

CHAPTER 301—S.F.No. 2193

An act relating to commerce; regulating contracts for the sale of wood; defining a term; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 239.33.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 239.33, is amended to read:

239.33 STANDARD MEASUREMENT OF WOOD.

In all contracts for sale of wood the term "cord" shall mean 128 cubic feet of wood, in four-foot lengths; and if the sale is of "sawed wood," a cord shall mean 110 cubic feet when ranked, or 160 cubic feet when thrown irregularly or loosely into a conveyance for delivery to the purchaser; and if the sale is of "sawed and split wood," a cord shall mean 120 cubic feet, when ranked, and 175 cubic feet when thrown irregularly and loosely into a conveyance for delivery. If a measurement is made by weight, the term "cord" or any other term used to describe freshly cut green aspen in 100-inch or pole lengths containing 133-1/3 cubic feet of loosely or irregularly piled wood for transportation constitutes 4,300 pounds during the period of May 1 through October 31 and 4,500 pounds during the period of November 1 through April 30. Specified weights are based on 74 cubic feet of solid wood content per cord.

In all contracts for sale of wood, the term "board foot" means 144 cubic inches of wood measured in any combination of length, thickness, and width. If a measurement or scale is made of logs, Scribner's decimal C rule is the standard rule for determining board feet log scale. When measuring or scaling logs, each log must be scaled individually by the largest number of even feet in its length above eight and under 24 feet. All logs of 24 feet or more in length must be scaled as two or more logs. This section does not apply to finished lumber measured in nominal dimensions.

Presented to the governor March 28, 2000

Signed by the governor March 31, 2000, 2:40 p.m.

CHAPTER 302—S.F.No. 2821

An act relating to charitable organizations; amending report filing requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 309.53, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 309.53, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Such annual report shall include a financial statement covering the immediately preceding 12-month period of operation, shall be executed by any two duly constituted officers of the charitable organization, and shall be executed pursuant

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to resolution of the board of directors or trustees, or if there be no such board, then by its managing group which has approved the content of the annual report. Except as provided in section 309.55, subdivision 1, the annual report shall also include a copy of all tax or information returns, including all schedules and amendments, submitted by the charitable organization to the Internal Revenue Service for the period covered by the annual report except any schedules of contributors to the organization. If a charitable organization, at the time of filing the state annual report, has been granted a federal extension to file its federal information return/tax return (form 990 or 990PF), the attorney general may permit the charitable organization to file with its annual report a copy of the federal extension and file the federal form with the state when it is required to be filed with the federal government. The attorney general may grant such permission provided that:

(1) the request is made not later than 30 days before the date on which the materials would otherwise be due to the attorney general; and

(2) if the charitable organization has already been granted a three-month extension pursuant to subdivision 1, the charitable organization demonstrates that, due to circumstances beyond its control, it is not possible for the charitable organization to comply within the period established by the extension already granted.

A charitable organization which files the annual report required under this subdivision with the attorney general is not required to file the tax return with the commissioner of revenue. An organization which fails to file the annual report on or before the date required or allowed under this section shall pay a late fee of \$50. This late fee shall be in addition to all other fees, costs, and penalties which may be imposed pursuant to this section or section 309.57.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor March 28, 2000

Signed by the governor March 31, 2000, 2:42 p.m.

CHAPTER 303—S.F.No. 2579

An act relating to trade regulations; regulating certain prescription drug discounts; providing remedies; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

Section 1. **[325F.784] PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNTS.**

Subdivision 1. **REGULATION.** A person shall not sell, market, promote, advertise, or otherwise distribute any card or other purchasing mechanism or device that is not insurance that purports to offer discounts or access to discounts from

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