

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective July 1, 2002.

Presented to the governor March 13, 2002

Signed by the governor March 14, 2002, 3:10 p.m.

CHAPTER 243—H.F.No. 3296

An act relating to state employment; shifting social security administrative duties from the department of employee relations to the public employees retirement association; classifying data on employee's dependents as private; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 13.43, subdivision 4; 355.01, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 13.43, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **OTHER DATA.** All other personnel data is private data on individuals but may be released pursuant to a court order. Data pertaining to an employee's dependents are private data on individuals.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 355.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. The term "state agency" "director" means the commissioner of employee relations executive director of the public employees retirement association.

Sec. 3. INSTRUCTION TO REVISOR.

The revisor of statutes shall change the term "state agency" to "director" in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 355. The revisor of statutes shall change the term "commissioner of employee relations" to "executive director of the public employees retirement association" in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 355. The revisor of statutes shall change the term "department of employee relations" to "public employees retirement association" in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 355.

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CHAPTER 244—S.F.No. 1495

An act relating to agriculture; providing for a biodiesel fuel mandate; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 239.

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

Section 1. **[239.77] BIODIESEL CONTENT MANDATE.**

Subdivision 1. BIODIESEL FUEL. "Biodiesel fuel" means a renewable, biodegradable, mono alkyl ester combustible liquid fuel derived from agricultural plant oils or animal fats and that meets American Society For Testing and Materials Specification D6751-02 for Biodiesel Fuel (B100) Blend Stock for Distillate Fuels.

Subd. 2. MINIMUM CONTENT; EFFECTIVE DATE. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in Minnesota for use in internal combustion engines must contain at least 2.0 percent biodiesel fuel oil by volume.

(b) The mandate in paragraph (a) is effective on and after the date that the conditions in clauses (1) and (2), or in clauses (1) and (3), have been met:

(1) thirty or more days have passed since the commissioner of agriculture publishes notice in the State Register that annual capacity in Minnesota for the production of biodiesel fuel oil exceeds 8,000,000 gallons;

(2) eighteen months have passed since the commissioner of agriculture publishes notice in the State Register that a federal action on taxes imposed, tax credits, or otherwise, creates a reduction in the price of two cents or more per gallon on taxable fuel that contains at least two percent biodiesel fuel oil and is sold in this state;

(3) the date June 30, 2005, has passed.

Subd. 3. EXCEPTIONS. (a) The minimum content requirement of subdivision 2 does not apply to fuel used in the following equipment:

(1) motors located at an electric generating plant regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;

(2) railroad locomotives; and

(3) off-road taconite and copper mining equipment and machinery.

(b) The exemption in paragraph (a), clause (1), expires 30 days after the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved the use of biodiesel fuel in motors at electric generating plants under its regulation.

Sec. 2. **[239.771] DISTRIBUTOR EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT.**

Subdivision 1. ELIGIBILITY. A distributor that made capital expenditures necessary to adapt or add equipment to blend biodiesel fuel oil under the mandate in section 239.77 may be eligible for partial reimbursement for those expenditures if the mandate is repealed within eight years of the date the mandate is effective.

Subd. 2. APPLICATION; ELIGIBILITY. (a) A distributor may apply to the commissioner of agriculture for a reimbursement from money appropriated for this purpose on the following schedule: If the mandate is repealed within two years of its effective date, the commissioner shall reimburse up to 80 percent of expenditures. The total amount eligible to be reimbursed must decline by ten percent each year after the

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mandate is effective and must end at 20 percent in the eighth year.

(b) The commissioner must require detailed proof of expenditures made solely to comply with the mandate.

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Became law without the governor's signature March 15, 2002

CHAPTER 245—H.F.No. 2612

An act relating to occupations; revising circumstances in which the signature of a licensed architect, licensed engineer, licensed land surveyor, licensed landscape architect, licensed geoscientist, or certified interior designer is required; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 326.12, subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 326.12, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **CERTIFIED SIGNATURE.** Each plan, drawing, specification, plat, report, or other document which under sections 326.02 to 326.15 is prepared by a licensed architect, licensed engineer, licensed land surveyor, licensed landscape architect, licensed geoscientist, or certified interior designer must bear the signature of the licensed or certified person preparing it, or the signature of the licensed or certified person under whose direct supervision it was prepared. Each signature shall be accompanied by a certification that the signer is licensed or certified under sections 326.02 to 326.15, by the person's license or certificate number, and by the date on which the signature was affixed. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any plans, drawings, specifications, plats, reports, or other documents of an intraoffice or intracompany nature. A government agency or local unit of government need sign and certify only the title page or first page of a highway construction document that is described in this subdivision; provided that all other pages must have printed or stamped on them a facsimile signature and the information required by this subdivision. The stamp or printed signature has the same force and effect as an actual signature or that are considered to be drafts or of a preliminary, schematic, or design development nature by licensed or certified individuals who would normally be responsible for their preparation. The required signature and certification must appear on all pages of plans and drawings that must be signed, but only on the first page of specifications, plats, reports, or other documents that must be signed. A stamp, printed signature, or electronically created signature has the same force and effect as an actual signature if it creates an accurate depiction of the licensed or certified professional's actual signature.

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