

or dependent coverage was terminated, canceled, or nonrenewed while that person was on active duty constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice. For purposes of this section paragraphs (a) to (c), "health insurance policy or contract" means any policy, contract, or certificate providing benefits regulated under chapter 62A, 62C, 62D, or 64B.

For purposes of reinstatement of an individual policy, the person shall apply for reinstatement within 90 days after removal from active duty.

The reinstated coverage must not contain any new preexisting condition or other exclusion or limitation, except a condition determined by the Veterans Administration to be a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. The remainder of a preexisting condition limitation that was not satisfied before the coverage was terminated may be applied once the person returns and coverage is reinstated. Reinstatement is effective upon the payment of any required premiums.

(d) Refusing to offer, sell, or renew coverage; limiting coverage; or charging a rate different from that normally charged for the same coverage under a life insurance policy or health plan because the applicant who is also the proposed insured has been or is a victim of domestic abuse is an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice.

Nothing in this paragraph prevents an insurer from underwriting a risk on the basis of the physical or mental history of an individual if the insurer does not take into consideration whether the individual's condition was caused by an act of domestic abuse.

For purposes of this paragraph, "domestic abuse" has the meaning given in section 518B.01, subdivision 2; and "health plan" has the meaning given in section 62Q.01, subdivision 3, and includes the coverages referred to in section 62A.011, subdivision 3, clauses (1), (7), (9), and (10).

## Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.**

Section 1 is effective August 1, 1996, and applies to applications for coverage made on or after that date and to health plans issued or renewed on or after that date to provide coverage to a Minnesota resident.

Presented to the governor February 20, 1996

Signed by the governor February 21, 1996, 10:14 a.m.

## CHAPTER 279—S.F.No. 1909

*An act relating to highways; designating a portion of marked trunk highway No. 52 in Fillmore county as the "Amish Buggy Byway"; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 161.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

Subd. 35. **AMISH BUGGY BYWAY.** Marked trunk highway No. 52, from its intersection with marked trunk highway No. 44 near the city of Prosper to its intersection with marked trunk highway No. 16 east of the city of Preston, is designated the "Amish Buggy Byway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Presented to the governor February 22, 1996

Signed by the governor February 23, 1996, 2:12 p.m.

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#### CHAPTER 280—S.F.No. 1984

*An act relating to natural resources; modifying and adding to the list of canoe and boating routes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1995 Supplement, section 85.32, subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1995 Supplement, section 85.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **AREAS MARKED.** The commissioner of natural resources is authorized in cooperation with local units of government and private individuals and groups when feasible to mark canoe and boating routes on the Little Fork, Big Fork, Minnesota, St. Croix, Snake, Mississippi, Red Lake, Cannon, Straight, Des Moines, Crow Wing, St. Louis, Pine, Rum, Kettle, Cloquet, Root, Zumbro, Pommie de Terre within Swift county, Watonwan, Cottonwood, Whitewater, and Crow rivers which have historic and scenic values and to mark appropriately points of interest, portages, camp sites, and all dams, rapids, waterfalls, whirlpools, and other serious hazards which are dangerous to canoe and watercraft travelers.

Presented to the governor February 22, 1996

Signed by the governor February 23, 1996, 2:15 p.m.

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#### CHAPTER 281—S.F.No. 2514

*An act relating to civil commitment; clarifying the financial responsibility for hearings on the use of neuroleptic medications; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 256G.08, subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 256G.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**New language is indicated by underline, deletions by strikeout.**