

(d) The provisions of this section do not restrict the entry by employees of the home into a resident's room or into areas where the personal possessions of residents are stored for the purpose of providing care or services to the resident or for housekeeping and maintenance purposes. The provisions of this section do not apply to inspections conducted by governmental agencies for the purpose of assessing compliance with state or federal laws and regulations.

(e) Unauthorized searches or seizures by employees of the Minnesota veterans home may be grounds for dismissal.

Subd. 2. WAIVER PROHIBITED. The Minnesota veterans home may not require a resident to waive protection against unreasonable searches and seizures as a condition of eligibility for admission or continuing residence at the home. A search conducted under a waiver obtained in violation of this section is an unlawful search and seizure and the person aggrieved may move the district court for return of his property under section 626.21.

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CHAPTER 175 — H.F.No. 74

An act relating to notaries public; increasing the fees they may charge; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 357.17.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 357.17, is amended to read:
357.17 **NOTARIES PUBLIC.**

The maximum fees to be charged and collected by a notary public shall be as follows, ~~and no other or greater fees shall be charged:~~

- (1) For protest of nonpayment of note or bill of exchange or of nonacceptance of such bill, where protest is legally necessary, and copy thereof, \$1;
- (2) For every other protest and copy, ~~25 cents~~ \$1;
- (3) For making and serving every notice of nonpayment of note or nonacceptance of bill and copy thereof, ~~25 cents~~ \$1;
- (4) For any affidavit or paper for which provision is not made herein, ~~20 cents~~ \$1 per folio, and ~~six~~ 20 cents per folio for copies;
- (5) For each oath administered, ~~25 cents~~ \$1;
- (6) For acknowledgments of deeds and for other services authorized by law, the legal fees allowed other officers for like services;

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(7) For recording each instrument required by law to be recorded by him, ~~ten cents~~ \$1 per folio.

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CHAPTER 176 — H.F.No. 140

An act relating to public utilities; requiring public utilities to consider customer schedule needs when reading nonaccessible meters; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

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

Section 1. [216B.075] PUBLIC UTILITY METER READING; ACCOMMODATION OF CUSTOMER SCHEDULING NEEDS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of rule or policy to the contrary, every public utility providing natural gas or electricity at retail shall make a reasonable effort to obtain readings at least once every 18 months from nonaccessible meters. Readings shall be obtained at times that meet the needs of customer schedules. Utilities shall make a reasonable effort to provide evening and Saturday or Sunday meter reading service at no extra charge to a customer whose work or other schedule makes a business hour reading of meters a hardship. Utilities may refuse to read a customer's meter during nondaylight hours if such activity could threaten the safety of the utility meter-reading employee.

A utility may also allow a customer to self-read the customer's meter for periods of time not to exceed 18 months, provided that the customer is reminded periodically of the potentially serious financial consequences of errors in self-reading.

A utility may terminate service to a customer who refuses to allow a utility company employee access to a nonaccessible meter for a period of 18 months or more.

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CHAPTER 177 — H.F.No. 166

An act relating to local government; providing for prosecution of certain gross misdemeanors; authorizing agreements between cities and counties for the prosecution of certain offenses by county attorneys; authorizing counties pursuant to agreement with cities to engage attorneys for prosecution of misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors, and violations of municipal ordinances, charters, and regulations; establishing a formula for disposition of

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