

## CHAPTER 79

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

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**79.074 DISCRIMINATION.**

Subd. 2. **Dividends.** Dividend plans are not unfairly discriminatory where different premiums result for different policyholders with similar loss exposures but different expense factors, or where different premiums result for different policyholders with similar expense factors but different loss exposures, so long as the respective premiums reflect the differences with reasonable accuracy. Every insurer who issues participating policies shall file with the commissioner a true copy or summary as the commissioner shall direct of its participating dividend rates as to policyholders. The commissioner may study the participating dividend rates and make recommendations to the legislature concerning possible bases for unfair discrimination.

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 3

**79.085 SAFETY PROGRAMS.**

All insurers writing workers' compensation insurance in this state shall provide safety and occupational health loss control consultation services to each of their policyholders requesting the services in writing. Insurers must annually notify their policyholders of their right under this section to safety and occupational health loss consultation services. The services must include the conduct of workplace surveys to identify health and safety problems, review of employer injury records with appropriate personnel, and development of plans to improve employer occupational health and safety loss records. Insurers shall notify each policyholder of the availability of those services and the telephone number and address where such services can be requested. The notification may be delivered with the policy of workers' compensation insurance.

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 4

**79.211 CERTAIN PREMIUM DETERMINATION PRACTICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Certain wages included for ratemaking.** The rating association or an insurer shall include wages paid for a vacation, holiday, or sick leave in the determination of a workers' compensation insurance premium.

An insurer, including the assigned risk plan, shall not include wages paid for work performed in an adjacent state in the determination of a workers' compensation premium if the employer paid a workers' compensation insurance premium to the exclusive state fund of the adjacent state on the wages earned in the adjacent state.

Within 30 days of October 1, 1995, a licensed data service organization on behalf of its members shall file an amendment to its charged class premium rates to reflect the inclusion of vacation, holiday, and sick leave wages in the determination of premium. Within 30 days of the filing of those pure premium rates each insurer shall amend its filed schedule of rates to reflect the inclusion of vacation, holiday, and sick leave wages in the determination of premium.

*[For text of subs 2 and 3, see M.S.1994]*

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 5

**79.251 ADMINISTRATION OF ASSIGNED RISK PLAN.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1994]*

**Subd. 2. Merit rating plan.** To assist small businesses with good safety records, the commissioner shall develop a merit rating plan applicable to all employers holding policies issued pursuant to subdivision 4. The plan shall provide that nonexperience rated employers, with no lost time claims for the last three policy years, shall receive 33 percent credit. The credit must be applied directly to the premium charged for the policy. Nonexperience rated employers with two or more lost time claims for the last three policy years may receive a debit. Experience rated employers shall receive a maximum credit or debit of ten percent of premium. The merit rating plan shall be subject to adjustment by the commissioner as necessary to fulfill the commissioner's assigned risk plan responsibilities.

*[For text of subs 3 to 4b, see M.S.1994]*

**Subd. 5. Assessments.** The commissioner shall assess all insurers licensed pursuant to section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clause (5), paragraph (b) an amount sufficient to fully fund the obligations of the assigned risk plan, if the commissioner determines that the assets of the assigned risk plan are insufficient to meet its obligations. The assessment of each insurer shall be in a proportion equal to the proportion which the amount of compensation insurance written in this state during the preceding calendar year by that insurer bears to the total compensation insurance written in this state during the preceding calendar year by all licensed insurers.

Amounts assessed under this subdivision are considered a liability of the assigned risk plan, to be repaid upon dissolution of the plan.

*[For text of subs 6 and 7, see M.S.1994]*

**Subd. 8. Dissolution.** Upon the dissolution of the assigned risk plan, the commissioner shall proceed to wind up the affairs of the plan, settle its accounts, and dispose of its assets. The assets and property of the assigned risk plan must be applied and distributed in the following order of priority:

(1) to the establishment of reserves for claims under policies and contracts of coverage issued by the assigned risk plan before termination;

(2) to the payment of all debts and liabilities of the assigned risk plan, including the repayment of loans and assessments;

(3) to the establishment of reserves considered necessary by the commissioner for contingent liabilities or obligations of the assigned risk plan other than claims arising under policies and contracts of coverage; and

(4) to the state of Minnesota.

