

or reinstall air bags and other components that were replaced due to deployment of air bags, in excess of 70 percent actual cash value."

Presented to the governor May 21, 2005

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CHAPTER 95—S.F.No. 1268

An act relating to veterans; eliminating a restriction on a veteran's preference provision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 43A.11, subdivision 2; 197.455, subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 43A.11, subdivision 2, and 197.455, subdivision 3, are repealed.

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CHAPTER 96—S.F.No. 1861

An act relating to building plan review; directing the commissioner of labor and industry to study procedures for supervision of installation of biotechnology piping systems; requiring a report to the legislature.

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

Section 1. **WORKING GROUP TO BE CONVENED.**

The commissioner of labor and industry will convene a working group to consist of one member from each of the Departments of Labor and Industry, Employment and Economic Development, and Administration; two members who are mechanical contractors; two members who are installers of piping systems; two members who are biotechnology manufacturers; and two representatives of cities who have process piping expertise, one of whom represents a city of the first class and one of whom represents a city other than a city of the first class. The working group will study procedures for supervision of installation of biotechnology piping systems through plan review and inspection. The commissioner of labor and industry will report the results of the study to the chairs of the committees in the house and senate with relevant jurisdiction no later than February 1, 2006.

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CHAPTER 97—S.F.No. 1368

An act relating to energy; providing for expedited cost recovery for certain transmission investments; authorizing and regulating transmission companies; permitting the transfer of transmission assets and operation to transmission companies; providing for expedited regulatory approval of transmission projects related to renewable generation; providing new criteria to analyze the need for transmission projects; establishing the framework for a wind energy tariff related to community development; requiring a wind integration study; transferring generation plant siting and transmission line routing authority from the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board to the Public Utilities Commission; providing for technical corrections to the energy assistance program; providing for a sustainably managed woody biomass generation project to satisfy the biomass mandate; providing for an electronic mail filing system at the Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce; making changes to the conservation investment program recommended by the legislative auditor; authorizing the creation of energy quality zones; regulating eligibility of biogas projects for the renewable energy production incentive; providing for the recovery of certain infrastructure investments by gas utilities; requiring a study of compensation of landowners for transmission easements; promoting the use of soy-diesel; providing for the adjustment of power purchase agreements to account for production tax payments; promoting the use of hydrogen as an energy source; requiring study of using biodiesel fuel to heat homes; expanding authority of city of Alexandria to enter into telecommunications-related joint ventures; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 13.681, by adding a subdivision; 116C.52, subdivisions 2, 4; 116C.53, subdivision 2; 116C.57, subdivisions 1, 2c, by adding a subdivision; 116C.575, subdivision 5; 116C.577; 116C.58; 116C.61, subdivision 3; 116C.69, subdivisions 2, 2a; 119A.15, subdivision 5a; 216B.02, by adding a subdivision; 216B.16, subdivision 6d, by adding subdivisions; 216B.1645, subdivision 1; 216B.2421, subdivision 2; 216B.2424, subdivisions 1, 2, 5a, 6, 8, by adding a subdivision; 216B.2425, subdivisions 2, 7; 216B.243, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; 216B.50, subdivision 1; 216B.62, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 216B.79; 216C.052; 216C.09; 216C.41, subdivision 1; 462A.05, subdivisions 21, 23; Laws 2002, chapter 329, section 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 216B; 216C.

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

ARTICLE 1

TRANSMISSION COMPANIES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 216B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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