

## CHAPTER 46—S.F.No. 137

*An act relating to natural resources; modifying the provisions of the youth corps advisory committee; authorizing the commissioner to make certain contracts and grants; making conservation corps crew services available for natural resources projects; changing the method of allocation of conservation corps crew services; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 84.0887, subdivision 4, and by adding a subdivision; and 84.99.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 84.0887, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** The commissioner shall establish a youth corps advisory committee with broad state representation including youth. The committee expires June 30, 2001.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 84.0887, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. **CONTRACTS; GRANTS.** The commissioner of natural resources may contract with and make grants to nonprofit agencies to assist in carrying out the purposes, plans, and programs of the office of youth programs, Minnesota conservation corps.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 84.99, is amended to read:

**84.99 WORK CREWS; ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.**

The commissioner of natural resources is authorized to provide work crews Minnesota conservation corps crew services to the 14 forested counties that operate land departments under chapter 282. Any money appropriated for these crews must be used for forestry-related programs using participants of the Minnesota conservation corps. Crews shall work on natural resources projects including, but not limited to, forestry projects.

The money must be apportioned to the counties in the proportion that each county's managed commercial forest land is to the managed commercial forest land in all 14 counties. If a county does not use all of its share, the commissioner shall reallocate the balance to those of the 14 counties whose Minnesota conservation corps program was not fully supported by the first allocation for either year. The reallocation must be based on the proportion that commercial forest lands in each county to receive the reallocated money is to the managed commercial forest land in all of the counties receiving a reallocation.

All participating counties will be eligible to receive a minimum of four weeks of three-person crew service. In determining the allocation of additional crew services, the commissioner will apportion the remaining crew time to participating counties in the proportion of the managed commercial forest land in each participating county to the total managed commercial forest land in all participating counties. Participating counties shall submit a two-year work plan to the commissioner in the first year of the biennium. The plan must describe proposed natural resources projects having demonstrable results and long-term benefits. Eligible counties shall notify the commissioner of their intention to participate by April 1 of each odd-numbered year. Crew time not fully utilized by a participating county in the first year of the biennium will be available to that participating county in the second year of the biennium.

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Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective July 1, 1997.

Presented to the governor April 17, 1997

Signed by the governor April 21, 1997, 10:18 a.m.

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**CHAPTER 47—S.F.No. 458**

*An act relating to insurance; clarifying the right to escrow for certain losses in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 65A.50, subdivisions 2, 3, 8, 16, and 17.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 65A.50, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **PARTIAL WITHHOLDING FROM SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS; NOTICE.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, with respect to insured real property located in a municipality which has elected to apply this section as provided in subdivision 12, when a claim is filed for a loss to insured real property due to fire or explosion and a final settlement is reached on the loss to the insured real property, an insurer shall withhold from payment ~~15~~ 25 percent of the actual cash value of the insured real property at the time of the loss or ~~15~~ 25 percent of the final settlement, whichever is less. At the time that ~~15~~ 25 percent of the settlement or judgment is withheld, the insurer shall give notice of the withholding to the treasurer of the municipality in which the insured real property is located, to the insured, and to any mortgagee having an existing lien or liens against the insured real property, if the mortgagee is named on the policy. In the case of a judgment, notice shall also be provided to the court in which judgment was entered. The notice shall include all of the following:

- (1) the identity and address of the insurer;
- (2) the name and address of each policyholder, including any mortgagee;
- (3) location of the insured real property;
- (4) the date of loss, policy number, and claim number;
- (5) the amount of money withheld;

(6) a statement that the municipality may have the withheld amount paid into a trust or escrow account established for the purposes of this section if it shows cause, pursuant to subdivision 3, within ~~15~~ 30 days that the money should be withheld to protect the public health and safety, otherwise the withheld amount shall be paid to the insured at the expiration of ~~15~~ 30 days; and

(7) an explanation of the provisions of this section and a verbatim reproduction of subdivision 16.

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