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CHAPTER 134—S.F.No. 906

An act relating to corrections; authorizing collection of treatment co-pays from offenders; banning obscene or pornographic material from persons civilly committed as sexual psychopathic personalities or sexually dangerous; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 241.272, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 246B.04.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 241.272, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT FEE. The commissioner of corrections may authorize sex offender treatment providers to charge and collect treatment co-pays from all offenders in their treatment program. The amount of treatment co-pay assessed to each offender is based upon a fee schedule approved by the commissioner. Fees collected under this authority are used by the treatment provider to fund the cost of treatment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 246B.04, is amended to read:

246B.04 RULES; EVALUATION.

Subdivision 1. PROGRAM RULES AND EVALUATION. The commissioner of human services shall adopt rules to govern the operation, maintenance, and licensure

of secure treatment facilities operated by the Minnesota sex offender program or at any other facility operated by the commissioner, for a person committed as a sexual psychopathic personality or a sexually dangerous person. The commissioner shall establish an evaluation process to measure outcomes and behavioral changes as a result of treatment compared with incarceration without treatment, to determine the value, if any, of treatment in protecting the public.

Subd. 2. BAN ON OBSCENE MATERIAL OR PORNOGRAPHIC WORK.

The commissioner shall prohibit persons civilly committed as sexual psychopathic personalities or sexually dangerous persons under sections 246.43 and 253B.185 from having or receiving material that is obscene as defined under section 617.241, subdivision 1, material that depicts sexual conduct as defined under section 617.241, subdivision 1, or pornographic work as defined under section 617.246, subdivision 1, while receiving services in any secure treatment facilities operated by the Minnesota sex offender program or any other facilities operated by the commissioner.

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Signed by the governor February 17, 2004, 4:05 p.m.

CHAPTER 135—S.F.No. 1015

An act relating to veterans affairs; permitting the commissioner of veterans affairs access to taxpayer identification information to notify veterans of health hazards that might affect them; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 270B.14, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 270B.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 18. DISCLOSURE TO COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) At the request of the commissioner of veterans affairs, the commissioner may disclose return information to the extent provided in paragraph (b) and for the purposes provided in paragraph (c).

(b) Data that may be disclosed are limited to the taxpayer's identity, as defined in section 270B.01, subdivision 5.

(c) The commissioner of veterans affairs may request data only for the purposes of locating and notifying individual veterans of health hazards, including, but not limited to, hearing loss, chemical, biological, and radiation exposure, Gulf War Syndrome, and other injuries as they become recognized as a result of their service in the armed forces of the United States and for the purpose of notifying veterans, their dependents, and survivors of veterans of potential benefits to which they may be entitled, including, but not limited to, eligibility for health care assistance for

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