

When the merger occurs, any unexpended balances from the above appropriation are available to the merged department for the purposes of general support.

The commissioner shall present a complete budget and staffing plan to the committees on finance in the senate and appropriations in the house by September 1, 1981.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved June 1, 1983

CHAPTER 228 — S.F.No. 427

An act relating to the safety of buildings and structures; regulating the application of the state building code to hospitals; establishing new requirements for the use of glazed safety glass in hazardous locations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 16.851, subdivision 3; and 299G.13, subdivisions 3 and 10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 16.851, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Nothing in the state building code shall require that each door entering a sleeping or patient's room from a corridor in a nursing home or hospital with an approved complete standard automatic fire extinguishing system be constructed or maintained as self-closing or automatically closing.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 299G.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. "Hazardous locations" means those structural elements, glazed or to be glazed, in residential buildings and other structures used as dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial buildings, and public buildings, known as interior and exterior commercial entrance and exit doors, and the immediately adjacent ~~flat fixed~~ operable and inoperable glazed panels, sliding glass door units including the fixed glazed panels which are part of such units, storm or combination doors, shower and bathtub enclosures, primary residential entrance and exit doors and the ~~fixed or~~ operable and inoperable adjacent sidelites, whether or not the glazing in such doors, panels and enclosures is transparent.

Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 299G.13, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. "~~Fixed flat Operable and inoperable~~ glazed panels immediately adjacent to entrance or exit doors" means the first fixed flat glazed panel panels on either or both sides of interior or exterior doors, 48 inches or less in width, the and within the same wallplane as the door, whose nearest vertical edge of which is located within six feet horizontally of the nearest vertical edge of the door 12 inches of the door in a closed position and whose bottom edge is less than 60 inches above the floor or walking surface.

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CHAPTER 229 — S.F.No. 527

An act relating to legal liability; prohibiting retaliation against an individual who complies with the child abuse reporting act; providing damages for retaliation; clarifying immunity provisions for good faith compliance with the child abuse reporting act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 626.556, subdivision 4, and by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 626.556, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.** (a) Any person, including those voluntarily making reports and those required to make reports under subdivision 3, participating in good faith and exercising due care in the making of a report pursuant to this section shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might result by reason of his action.

(b) A supervisor or social worker employed by a local welfare agency, who in good faith exercises due care when complying with subdivisions 10 and 11 or any related rule or provision of law, shall have immunity from any civil liability that otherwise might result by reason of his action.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 626.556, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. RETALIATION PROHIBITED. (a) An employer of any person required to make reports under subdivision 3 shall not retaliate against the person for reporting in good faith suspected abuse or neglect pursuant to this section, or against a child with respect to whom a report is made, because of the report.

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