CHAPTER 13—S.F.No. 323

An act relating to housing; clarifying provisions relating to retaliatory conduct and manufactured home parks; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 327C.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 327C.12, is amended to read:

327C.12 RETALIATORY CONDUCT PROHIBITED.

A park owner may not increase rent, decrease services, alter an existing rental agreement or seek to recover possession or threaten such action in whole or in part as a penalty for a resident's:

- (a) good faith complaint to the park owner or to a government agency or official;
- (b) good faith attempt to exercise rights or remedies pursuant to state or federal law; or
- (c) joining and participating in the activities of a resident association as defined under section 327C.01, subdivision 9a.

In any proceeding in which retaliatory conduct is alleged, the burden of proving otherwise shall be on the park owner if the owner's challenged action began within 90 days after the resident engaged in any of the activities protected by this section identified in clause (a), (b), or (c). If the challenged action began more than 90 days after the resident engaged in the protected activity, the party claiming retaliation must make a prima facie case. The park owner must then prove otherwise; or

(c) joining and participating in the activities of a resident association as defined under section 327C.01, subdivision 9a.

Presented to the governor March 20, 1995

Signed by the governor March 20, 1995, 2:32 p.m.

CHAPTER 14—H.F.No. 749

An act relating to housing; modifying eligibility for transitional housing services; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 268.38, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 268.38, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**. A transitional housing program is established to be administered by the commissioner. The commissioner may make grants to eligible recipients or enter into agreements with community action agencies or other public or private nonprofit agencies to make grants to eligible recipients to initiate, maintain, or expand programs to provide transitional housing and support services for persons in need of transitional housing, which may include up to six months of follow-up support services for persons who complete transitional housing as they stabilize in permanent housing. The commissioner shall ensure that money appropriated to implement this section is distributed as soon as practicable. The commissioner may make grants directly to eligible recipients.

Presented to the governor March 21, 1995

Signed by the governor March 22, 1995, 11:20 a.m.

CHAPTER 15-H.F.No. 362

An act relating to local government; towns; authorizing the town board to set up a petty cash fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 366.01, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 366.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 12. IMPREST FUND. The town board may establish an imprest fund for the payment in cash of any proper claim against the town which it is impractical to pay in any other manner, except that no claim for salary or personal expenses of an officer or employee shall be paid from the fund. The town board shall appoint a custodian of the fund who shall be responsible for its safe-keeping and disbursement according to law. Money for the operation of the fund shall be secured by a transfer from the general fund. A claim itemizing all the various demands for which disbursements have been made from the fund shall be presented to the town board at the next town board meeting after the disbursements have been made. The town board shall act upon it as in the case of other claims and an order shall be issued to the custodian for the amount allowed. The custodian shall use the proceeds of the order to replenish the fund; and if the town board fails to approve the claim in full for any sufficient reason, the custodian shall be personally responsible for the difference.

Presented to the governor March 21, 1995

Signed by the governor March 22, 1995, 11:14 a.m.

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