If the commissioner determines that the assets of the assigned risk plan are insufficient to meet its obligations under clauses (1), (2), and (3), excluding the repayment of assessments, the commissioner shall assess all insurers licensed pursuant to section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clause (5), paragraph (b), an amount sufficient to fully fund these obligations.

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 6,7; 1995 c 258 s 55,56

**79.252 ASSIGNED RISK PLAN.**

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1994]*

**Subd. 5. Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules as may be necessary to implement section 79.251 and this section.

**History:** 1995 c 233 art 2 s 56

**79.253 ASSIGNED RISK SAFETY ACCOUNT.**

*[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1994]*

**Subd. 2a. Eligible applicants.** An employer is eligible to apply for a grant or loan under this section if the employer meets the following requirements:

(1) the employer's workers' compensation insurance is provided by the assigned risk plan, is provided by an insurer subject to penalties under chapter 176, or the employer is self-insured;

(2) the employer has had an on-site safety survey conducted by a Minnesota occupational safety and health investigator, a Minnesota department of labor and industry workplace safety and health consultant, an in-house employee safety and health committee, a workers' compensation underwriter, a private safety consultant, or a person under contract with the assigned risk plan; and

(3) the on-site safety survey recommends specific safety practices or equipment designed to reduce the risk of illness or injury to employees.

*[For text of subds 3 to 5, see M.S.1994]*

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 8

## 79.34 CREATION OF REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

*[For text of subds 1 and 1a, see M.S.1994]*

**Subd. 2. Losses; retention limits.** The reinsurance association shall provide and each member shall accept indemnification for 100 percent of the amount of ultimate loss sustained in each loss occurrence relating to one or more claims arising out of a single compensable event, including aggregate losses related to a single event or occurrence which constitutes a single loss occurrence, under chapter 176 on and after October 1, 1979, in excess of a low, a high, or a super retention limit, at the option of the member. In case of occupational disease causing disablement on and after October 1, 1979, each person suffering disablement due to occupational disease is considered to be involved in a separate loss occurrence. On January 1, 1995, the lower retention limit is \$250,000, which shall also be known as the 1995 base retention limit. On each January 1 thereafter, the cumulative annual percentage changes in the statewide average weekly wage after October 1, 1994, as determined in accordance with section 176.011, subdivision 20, shall first be multiplied by the 1995 base retention limit, the result of which shall then be added to the 1995 base retention limit. The resulting figure shall be rounded to the nearest \$10,000, yielding the low retention limit for that year, provided that the low retention limit shall not be reduced in any year. The high retention limit shall be two times the low retention limit and shall be adjusted when the low retention limit is adjusted. The super retention limit shall be four times the low retention limit and shall be adjusted when the low retention limit is adjusted. Ultimate loss as used in this section means the actual loss amount which a member is obligated to pay and which is paid by the member for workers' compensation benefits payable under chapter 176 and shall not include claim expenses, assessments, damages or penalties. For losses incurred on or after January 1, 1979, any amounts paid by a member pursuant to sections 176.183, 176.221, 176.225, and 176.82 shall not be included in ultimate loss and shall not be indemnified by the reinsurance association. A loss is incurred by the reinsurance association on the date on which the accident or other compensable event giving rise to the loss occurs, and a member is liable for a loss up to its retention limit in effect at the time that the loss was incurred, except that members which are determined by the reinsurance association to be controlled by or under common control with another member, and which are liable for claims from one or more employees entitled to compensation for a single compensable event, including aggregate losses relating to a single loss occurrence, may aggregate their losses and obtain indemnification from the reinsurance association for the aggregate losses in excess of the highest retention limit selected by any of the members in effect at the time the loss was incurred. Each member is liable for payment of its ultimate loss and shall be entitled to indemnification from the reinsurance association for the ultimate loss in excess of the member's retention limit in effect at the time of the loss occurrence.

