

## CHAPTER 15A

PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES;  
COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES

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**15A.081 SALARIES AND SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.**

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 2Sp1997 c 3 s 19]

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 2Sp1997 c 3 s 19]

Subd. 7b. **Higher education officers.** The board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities and the higher education services council shall set the salary rates for, respectively, the chancellor of the Minnesota state colleges and universities and the director of the higher education services office. The board or the council shall submit the proposed salary change to the legislative coordinating commission for approval, modification, or rejection in the manner provided in section 3.855.

In deciding whether to recommend a salary increase, the governing board or council shall consider the performance of the chancellor or director, including the chancellor's or director's progress toward attaining affirmative action goals.

Subd. 8. **Expense allowance.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, positions listed in section 15A.0815, subdivisions 2 and 3, constitutional officers, and the commissioner of iron range resources and rehabilitation are authorized an annual expense allowance not to exceed \$1,500 for necessary expenses in the normal performance of their duties for which no other reimbursement is provided. The expenditures under this subdivision are subject to any laws and rules relating to budgeting, allotment and encumbrance, preaudit and postaudit. The commissioner of finance may adopt rules to assure the proper expenditure of these funds and to provide for reimbursement.

Subd. 9. **Transfer of vacation and sick leave; certain appointees.** (a) This subdivision governs transfers of accumulated vacation leave and sick leave if the governor appoints the incumbent of a position listed in section 15A.0815 to another position listed in section 15A.0815.

(b) An appointee moving between positions in the executive branch shall transfer all vacation leave and sick leave hours to the appointee's credit at the time of the new appointment.

(c) The governor may authorize an appointee to transfer accumulated vacation leave and sick leave hours under the following conditions:

(1) an appointee moving to a position in the executive branch from a position outside the executive branch may be permitted to transfer no more than 275 hours of accumulated unliquidated vacation leave and no more than 900 hours of accumulated unliquidated sick leave; and

(2) an appointee moving to a position outside the executive branch from a position within the executive branch may be permitted to transfer accumulated unliquidated vacation leave and sick leave hours up to the maximum accumulations permitted by the personnel policies governing the new position.

The governor shall notify the commissioner of employee relations of any transfers authorized under this paragraph.

**History:** 2Sp1997 c 3 s 2-4

**15A.0815 SALARY LIMITS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.**

Subdivision 1. **Salary limits.** The governor or other appropriate appointing authority shall set the salary rates for positions listed in this section within the salary limits listed in subdivisions 2 to 4, subject to approval of the legislative coordinating commission and the

legislature as provided by sections 3.855, 15A.081, subdivision 7b, and 43A.18, subdivision 5.

**Subd. 2. Group I salary limits.** The salaries for positions in this subdivision may not exceed 85 percent of the salary of the governor:

- Commissioner of administration;
- Commissioner of agriculture;
- Commissioner of children, families, and learning;
- Commissioner of commerce;
- Commissioner of corrections;
- Commissioner of economic security;
- Commissioner of employee relations;
- Commissioner of finance;
- Commissioner of health;
- Executive director, higher education services office;
- Commissioner, housing finance agency;
- Commissioner of human rights;
- Commissioner of human services;
- Executive director, state board of investment;
- Commissioner of labor and industry;
- Commissioner of natural resources;
- Director of office of strategic and long-range planning;
- Commissioner, pollution control agency;
- Commissioner of public safety;
- Commissioner, department of public service;
- Commissioner of revenue;
- Commissioner of trade and economic development;
- Commissioner of transportation; and
- Commissioner of veterans affairs.

**Subd. 3. Group II salary limits.** The salaries for positions in this subdivision may not exceed 75 percent of the salary of the governor:

- Ombudsman for corrections;
- Executive director of gambling control board;
- Commissioner, bureau of mediation services;
- Ombudsman for mental health and retardation;
- Chair, metropolitan council;
- Executive director of pari-mutuel racing;
- Executive director, public employees retirement association;
- Commissioner, public utilities commission;
- Executive director, state retirement system; and
- Executive director, teachers retirement association.

**Subd. 4. Group III salary limits.** The salary for a position in this subdivision may not exceed 25 percent of the salary of the governor:

- Chair, metropolitan airports commission.

**History:** 2Sp1997 c 3 s 5

## 15A.083 SALARIES FOR POSITIONS IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1996]*

**Subd. 5. Tax court.** The salary of a judge of the tax court is the same as the salary for a district court judge. The salary of the chief tax court judge is the same as the salary for a chief district court judge.

[For text of subd 6, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 6a. **Administrative law judge; salaries.** The salary of the chief administrative law judge is the same as the salary of a district court judge. The salaries of the assistant chief administrative law judge and administrative law judge supervisors are 95 percent of the salary of a district court judge. The salary of an administrative law judge employed by the office of administrative hearings is 90 percent of the salary of a district court judge as set under section 15A.082, subdivision 3.

Subd. 7. **Workers' compensation court of appeals and compensation judges.** Salaries of judges of the workers' compensation court of appeals are the same as the salary for district court judges. The salary of the chief judge of the workers' compensation court of appeals is the same as the salary for a chief district court judge. Salaries of compensation judges are 90 percent of the salary of district court judges. The chief workers' compensation settlement judge at the department of labor and industry may be paid an annual salary that is up to five percent greater than the salary of workers' compensation settlement judges at the department of labor and industry.

**History:** 2Sp1997 c 3 s 6-8