

CHAPTER 182—H.F.No. 2998

An act relating to labor; providing that a certain provision on arbitrations for firefighters does not expire; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 179A.16, subdivision 7a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 179A.16, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

Subd. 7a. **Decision affecting firefighters.** ~~(a)~~ For firefighters, subdivision 7 governs, except that the arbitrator or panel is restricted to selecting between the final offer total packages of the parties as submitted to the commissioner at impasse, unless conventional arbitration is agreed to by both parties in writing. However, the arbitrator or panel has no jurisdiction or authority to entertain any matter or issue that is not a term and condition of employment or protected by section 179A.07, subdivision 1, unless the matter or issue was included in the employer's final position.

~~(b) This subdivision expires June 30, 2006.~~

Presented to the governor April 25, 2006

Signed by the governor April 27, 2006, 9:25 a.m.