

except that the period of redemption shall be six months from the date the sale is confirmed by the court. No sale shall be deemed complete until reported to and confirmed by the court.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES; APPLICATION.

Section 2 is effective retroactive to August 1, 1997, and applies to construction contracts entered into on or after that date.

Section 3 is effective for sales for which the first publication of the notice of sale occurs on or after August 1, 1998.

Presented to the governor March 16, 1998

Signed by the governor March 18, 1998, 11:28 a.m.

CHAPTER 290—H.F.No. 2612

An act relating to highways; designating the State Trooper Timothy J. Bowe Memorial Highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 161.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 43. **STATE TROOPER TIMOTHY J. BOWE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.** Marked trunk highway No. 95, from its intersection with marked trunk highway No. 65 in Cambridge to its intersection with marked interstate highway No. 35 near North Branch, is named and designated "State Trooper Timothy J. Bowe Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Presented to the governor March 16, 1998

Signed by the governor March 18, 1998, 11:28 a.m.

CHAPTER 291—S.F.No. 2230

An act relating to human rights; modifying the definition of housing for the elderly; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 363.02, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 363.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **HOUSING.** (1) The provisions of section 363.03, subdivision 2, shall not apply to:

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(a) rooms in a temporary or permanent residence home run by a nonprofit organization, if the discrimination is by sex;

(b) the rental by a resident owner or occupier of a one-family accommodation of a room or rooms in the accommodation to another person or persons if the discrimination is by sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability. Except as provided elsewhere in this chapter or other state or federal law, no person or group of persons selling, renting, or leasing property is required to modify the property in any way, or exercise a higher degree of care for a person having a disability than for a person who does not have a disability; nor shall this chapter be construed to relieve any person or persons of any obligations generally imposed on all persons regardless of any disability in a written lease, rental agreement, or contract of purchase or sale, or to forbid distinctions based on the inability to fulfill the terms and conditions, including financial obligations of the lease, agreement, or contract; or

(c) the rental by a resident owner of a unit in a dwelling containing not more than two units, if the discrimination is on the basis of sexual orientation.

(2) The provisions of section 363.03, subdivision 2, prohibiting discrimination because of familial status shall not be construed to defeat the applicability of any local, state, or federal restrictions regarding the maximum number of occupants permitted to occupy a dwelling unit and shall not apply to:

(a) any owner occupied building containing four or fewer dwelling units; or

(b) housing for elderly persons. "Housing for elderly persons" means housing:

(i) provided under any state or federal program that the commissioner determines is specifically designed and operated to assist elderly persons, as defined in the state or federal program;

(ii) intended for, and solely occupied by, persons 62 years of age or older; or

(iii) intended and operated for occupancy by at least one person 55 years of age or older per unit, provided that:

(A) there are significant facilities and services specifically designed to meet the physical or social needs of older persons, or if the provision of these facilities and services is not practicable, that the housing is necessary to provide important housing opportunities for older persons;

(B) at least 80 percent of the units are occupied by at least one person 55 years of age or older per unit; and

(C) ~~(B)~~ there is publication of, and adherence to, policies and procedures that demonstrate an intent by the owner or manager to provide housing for persons 55 years of age or older.

Housing does not fail to meet the requirements for housing for elderly persons by reason of persons residing in the housing as of August 1, 1989, who do not meet the age requirements of clauses (b)(ii) and (b)(iii) if new occupants of the housing meet the age requirements of clause (b)(ii) or (b)(iii). In addition, housing does not fail to meet the requirements by reason of unoccupied units if unoccupied units are reserved for occupancy by persons who meet the age requirements of clause (b)(ii) or (b)(iii).

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective on the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor March 16, 1998

Signed by the governor March 18, 1998, 10:09 a.m.

CHAPTER 292—S.F.No. 2574

An act relating to regional development commissions; authorizing the headwaters regional development commission to establish a nonprofit housing corporation; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.

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

Section 1. [462.3912] REGIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

The headwaters regional development commission may establish a not-for-profit corporation for the purposes of increasing the supply of affordable housing and improving opportunities for home ownership in development region two. The not-for-profit corporation may, among other things, acquire land, accept grant and loan funds from the state and federal governments, construct and rehabilitate housing units, and sell or manage housing in the region.

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CHAPTER 293—S.F.No. 2608

An act relating to insurance; providing basic Medicare supplement plan coverage for diabetes equipment and supplies; increasing the maximum lifetime benefit for policies of the comprehensive health insurance plan; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 62E.12; and Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, section 62A.316.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, section 62A.316, is amended to read:

62A.316 BASIC MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLAN; COVERAGE.

(a) The basic Medicare supplement plan must have a level of coverage that will provide:

(1) coverage for all of the Medicare part A inpatient hospital coinsurance amounts, and 100 percent of all Medicare part A eligible expenses for hospitalization not covered by Medicare, after satisfying the Medicare part A deductible;

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