

CHAPTER 630 — S.F.No. 1905

An act relating to crimes; providing penalties for falsely reporting a medical emergency and for interfering with emergency communications over a citizen's band radio channel; imposing a penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 1983 Supplement, section 609.78.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1983 Supplement, section 609.78, is amended to read:

609.78 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALLS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Whoever does the following is guilty of a misdemeanor:

(1) Refuses to relinquish immediately a coin-operated telephone or a telephone line consisting of two or more stations when informed that the line is needed to make an emergency call for medical or ambulance service or for assistance from a police or fire department or for other service needed in an emergency to avoid serious harm to person or property, and an emergency ~~in fact~~ exists;

(2) Secures a relinquishment of a coin-operated telephone or a telephone line consisting of two or more stations by falsely stating that the line is needed for an emergency; ~~or~~

(3) Publishes telephone directories to be used for telephones or telephone lines and the directories do not contain a copy of this section;

(4) Makes an emergency call for medical or ambulance service, knowing that no medical emergency exists; or

(5) Interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the transmission of a citizen's band radio channel communication the purpose of which is to inform or inquire about a medical emergency or an emergency in which property is or is reasonably believed to be in imminent danger of damage or destruction.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day after final enactment and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Approved May 2, 1984

CHAPTER 631 — S.F.No. 1884

An act relating to occupations and professions; establishing a task force to study the problem of sexual exploitation by counselors and therapists.

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

Section 1. TASK FORCE ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION BY PSYCHOTHERAPISTS.

Subdivision 1. CREATION; MEMBERSHIP. The commissioner of corrections shall appoint a task force to study the problem of sexual exploitation by counselors and therapists. The task force shall consist of not more than 18 members who are broadly representative of the state, including representatives of professional organizations, board of medical examiners, board of psychology, and board of nursing, agencies and individuals offering counseling or therapy services, the legal community, appropriate state agencies, women's organizations, mental health advocacy organizations, men's organizations, and consumers. The terms, compensation, and removal of members are as provided in section 15.059.

Subd. 2. STATEWIDE PLAN. The task force shall develop a statewide plan to:

(1) educate the public about the nature and scope of sexual exploitation by counselors and therapists;

(2) educate counselors and therapists, their employers, and training institutions about the consequences of and methods of preventing unethical conduct; and

(3) educate clients and potential clients about their rights, ways to select nonabusive counselors and therapists, and remedies for sexual exploitation by a counselor or therapist.

Subd. 3. RECOMMENDATIONS. Based on its findings, the task force shall make recommendations to the legislature by February 1, 1985, on:

(1) the need for a bill of rights for counseling and therapy clients;

(2) the need to improve the procedures and rules of regulatory agencies to minimize trauma for complainants and standardize penalties;

(3) the advisability of prohibiting information concerning the previous sexual conduct of a client or former client in proceedings of regulatory agencies;

(4) the need to create a felony offense for sexual exploitation by a counselor or therapist;

(5) the need for increasing damage awards in civil suits involving sexual exploitation by counselors or therapists;

(6) the need to require rules of professional conduct that prohibit sexual contact with clients and patients and require reporting of known violations;

(7) the need for regulation of all professionals engaging in therapy and counseling; and

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(8) the need for other actions to address the problem of sexual exploitation by counselors and therapists.

Subd. 4. EXPIRATION. The task force expires on July 1, 1985.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 632 — S.F.No. 1455

An act relating to health; exempting schools from license fee requirements of the department of health; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 157.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 157.03, is amended to read:

157.03 LICENSES REQUIRED; FEES.

Each year every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of conducting an hotel, motel, restaurant, lodging house, boarding house, or resort, or place of refreshment, or who shall hereafter engage in conducting any such business, except vending machine operators licensed under the license provisions of sections 28A.01 to 28A.16, must procure a license for each hotel, motel, restaurant, lodging house, boarding house, or resort, or place of refreshment so conducted. For any hotel, motel or resort in which food, fountain, or bar service is furnished, one license, in addition to the hotel or resort license, shall be sufficient for all restaurants and places of refreshment conducted on the same premises and under the same management with the hotel, motel or resort. Each license shall expire and be renewed as prescribed by the commissioner pursuant to section 144.122. Any proprietor who operates a place of business after the expiration date without first having made application for a license and without having made payment of the fee thereof shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this chapter and be subject to prosecution, as provided in this chapter. In addition thereto, a penalty in an amount prescribed by the commissioner pursuant to section 144.122 shall be added to the amount of the license fee and paid by the proprietor, as provided herein, if the application has not reached the office of the state commissioner of health within 30 days following the expiration of license; or, in the case of a new business, 30 days after the opening date of the business. The state commissioner of health shall furnish to any person, firm or corporation desiring to conduct an hotel, motel, restaurant, lodging house, boarding house, or resort, or place of refreshment an application

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