

(3) reimbursing telephone companies for purchases made or services provided under section 237.53, subdivision 5; and

(4) contracting for establishment and operation of the message relay service required by section 237.54.

All costs directly associated with the establishment of the board and program, the purchase and distribution of communication devices, and the establishment and operation of the message relay service are either reimbursable or directly payable from the fund after authorization by the board. Notwithstanding section 16A.41, the board may advance money to the contractor of the message relay service if the contractor establishes to the board's satisfaction that the advance payment is necessary for the operation of the service. The advance payment may be used only for working capital reserve for the operation of the service. The advance payment must be offset or repaid by the end of the contract fiscal year together with interest accrued from the date of payment.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 2 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 17, 1992

Signed by the governor April 27, 1992, 1:46 p.m.

CHAPTER 519—H.F.No. 2115

An act relating to St. Louis county; providing for partition fence disputes to include certain findings relating to the benefit and need of the parties; providing for the apportionment of the costs of the partition fence.

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

Section 1. [383C.809] ST. LOUIS COUNTY; PARTITION FENCE CONTROVERSIES.

Notwithstanding chapter 344, when an owner or occupant of land in St. Louis county applies to the fence viewers for settlement of a partition fence controversy under chapter 344, the fence viewers shall not require an owner or occupant who can establish to the fence viewers that he or she has no need for a fence to pay any share of the cost of construction or maintenance of the fence. If an owner or occupant is exempt from payment of any of the costs of a partition fence because the owner or occupant does not need the fence, but that owner's or occupant's circumstances change to include the need for a partition fence within seven years of completion of the partition fence, either owner or occupant may request the fence viewers to perform a reevaluation and reassignment of shares of the cost of construction and maintenance in accordance with section 344.06. If the landowners or occupants disagree about the need for a

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fence, it is a controversy under that section. A decision by the fence viewers of a controversy relating to a partition fence may include an assignment of shares of the cost of construction, repair, or maintenance of a partition fence in accordance with the need and benefit of each party. Except as provided in this section, all other controversies relating to partition fences shall conform to chapter 344.

Sec. 2. LOCAL APPROVAL.

This act is effective the day after the St. Louis county board complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Presented to the governor April 17, 1992

Signed by the governor April 27, 1992, 1:48 p.m.

CHAPTER 520—H.F.No. 1980

An act relating to insurance; clarifying interest on accidental death benefits; regulating the structure and functions of the Minnesota automobile insurance plan; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, sections 61A.011, by adding a subdivision; 65B.01; 65B.02, subdivisions 1, 4, and 7; 65B.03, subdivision 1; 65B.04, subdivisions 3, 4, and by adding a subdivision; 65B.05; 65B.06; 65B.07, subdivision 4; 65B.08, subdivisions 1 and 2; 65B.09; 65B.10; and 65B.12, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1990, sections 65B.04, subdivisions 1 and 2; and 65B.07, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 61A.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFITS. Payments of accidental death benefits under an individual or group policy, whether payable in connection with a separate policy issued solely to provide that type of coverage or otherwise, are subject to this section. If the applicable rate of interest cannot be determined as provided in this section, the rate of interest for purposes of subdivision 1 is the rate provided in section 549.09, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 65B.01, is amended to read:

65B.01 PURPOSES, CONSTRUCTION AND SCOPE.

Subdivision 1. **PURPOSE.** The purposes of ~~Laws 1971, chapter 813 sections 65B.01 to 65B.12~~ are to provide the guarantee that automobile insurance coverage will be available to any person who is unable to procure such insurance through ordinary methods by providing a facility for the placement of automobile insurance risks with insurers, and to preserve to the public the benefits of

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