

does not affect the employee's vacation leave, pension, compensatory time, personal vacation days, sick leave, earned overtime accumulation, or cause a loss of seniority.

Subd. 2. LIABILITY. The county is not liable for workers' compensation claims arising from accident or injury while a county employee is on an approved assignment with an approved disaster services organization. Duties performed while on disaster leave are not considered to be a work assignment by the county. The employee is granted leave based on the need for expertise in the employee's certified area. Job functions, although similar or related to the employee's county job functions, are performed on behalf of and for the benefit of the disaster services organization.

## Sec. 2. LOCAL APPROVAL.

Section 1 is effective the day after the Hennepin county board complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Presented to the governor April 20, 2001

Signed by the governor April 24, 2001, 10:02 a.m.

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## CHAPTER 41—S.F.No. 1780

*An act relating to the board of government innovation and cooperation; extending an exemption for an Itasca county chemical dependency demonstration project; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 465.797, subdivision 5a.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 465.797, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **EXEMPTIONS GRANTED.** Notwithstanding subdivision 5, exemptions from enforcement of law granted by the board during calendar year 1995 remain in effect until June 30, 1999. An exemption granted by the board for Itasca county during calendar year 1996 allowing the county to implement a demonstration project to determine the feasibility of using a managed care model for financing chemical dependency treatment services remains in effect until June 30, ~~2001~~ 2004. An exemption granted by the board for Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington counties during calendar year 1998 allowing the counties to forego preadmission screenings for all applicants for admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility if the individual is being released from an in-patient hospital into a nursing facility and a physician certifies that the stay in the nursing facility is expected to be 30 days' duration or less, remains in effect until June 30, 2003. This subdivision expires June 30, ~~2003~~ 2004.

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