. PRIVATE PROPERTY. No vehicle tower may remove a motor vehicle by towing, carrying, hauling or pushing from private property except at the request of a person who is the owner or operator or the agent of the owner or operator of the vehicle, or the owner or agent of the owner of the private property.

Approved May 10, 1983

CHAPTER 116 — S.F.No. 653

An act relating to natural resources; authorizing the marking of canoe and boating routes on the Pine river; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 85.32, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 85.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. AREAS MARKED. The commissioner of natural resources is authorized in cooperation with local units of government and private individuals and groups when feasible to mark canoe and boating routes on the Little Fork, Big Fork, Minnesota, St. Croix, Snake, Mississippi, Red Lake, Cannon, Straight, Des Moines, Crow Wing, St. Louis, Pine, Rum, Kettle, Cloquet, Root, Zumbro and Crow rivers which have historic and scenic values and to mark appropriately points of interest, portages, camp sites, and all dams, rapids, waterfalls, whirlpools, and other serious hazards which are dangerous to canoe and watercraft travelers.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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