A member that chooses the high or super retention limit shall retain the liability for all losses below the chosen retention limit itself and shall not transfer the liability to any other entity or reinsure or otherwise contract for reimbursement or indemnification for losses below its retention limit, except in the following cases: (a) when the reinsurance or contract is with another member which, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, con-

trol or are controlled by or are under common control with the member; (b) when the reinsurance or contract provides for reimbursement or indemnification of a member if and only if the total of all claims which the member pays or incurs, but which are not reimbursable or subject to indemnification by the reinsurance association for a given period of time, exceeds a dollar value or percentage of premium written or earned and stated in the reinsurance agreement or contract; (c) when the reinsurance or contract is a pooling arrangement with other insurers where liability of the member to pay claims pursuant to chapter 176 is incidental to participation in the pool and not as a result of providing workers' compensation insurance to employers on a direct basis under chapter 176; (d) when the reinsurance or contract is limited to all the claims of a specific insured of a member which are reimbursed or indemnified by a reinsurer which, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with the insured of the member so long as any subsequent contract or reinsurance of the reinsurer relating to the claims of the insured of a member is not inconsistent with the bases of exception provided under clauses (a), (b) and (c); or (e) when the reinsurance or contract is limited to all claims of a specific self-insurer member which are reimbursed or indemnified by a reinsurer which, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with the self-insurer member so long as any subsequent contract or reinsurance of the reinsurer relating to the claims of the self-insurer member are not inconsistent with the bases for exception provided under clauses (a), (b) and (c).

Whenever it appears to the commissioner of labor and industry that any member that chooses the high or super retention limit has participated in the transfer of liability to any other entity or reinsured or otherwise contracted for reimbursement or indemnification of losses below its retention limit in a manner inconsistent with the bases for exception provided under clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), the commissioner may, after giving notice and an opportunity to be heard, order the member to pay to the state of Minnesota an amount not to exceed twice the difference between the reinsurance premium for the high or super retention limit, as appropriate, and the low retention limit applicable to the member for each year in which the prohibited reinsurance or contract was in effect. Any member subject to this penalty provision shall continue to be bound by its selection of the high or super retention limit for purposes of membership in the reinsurance association.

*[For text of subds 2a to 7, see M.S.1994]*

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 9; 1995 c 258 s 57

### **79.35 DUTIES; RESPONSIBILITIES; POWERS.**

The reinsurance association shall do the following on behalf of its members:

- (a) Assume 100 percent of the liability as provided in section 79.34;
- (b) Establish procedures by which members shall promptly report to the reinsurance association each claim which, on the basis of the injury sustained, may reasonably be anticipated to involve liability to the reinsurance association if the member is held liable under chapter 176. Solely for the purpose of reporting claims, the member shall in all instances consider itself legally liable for the injury. The member shall advise the reinsurance association of subsequent developments likely to materially affect the interest of the reinsurance association in the claim;
- (c) Maintain relevant loss and expense data relative to all liabilities of the reinsurance association and require each member to furnish statistics in connection with liabilities of the reinsurance association at the times and in the form and detail as may be required by the plan of operation;
- (d) Calculate and charge to members a total premium sufficient to cover the expected liability which the reinsurance association will incur, together with incurred or estimated to be incurred operating and administrative expenses for the period to which this premium applies and actual claim payments to be made by members, during the period to which this premium applies, for claims in excess of the prefunded limit in effect at the time the loss was incurred. Each member shall be charged a premium established by the board as sufficient to cover the reinsurance association's incurred liabilities and expenses between the member's selected retention limit and the prefunded limit. The prefunded limit shall be 20 times the

lower retention limit established in section 79.34, subdivision 2. Each member shall be charged a proportion of the total premium calculated for its selected retention limit in an amount equal to its proportion of the exposure base of all members during the period to which the reinsurance association premium will apply. The exposure base shall be determined by the board and is subject to the approval of the commissioner of labor and industry. In determining the exposure base, the board shall consider, among other things, equity, administrative convenience, records maintained by members, amenability to audit, and degree of risk refinement. Each member shall also be charged a premium determined by the board to equitably distribute excess or deficient premiums from previous periods including any excess or deficient premiums resulting from a retroactive change in the prefunded limit. The premiums charged to members shall not be unfairly discriminatory as defined in section 79.074. All premiums shall be approved by the commissioner of labor and industry;

(e) Require and accept the payment of premiums from members of the reinsurance association;

(f) Receive and distribute all sums required by the operation of the reinsurance association;

(g) Establish procedures for reviewing claims procedures and practices of members of the reinsurance association. If the claims procedures or practices of a member are considered inadequate to properly service the liabilities of the reinsurance association, the reinsurance association may undertake, or may contract with another person, including another member, to adjust or assist in the adjustment of claims which create a potential liability to the association. The reinsurance association may charge the cost of the adjustment under this paragraph to the member, except that any penalties or interest incurred under sections 176.183, 176.221, 176.225, and 176.82 as a result of actions by the reinsurance association after it has undertaken adjustment of the claim shall not be charged to the member but shall be included in the ultimate loss and listed as a separate item; and

(h) Provide each member of the reinsurance association with an annual report of the operations of the reinsurance association in a form the board of directors may specify.

