

privileges, have been revoked, the commissioner may only issue a limited license to the person after the person has presented an insurance identification card, policy, or written statement indicating that the driver or owner has insurance coverage satisfactory to the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner of public safety may require the insurance identification card provided to satisfy this subdivision be certified by the insurance company to be noncancelable for a period not to exceed 12 months.

Sec. 17. **REPORT.**

The department of public safety, in consultation with the information policy office, shall study the feasibility of computer communication between insurance companies and the department, by which the department is informed of a driver whose insurance is canceled. The department shall report on its study to the legislature.

Sec. 18. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 65B.481, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 322—H.F.No. 892

An act relating to public safety; requiring certain types of smoke detectors in new construction; authorizing more stringent local smoke detector requirements; creating the position of public fire safety educator; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 299F.362, subdivisions 6, 7, 9, and by adding subdivisions.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 299F.362, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. NEW CONSTRUCTION; DWELLINGS. In construction of a new dwelling, each smoke detector must be attached to a centralized power source.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 299F.362, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **PENALTIES.** (a) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be subject to the same penalty ~~incurred~~ and the enforcement mechanism that is provided for violation of the uniform fire code, as specified in section 299F.011, subdivision 6.

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(b) An occupant who willfully disables a smoke detector or causes it to be nonfunctioning, resulting in damage or injury to persons or property, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 299F.362, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT; VARIANCES.** This section prohibits a local unit of government from adopting standards different from those provided in this section; ~~except that, as to new construction, a local unit of government may require that smoke detectors be attached to a centralized electrical power source.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 299F.362, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. Notwithstanding subdivision 7, or other law, ~~the a local~~ governing body of the city of Saint Paul may adopt, by ordinance, rules for the installation of a smoke detector in single-family homes in the city that are more restrictive than the standards provided by this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subdivision ~~shall~~ may be enforced through ~~the a~~ truth-in-housing inspection.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 299F.362, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY EDUCATOR. The position of Minnesota public fire safety educator is established in the department of public safety.

Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATION; INCREASED COMPLEMENT.**

Subdivision 1. APPROPRIATION. \$114,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to carry out Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.362. Of this amount, \$60,000 is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and \$54,000 is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991.

Subd. 2. PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY EDUCATOR. The complement of the department of public safety is increased by one position for the purposes of section 5.

Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

Section 5 is repealed June 30, 1991.

Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 5 and 6 are effective July 1, 1989. Section 1 is effective August 1, 1989, for construction of dwellings begun on or after that date.

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