

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 4 are effective retroactively to July 1, 1997.

Presented to the governor March 3, 1998

Signed by the governor March 5, 1998, 11:02 a.m.

CHAPTER 271—S.F.No. 2354

An act relating to employee relations; modifying provisions governing the public employees insurance program; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 43A.316, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 43A.316, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meaning given them.

(a) **COMMISSIONER.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employee relations.

(b) **EMPLOYEE.** "Employee" means:

(1) a person who is a public employee within the definition of section 179A.03, subdivision 14, who is insurance eligible and is employed by an eligible employer;

(2) an elected public official of an eligible employer who is insurance eligible; or

(3) a person employed by a labor organization or employee association certified as an exclusive representative of employees of an eligible employer or by another public employer approved by the commissioner, so long as the plan meets the requirements of a governmental plan under United States Code, title 29, section 1002(32); or

(4) a person employed by a county or municipal hospital.

(c) **ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.** "Eligible employer" means:

(1) a public employer within the definition of section 179A.03, subdivision 15, that is a town, county, city, school district as defined in section 120.02, service cooperative as defined in section 123.582, intermediate district as defined in section 136D.01, cooperative center for vocational education as defined in section 123.351, regional management information center as defined in section 121.935, or an education unit organized under the joint powers action, section 471.59; or

(2) an exclusive representative of employees, as defined in paragraph (b); or

(3) a county or municipal hospital; or

(4) another public employer approved by the commissioner.

(d) **EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE.** "Exclusive representative" means an exclusive representative as defined in section 179A.03, subdivision 8.

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(e) **LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.** "Labor-management committee" means the committee established by subdivision 4.

(f) **PROGRAM.** "Program" means the statewide public employees insurance program created by subdivision 3.

Presented to the governor March 5, 1998

Signed by the governor March 6, 1998, 11:10 a.m.

CHAPTER 272—H.F.No. 3095

An act relating to veterans; designating a date in February as Chaplains Day in honor of four United States army chaplains who sacrificed their lives at sea for other service members; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.

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

Section 1. [10.56] **FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY.**

February 3 is designated Four Chaplains Day in honor of the four United States army chaplains, George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling, and John P. Washington, who sacrificed their lives to save the lives of other service personnel while serving on the U.S.S. Dorchester, a United States army troop transport that was sunk off the coast of Greenland on February 3, 1943. Each year the governor shall issue a proclamation of this observance.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following enactment.

Presented to the governor March 5, 1998

Signed by the governor March 6, 1998, 11:12 a.m.

CHAPTER 273—S.F.No. 2477

An act relating to state government; codifying reorganization order number 179 with respect to the departments of children, families, and learning and economic security; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 13.99, subdivision 81; 216B.241, subdivision 2a; 239.785, subdivision 6; and 462A.05, subdivision 15c; Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, sections 119A.15, subdivision 5a; and 268.19; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 4.071, subdivision 3; 268.37; 268.371; 268.38, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 12; 268.55; and 268.92; Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, sections 268.38, subdivision 7; and 268.917.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 13.99, subdivision 81, is amended to read:

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