

Presented to the governor May 6, 1993

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### CHAPTER 97—S.F.No. 913

*An act relating to employment; modifying provisions relating to and renaming the Minnesota council for the blind and the consumer advisory council; establishing a rehabilitation advisory council for the blind; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 248.10; and 268A.02, subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 248.10, is amended to read:

#### 248.10 REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND.

~~Subdivision 1. MEMBERSHIP. The Minnesota council for the blind consists of nine members appointed by the commissioner to four-year terms. At least five of the council members must be blind or visually handicapped.~~

~~Subd. 2. REMOVAL; VACANCIES. The compensation, removal of members; and filling of vacancies on the council are as provided in section 15.0575.~~

~~Subd. 3. DUTIES. The council shall:~~

~~(1) advise the commissioner on the qualifications for the director of services for the blind;~~

~~(2) advise the commissioner on the development of policies, programs, and services affecting the blind and visually impaired, and on the use of appropriate federal money;~~

~~(3) advise the commissioner on policies relating to eligibility determinations;~~

~~(4) create a public awareness of the special needs and potential of blind and visually impaired persons; and~~

~~(5) provide the commissioner with a review of ongoing services, programs, and proposed legislation affecting the blind and visually impaired.~~

The commissioner shall establish a rehabilitation advisory council for the blind consistent with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law Number 93-112, as amended through December 31, 1992. Advisory council members shall be compensated as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3. Members of the council for the blind appointed before July 1, 1993, shall serve on the advisory council until the end of their appointed terms. The advisory council shall

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advise the commissioner about programs of the division of services for the blind and visually handicapped. The advisory council is limited to 15 members, a majority of whom must be blind or visually handicapped.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 268A.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. ~~CONSUMER REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL. To~~ assure that consumer concerns are a major consideration in the department's programs, policies, and decision-making process, the commissioner shall establish and appoint a consumer advisory council on vocational rehabilitation which shall be composed of no more than 13 members. A majority of the members of the council shall be persons with a disability who are current or former recipients of vocational rehabilitation services or who represent consumer/advocacy organizations that regularly serve vocational rehabilitation clients. If a qualified person is available to so serve, one person shall be appointed to the council to represent each of the following: business, labor, education, medicine, and the private not-for-profit rehabilitation industry. The remaining members shall be public members. Under the direction of the commissioner, the council shall organize itself and elect a chair and other officers as it deems appropriate. The council shall meet at the call of the chair or the commissioner as often as necessary. The terms, compensation, and removal of members of the council shall be as provided in section 15.059. The council shall not expire as provided by section 15.059, subdivision 5. The commissioner shall establish a state rehabilitation advisory council consistent with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law Number 93-112, as amended through December 31, 1992. Members of the advisory council shall be compensated as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3. Members of the consumer advisory council appointed prior to July 1, 1993, shall serve on the rehabilitation advisory council until the end of their appointed terms.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

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#### CHAPTER 98—S.F.No. 561

*An act relating to traffic regulations; directing commissioner of public safety to issue temporary permit immediately to applicant for special disabled license plates or parking certificate; providing penalty for unauthorized use of temporary permit; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 168.021, subdivisions 1, 1a, and 3; 169.345, subdivisions 3 and 4; and 169.346, subdivisions 1, 2, and 3.*

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