

**CHAPTER 368—H.F.No. 2736**

*An act relating to counties; authorizing gifts to certain food distribution organizations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 465.039.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 465.039, is amended to read:

**465.039 GIFTS TO ORGANIZATIONS DISTRIBUTING FOOD.**

The governing body of a county, or of a home rule charter or statutory city, may appropriate each year out of the its general fund of the city, or other unrestricted money, an amount to be determined by the governing body to provide grants to nonprofit organizations operating community food shelves that provide food to the needy without charge.

**Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day after its final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 6, 1998

Signed by the governor April 9, 1998, 10:35 a.m.

**CHAPTER 369—S.F.No. 2751**

*An act relating to employment; requiring an accommodation to certain nursing mothers; providing that breast feeding is excepted from the crime of indecent exposure; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 617.23; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.*

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

**Section 1. [181.939] NURSING MOTHER.**

An employer must provide reasonable unpaid break time each day to an employee who needs to express breast milk for her infant child. The break time must, if possible, run concurrently with any break time already provided to the employee. An employer is not required to provide break time under this section if to do so would unduly disrupt the operations of the employer.

The employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location, in close proximity to the work area, other than a toilet stall, where the employee can express her milk in privacy. The employer would be held harmless if reasonable effort has been made.

For the purposes of this section, "employer" means a person or entity that employs one or more employees and includes the state and its political subdivisions.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 617.23, is amended to read:

**617.23 INDECENT EXPOSURE; PENALTIES.**

(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who in any public place, or in any place where others are present:

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