

home rule charter city or town may not require a person licensed as an auctioneer by a county and bonded under this chapter to obtain an additional license or give an additional bond in order to act as an auctioneer in the city or town. A statutory or home rule charter city or town may require an auctioneer who intends to conduct an auction in the city or town to submit proof of licensure and compliance with the bond requirements of this chapter at least 14 days before the date of the auction.

Presented to the governor May 15, 1993

Signed by the governor May 19, 1993, 8:33 a.m.

CHAPTER 252—H.F.No. 454

An act relating to economic development; requiring a summary of performance measures for business loan or grant programs from the department of trade and economic development; creating a task force on the state's economic future and competitiveness; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 116J.58, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 116J.58, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **ENUMERATION.** The commissioner shall:

(1) investigate, study, and undertake ways and means of promoting and encouraging the prosperous development and protection of the legitimate interest and welfare of Minnesota business, industry, and commerce, within and outside the state;

(2) locate markets for manufacturers and processors and aid merchants in locating and contacting markets;

(3) investigate and study conditions affecting Minnesota business, industry, and commerce and collect and disseminate information, and engage in technical studies, scientific investigations, and statistical research and educational activities necessary or useful for the proper execution of the powers and duties of the commissioner in promoting and developing Minnesota business, industry, and commerce, both within and outside the state;

(4) plan and develop an effective business information service both for the direct assistance of business and industry of the state and for the encouragement of business and industry outside the state to use economic facilities within the state;

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(5) compile, collect, and develop periodically, or otherwise make available, information relating to current business conditions;

(6) conduct or encourage research designed to further new and more extensive uses of the natural and other resources of the state and designed to develop new products and industrial processes;

(7) study trends and developments in the industries of the state and analyze the reasons underlying the trends; study costs and other factors affecting successful operation of businesses within the state; and make recommendations regarding circumstances promoting or hampering business and industrial development;

(8) serve as a clearing house for business and industrial problems of the state; and advise small business enterprises regarding improved methods of accounting and bookkeeping;

(9) cooperate with interstate commissions engaged in formulating and promoting the adoption of interstate compacts and agreements helpful to business, industry, and commerce;

(10) cooperate with other state departments, and with boards, commissions, and other state agencies, in the preparation and coordination of plans and policies for the development of the state and for the use and conservation of its resources insofar as the use, conservation, and development may be appropriately directed or influenced by a state agency;

(11) assemble and coordinate information relative to the status, scope, cost, and employment possibilities and the availability of materials, equipment, and labor in connection with public works projects, state, county, and municipal; recommend limitations on the public works; gather current progress information with reference to public and private works projects of the state and its political subdivisions with reference to conditions of employment; inquire into and report to the governor, when requested by the governor, with respect to any program of public state improvements and the financing thereof; and request and obtain information from other state departments or agencies as may be needed properly to report thereon;

(12) study changes in population and current trends and prepare plans and suggest policies for the development and conservation of the resources of the state;

(13) confer and cooperate with the executive, legislative, or planning authorities of the United States and neighboring states and of the counties and municipalities of such neighboring states, for the purpose of bringing about a coordination between the development of such neighboring states, counties, and municipalities and the development of this state;

(14) generally, gather, compile, and make available statistical information relating to business, trade, commerce, industry, transportation, communication,

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natural resources, and other like subjects in this state, with authority to call upon other departments of the state for statistical data and results obtained by them and to arrange and compile that statistical information in a manner that seems wise;

(15) prepare an annual report to the legislature estimating, and to the extent possible, describing the number of Minnesota companies which have left the state or moved to surrounding states or other countries. The report should include an estimate of the number of jobs lost by these moves, an estimate of the total employment payroll, average hourly wage of those jobs lost and those created in the new location, and to the extent possible, the reasons for each company moving out of state, if known;

~~(15) (16) publish documents and annually convene regional meetings to inform businesses, local government units, assistance providers, and other interested persons of changes in state and federal law related to economic development; and~~

~~(16) (17) annually convene conferences of providers of economic development related financial and technical assistance for the purposes of exchanging information on economic development assistance, coordinating economic development activities, and formulating economic development strategies; and~~

(18) prepare, as part of biennial budget process with an annual interim summary for the legislature, performance measures for each business loan or grant program within the jurisdiction of the commissioner. Measures would include source of funds for each program, numbers of jobs proposed or promised at the time of application and the number of jobs created, estimated number of jobs retained, the average salary and benefits for the jobs resulting from the program, estimated number of jobs displaced, if any, and the number of projects approved.

Sec. 2. [116J.581] COMPETITIVENESS TASK FORCE.

Subdivision 1. CREATION. There is created a permanent task force on the state's economic future and competitiveness. The task force is composed of the governor (ex officio); the commissioners of the departments of jobs and training, trade and economic development, commerce, and labor and industry; the chancellor of the higher education board; the president of the largest statewide Minnesota organized labor organization as measured by the number of its members in affiliated labor organizations; the deans of the business schools at the University of Minnesota and St. Thomas University and the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs; the science and technology advisor to the governor; six representatives from private sector businesses appointed by the governor, two from companies with more than 1,000 employees, two from companies with 101 to 1,000 employees, and two from companies with less than 100 employees; two members representing environmental interests; and designees of the majority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the house of representatives. The chair of the task force shall be elected by the members from the private sec-

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tor members. Terms of private sector members shall be for a minimum of three years and a maximum of five years.

Subd. 2. DUTIES. The task force shall:

(1) monitor implementation of the state's economic blueprint, particularly as it pertains to the long-range competitiveness of Minnesota's companies, published by the department of trade and economic development in November 1992;

(2) issue long-range policy recommendations for the state to achieve its long-range economic goals;

(3) hold periodic forums and symposiums involving renowned experts in areas pertaining to economic development and job creation;

(4) meet on call of the chair to receive reports and to provide ongoing counsel and advice to the legislature and the commissioner of trade and economic development;

(5) make recommendations as to modification or numeric changes in the economic blueprint to maintain its relevance and significance;

(6) ensure that goals, proposals, and recommendations should be quantified to the extent possible;

(7) utilize modern modeling tools to determine the long-range competitive impact of past, present, and proposed legislative action; and

(8) scrutinize all legislation that can impact the state's economic future or the competitiveness of Minnesota enterprise.

Subd. 3. REPORTS. The task force shall make annual reports to the governor and legislature on or before February 1. The first report is due by February 1, 1994.

Subd. 4. CONTINUATION OF TASK FORCE. The task force shall not expire but shall continue until terminated by a law specifically terminating it.

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CHAPTER 253—H.F.No. 1151

An act relating to employment; requiring wage payments at certain times; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 181.101.

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