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 10; 1995 c 258 s 58

### 79.50 PURPOSES.

The purposes of this chapter are to:

(a) Promote public welfare by regulating insurance rates so that premiums are not excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory;

(b) Promote quality and integrity in the databases used in workers' compensation insurance ratemaking;

(c) Prohibit price fixing agreements and anticompetitive behavior by insurers;

(d) Define the function and scope of activities of data service organizations; and

(e) Encourage insurers to provide alternative innovative methods whereby employers can meet the requirements imposed by section 176.181.

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 1 s 1

### 79.51 RULES.

**Subdivision 1. Adoption; when.** The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement provisions of this chapter.

**Subd. 3. Rules; subject matter.** (a) The commissioner in issuing rules shall consider:

(1) data reporting requirements, including types of data reported, such as loss and expense data;

(2) experience rating plans;

(3) retrospective rating plans;

(4) general expenses and related expense provisions;

(5) minimum premiums;

(6) classification systems and assignment of risks to classifications;

(7) loss development and trend factors;

- (8) the workers' compensation reinsurance association;
  - (9) requiring substantial compliance with the rules mandated by this section as a condition of workers' compensation carrier licensure;
  - (10) imposing limitations on the functions of workers' compensation data service organizations consistent with the introduction of competition;
  - (11) the rules contained in the workers' compensation rating manual adopted by the workers' compensation insurers rating association or other licensed data service organizations;
  - (12) the supporting data and information required in filings under section 79.56, including but not limited to, the experience of the filing insurer and the extent to which the filing insurer relies upon data service organization loss information, descriptions of the actuarial and statistical methods employed in setting rates, and the filing insurers interpretation of any statistical data relied upon; and
  - (13) any other factors that the commissioner deems relevant to achieve the purposes of this chapter.
- (b) The rules shall provide for the following:
- (1) adequate safeguards against excessive or discriminatory rates in workers' compensation;
  - (2) encouragement of workers' compensation insurance rates which are as low as reasonably necessary, but shall make provision against inadequate rates, insolvencies and unpaid benefits;
  - (3) assurances that employers are not unfairly relegated to the assigned risk pool;
  - (4) requiring all appropriate data and other information from insurers for the purpose of issuing rules, making legislative recommendations pursuant to this section; and
  - (5) preserving a framework for risk classification, data collection, and other appropriate joint insurer services.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1994]*

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 1 s 2,3

## 79.52 DEFINITIONS.

*[For text of subs 1 to 16, see M.S.1994]*

Subd. 17. **Association or rating association.** "Association" or "rating association" means the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association, Inc.

Subd. 18. **Rate oversight commission.** "Rate oversight commission" means the workers' compensation advisory council established in chapter 175.

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 11,12

## 79.53 PREMIUM CALCULATION.

Subdivision 1. **Method of calculation.** Each insurer shall establish premiums to be paid by an employer according to its filed rates and rating plan as follows:

Rates shall be applied to an exposure base to yield a base premium which may be further increased or decreased up to 25 percent by merit rating, premium discounts, and other appropriate factors contained in the rating plan of an insurer to produce premium if the increase or decrease is not unfairly discriminatory. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prohibit the use of any premium, provided the premium is not excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1995 c 231 art 1 s 36; art 2 s 110]

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 1 s 4

79.54 [Repealed, 1995 c 231 art 1 s 36; art 2 s 110]

## 79.55 STANDARDS FOR RATES.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1994]*

**Subd. 2. Excessiveness.** Rates and rating plans are excessive if the expected underwriting profit, together with expected income from invested reserves, that would accrue to an insurer under the rates and rating plans would be unreasonably high in relation to the risk undertaken by the insurer in transacting the business. The burden is on the insurer to establish that profit is not unreasonably high.

