

The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of labor and industry to administer the Employee Right to Know Act, to be available for the fiscal year ending June 30 in the years indicated. Any unencumbered balance remaining in the first year does not cancel but is available for the second year of the biennium.

<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

The department of labor and industry is directed to seek federal match from the occupational safety and health administration.

The approved complement of the department of labor and industry is increased by two positions.

Sec. 31. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 30 are effective January 1, 1984. Section 17 is effective July 1, 1984. Section 29 is effective on the day following final enactment.

Approved June 14, 1983

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CHAPTER 317 — H.F.No. 253

An act relating to the operation of state government; clarifying certain provisions regarding the term and duties of the legislative auditor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 3.97, subdivision 4; 3.972; and 462A.22, subdivision 10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 3.97, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Until the expiration of his term the incumbent public examiner upon the effective date of this section shall continue in the legislative branch but as the legislative auditor. Thereafter, the commission shall appoint a legislative auditor. The legislative auditor is the executive secretary of the commission. After the expiration of the term of the incumbent public examiner the legislative auditor shall serve at the pleasure of the commission until May 1, 1977. Thereafter, The legislative auditor shall be appointed by the commission for a six year term. He shall serve in the unclassified service. He shall not at any time while in office hold any other public office. The legislative auditor appointed on

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May 2, 1977, shall not be removed from his office before the expiration of his term of service except for cause after public hearing.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 3.972, is amended to read:

3.972 **DUTIES AS TO STATE AGENCIES AND SEMI-STATE AGENCIES; AUDITS; DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. For the purposes of this section, "public accountant" means a certified public accountant, certified public accounting firm, or a licensed public accountant licensed by the board of accountancy pursuant to sections 326.17 to 326.23.

Subd. 2. AUDITS OF STATE AND SEMI-STATE AGENCIES. The legislative auditor shall make a constant audit of all financial affairs of all departments and agencies of the state, and of the financial records and transactions of public boards, associations, and societies supported, wholly or in part, by state funds. Once in each year, if funds and personnel permit, without previous notice, he shall visit each of such state departments and agencies, associations or societies and, so far as practicable, inspect such agencies, thoroughly examine the books and accounts thereof, verifying the funds, securities and other assets, check the items of receipts and disbursements with the voucher records thereof, ascertain the character of the official bonds for the officers thereof and the financial ability of the bondsmen, inspect the sources of revenue thereof, the use and disposition of state appropriations and property, investigate the methods of purchase and sale, the character of contracts on public account, ascertain proper custody and depository for the funds and securities thereof, verify the inventory of public property and other assets held in trust, and ascertain that all financial transactions and operations involving the public funds and property of the state comply with the spirit and purpose of the law, are sound by modern standards of financial management and are for the best protection of the public interest.

Subd. 3. AUDIT CONTRACTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a state department, board, commission, or other state agency shall not negotiate a contract with a public accountant for an audit, except a contract negotiated by the state auditor for an audit of a local government, unless the contract has been reviewed by the legislative auditor. The legislative auditor shall not participate in the selection of the public accountant, but shall review and submit written comments on the proposed contract within seven days of its receipt. Upon completion of the audit, the legislative auditor shall be given a copy of the final report.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 462A.22, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. All of the ~~official~~ books and records of the agency shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor in the manner prescribed for other agencies of state government. The agency is authorized also to employ and to

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contract in its resolutions and indentures for the employment of independent public accountants for the audit of books and records pertaining to any fund or funds. The legislative auditor shall review contracts with public accountants as provided in section 2.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 318 — H.F.No. 257

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for certain motor vehicles owned by certain members of the Minnesota national guard; imposing fees; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 168.12, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 168.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2c. NATIONAL GUARD; SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE. The registrar shall issue special license plates to any applicant who is a regularly enlisted or commissioned member of the Minnesota national guard, other than an inactive or retired member, and is an owner or joint owner of a passenger automobile, station wagon, or van or pickup truck included within the definition of a passenger automobile upon payment of a fee of \$10, payment of the registration tax required by law, and compliance with other laws of this state relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and drivers. The adjutant general shall design these special plates subject to the approval of the registrar. No applicant shall be issued more than two sets of plates for vehicles owned or jointly owned by the applicant. The adjutant general shall estimate the number of special plates that will be required and submit the estimate to the registrar.

Special plates issued under this subdivision may only be used during the period that the owner or joint owner of the vehicle is an active member of the Minnesota national guard as specified in this subdivision. When the person to whom the special plates were issued is no longer an active member of the Minnesota national guard, the special plates must be removed from the vehicle and returned to the registrar. Upon return of the special plates, the owner or purchaser of the vehicle is entitled to receive regular plates for the vehicle without cost for the remainder of the registration period for which the special plates were issued. While the person is an active member of the Minnesota

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