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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Rules for Publication, *State Register*
June 24, 1991

We have attached a SONAR for an Intent to Adopt rules 3515.6005 Postsecondary Related Subjects Instructor; 3700.0381 Computer Programming, Computer Operations; License Transfer; Reenactment and Validation; Repealer to be published in the *State Register* on Monday, June 24, 1991, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 14.231 and 14.23.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Attachment

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NEED AND REASONABLENESS

3515.6005 POSTSECONDARY RELATED SUBJECTS INSTRUCTOR 3700.0381 BUSINESS AND OFFICE LICENSURE AND REENACTMENT AND VALIDATION

BACKGROUND

The statutory authority for the technical college board to promulgate these rules is contained in Minnesota statutes section 136C.04, subd. 9 which states:

Licensure. The state board may adopt rules, according to the provisions of Chapter 14, for licensure of teaching, support, and supervisory personnel in postsecondary and adult vocational education. When necessary for continuous programs approved by the board and when the board determines that appropriate temporary standards to not exist, the state board may adopt appropriate temporary standards without regard to Chapter 14, and may issue temporary licenses to teaching and support personnel. A temporary license is valid up to one year and is not renewable, but a person holding a temporary license may, upon its expiration, be issued a license in accordance with standards adopted under Chapter 14. The state board may establish a processing fee for the issuance, renewal, or extension of a license.

The proposed rules changes are a continuation of a revision process of all postsecondary technical college licenses.

POSTSECONDARY RELATED SUBJECTS INSTRUCTOR

Subparts 1, 2 and 3 are the same as current rule 3515.6000. There are no changes in these subparts. Subpart 4, 3515.6005, is the same as current rule 3515.6000, subpart 3. There is no change in the content. The subpart has been changed to subpart 4 to accommodate the addition as described below.

Subp. 3. Recency exemption. This subpart allows an applicant who is currently licensed in an instructional area and practicing under that license to add a related subject to their credential without meeting the occupational recency requirement. Related instructors do not teach in an occupational content area but rather in a general studies area such as math, physics, or communication. At the time of their initial license they were required to have occupational experience including recency outside of education to assure their exposure to the world of work. Since the criteria for related instruction is primarily academic and licensed staff already met the occupational requirement, it is unreasonable to require an individual to leave the instructional area to meet an artificial recency requirement. Therefore this is a reasonable exception since there is no specific

occupation to which they teach.

3700.0381 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING; COMPUTER OPERATIONS.

New office technology resulted in a new venture program and instructor license entitled Microcomputer Support Specialist (now entitled, Microcomputer Support and Network Administration). It has become evident that existing computer instructional staff have the basic skills and knowledge but lacked the upgrading to teach content in other systems most recently available in industry. An agreement was reached with the University of Minnesota to offer an upgrading seminar for instructional staff licensed in Computer Operations or Programming in order to give them the necessary knowledge and skills to teach that particular program. This is a reasonable alternative to allow existing instructors with the basic education and occupational experience to acquire the necessary updating to move into a more advanced area of office practice consistent with today's technology. In addition, it will be offered for a period of two years to allow a reasonable amount of time for applicants to submit their licensure requests.

REENACTMENT AND VALIDATION

On March 18, 1990, a revised rule for Area Agriculture Coordinator went into effect. The intent at that time was that rule numbers 3515.5700, 3515.5900, 3515.6000, 3515.6100, 3515.6200, and 3515.6700 would not apply to the newly revised agriculture license. However, in actuality these rules were all repealed although that was not the intent. It is reasonable therefore to reenact as well as validate individuals who were licensed under these rules in good faith.

These changes are implemented using current processes and will have no fiscal impact.