*[For text of subs 3 and 4, see M.S.1994]*

**Subd. 5. Discounts permitted.** An insurer may offer a scheduled credit or debit to a manual premium of up to 25 percent if the premium otherwise complies with this section.

**Subd. 6. Rating factors.** In determining whether a rate filing complies with this section, separate consideration shall be given to: (i) past and prospective loss experience within this state and outside this state to the extent necessary to develop credible rates; (ii) dividends, savings, or unabsorbed premium deposits allowed or returned by insurers to their policyholders, members, or subscribers; and (iii) a reasonable allowance for expense and profit. An allowance for expense shall be presumed reasonable if it reflects expenses that are 22.5 percent greater or less than the average expense for all insurers writing workers' compensation insurance in this state. An allowance for after-tax profit shall consider anticipated investment income from premium receipts net of disbursements and from allocated surplus, based on the current five-year United States Treasury note yield and an assumed premium to surplus ratio of 2.25 to one. The allowance for after-tax profit shall be presumed reasonable if the corresponding return on equity target is equal to or less than the sum of: (i) the current yield on five-year United States Treasury securities; and (ii) an appropriate equity risk premium that reflects the risks of writing workers' compensation insurance. The risk premium shall not be less than the average, since 1926, of the differences in return between: (i) the annual return, including dividend income, for the Standards and Poors 500 common stock index or predecessor index for each year; and (ii) the five-year United States Treasury note yield as of the start of the corresponding year. Profit and expense allowances not presumed reasonable under this subdivision, are reasonable if the circumstances of an insurer, the market, or other factors justify them.

**Subd. 7. External factors.** That portion of a rate or rating plan related to assessments from the assigned risk plan, reinsurance association, guarantee fund, special compensation fund, agent commission, premium tax and any other state-mandated surcharges shall not cause the rate or rating plan to be considered excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.

**Subd. 8. Annual filings.** Not later than October 1 of each year, the rating association shall file with the commissioner and the rate oversight commission the following information used and related to the calculation and cost of workers' compensation insurance premiums:

- (1) all statistical plans, including classification definitions used to assign each compensation risk written by its members to its approved classification for reporting purposes;
- (2) all development factors and alternative derivations;
- (3) a description and summary of each data reporting and monitoring method used to collect and monitor the database for workers' compensation insurance;
- (4) trend factors and alternative derivations and applications;
- (5) pure premium relativities for the approved classification system for which data are reported;
- (6) an evaluation of the effects of changes in law on loss data;
- (7) an explicit discussion and explanation of all methodology, alternatives examined, assumptions adopted, and areas of judgment and reasoning supporting judgments entered into, and the effect of various combinations of these elements on indications for modification of an overall pure premium rate level change; and
- (8) all merit rating plans and the calculation of any variable factors necessary for utilization of the plan.

**Subd. 9. Analysis by rate oversight commission.** Not later than November 1 of each year, the rate oversight commission may submit to the commissioner a report concerning the completeness of the filing and compliance of the filing with the standards for excessiveness, inadequacy, and unfair discrimination set forth in this chapter.

Subd. 10. **Duties of commissioner.** The commissioner shall issue a report by January 1 of each year, comparing the average rates charged by workers' compensation insurers in the state to the pure premium base rates filed by the association, as reviewed by the rate oversight commission. The rate oversight commission shall review the commissioner's report and if the experience indicates that rates have not reasonably reflected changes in pure premiums, the rate oversight commission shall recommend to the legislature appropriate legislative changes to this chapter.

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 1 s 5-8; art 2 s 13-15

### 79.56 FILING RATES AND RATING INFORMATION.

Subdivision 1. **Preiling of rates.** Each insurer shall file with the commissioner a complete copy of its rates and rating plan, and all changes and amendments thereto, and such supporting data and information that the commissioner may by rule require, at least 60 days prior to its effective date. The commissioner shall advise an insurer within 30 days of the filing if its submission is not accompanied with such supporting data and information that the commissioner by rule may require. The commissioner may extend the filing review period and effective date for an additional 30 days if an insurer, after having been advised of what supporting data and information is necessary to complete its filing, does not provide such information within 15 days of having been so notified. If any rate or rating plan filing or amendment thereto is not disapproved by the commissioner within the filing review period, the insurer may implement it. For the period August 1, 1995, to December 31, 1995, the filing shall be made at least 90 days prior to the effective date and the department shall advise an insurer within 60 days of such filing if the filing is insufficient under this section.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1995 c 231 art 1 s 36; art 2 s 110]

Subd. 3. **Penalties.** Any insurer using a rate or a rating plan which has not been filed shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100 for each day the failure to file continues. The commissioner may, after a hearing on the record, find that the failure is willful. A willful failure to meet filing requirements shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for each day during which a willful failure continues. These penalties shall be in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Notwithstanding this subdivision, an employer that generates \$500,000 in annual written workers' compensation premium under the rates and rating plan of an insurer before the application of any large deductible rating plans, may be written by that insurer using rates or rating plans that are not subject to disapproval but which have been filed. The \$500,000 threshold shall be increased on January 1, 1996, and on each January 1 thereafter by the percentage increase in the statewide average weekly wage, to the nearest \$1,000. The commissioner shall advise insurers licensed to write workers' compensation insurance in this state of the annual threshold adjustment.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1994]*

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 1 s 9,10

### 79.561 DISAPPROVAL OF RATES OR RATING PLANS.

Subdivision 1. **Disapproval; time period.** The commissioner may disapprove a rate and rating plan or amendment thereto prior to its effective date, as provided under section 79.56, subdivision 1, if the commissioner determines that it is excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. If the commissioner disapproves any rate or rating plan filing or amendment thereto, the commissioner shall advise the filing insurer what rate and rating plan the commissioner has reason to believe would be in compliance with section 79.55, and the reasons for that determination. An insurer may not implement a rate and rating plan or amendment thereto which has been disapproved under this subdivision. If the commissioner disapproves any rate and rating plan filing or amendment thereto, an insurer may use its current rate and rating plan for writing any workers' compensation insurance in this state. Following any disapproval, the commissioner and insurer may reach agreement on a rate or rating plan filing or amendment thereto. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in such cases, the rate or rating plan filing or amendment thereto may be implemented by the insurer immediately.



**Subd. 2. Hearing.** If an insurer's rate or rating plan filing or amendment thereto is disapproved under subdivision 1, the insurer may request a contested case hearing under chapter 14. The insurer shall have the burden of proof to justify that its rate and rating plan or amendment thereto is in compliance with section 79.55. The hearing must be scheduled promptly and in no case later than three months from the date of disapproval or else the rate and rating plan or amendment thereto shall be considered effective and may be implemented by the insurer. A determination pursuant to chapter 14 must be made within 90 days following the closing of the hearing record.

**Subd. 3. Consultants and costs.** The commissioner may retain consultants, including a consulting actuary or other experts, that the commissioner determines necessary for purposes of this chapter. The salary limit set by section 43A.17 does not apply to a consulting actuary retained under this subdivision. A consulting actuary shall be a fellow in the casualty actuarial society and shall have demonstrated experience in workers' compensation insurance ratemaking. Any individual not so qualified shall not render an opinion or testify on actuarial aspects of a filing, including but not limited to, data quality, loss development, and trending. The costs incurred in retaining any consulting actuaries and experts shall be reimbursed by the special compensation fund.

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 1 s 11

**79.57** [Repealed, 1995 c 231 art 1 s 36; art 2 s 110]

**79.58** [Repealed, 1995 c 231 art 1 s 36; art 2 s 110]

## **79.60 INSURERS; REQUIRED AND PERMITTED ACTIVITY.**

**Subdivision 1. Required activity.** Each insurer shall perform the following activities:

(a) Maintain membership in and report loss experience data to a licensed data service organization in accordance with the statistical plan and rules of the organization as approved by the commissioner;

(b) Establish a plan for merit rating which shall be consistently applied to all insureds, provided that members of a data service organization may use merit rating plans developed by that data service organization;

(c) Provide an annual report to the commissioner containing the information and prepared in the form required by the commissioner;

(d) Keep a record of the premiums and losses paid under each workers' compensation policy written in Minnesota in the form required by the commissioner;

(e) Provide to the association, upon request, information about its insurance premiums, losses, and operations which the association shall request in order to prepare and file with the commissioner and the rate oversight commission the filings required by this chapter; and

(f) Pay to the association its equitable share of the costs of preparing the filing with the commissioner and the rate oversight commission required by this chapter.

*[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1994]*

**History:** 1995 c 231 art 2 s 16