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This 1975 legislative summary includes 150 summaries of key legislation passed during the first half of the 69th session of the Minnesota Legislature.

There were over 400 bills that became law this session. We have selected the most important ones from areas such as agriculture, consumer affairs, health and welfare, human rights, taxes, appropriations, environment, education, corrections, government reform and labor.

We hope that you will find this summary helpful in your legislative work.

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Funds for Rural Development

H.F. 908 (Johnson, D., Anderson, I.,
Begich, Smith, Smogard)
*S.F. 1379 (Perpich, A.J., Arnold,
Perpich, G.)

Appropriates \$1 million from general fund to Minnesota development revolving fund to make state eligible for federal funds and participate with appropriate federal agency under federal laws in financing of redevelopment projects. Effective: immediately.
C. 331

State Farm Census

H.F. 742 (Schulz, Wigley, Lemke,
Setzepfandt, Anderson, G.)
*S.F. 783 (Olson, A., Sillers, Olson,
H.)

Appropriates money to agriculture department to conduct farm census every two years to supply information and statistics relating to agricultural products and industries. Appropriation: \$50,000. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 319

Homestead Exemption for Family Farms

*H.F. 884 (Johnson, C., Mann, Erickson
Wenzel, Menning)
S.F. 763 (Berg, Hansen, C., Fitzsimons)

Provides that homestead property tax exemption be given to each family farm corporation or partnership operating family farm. Homestead shall not exceed 120 acres. Effective for 1975 assessment year and thereafter.
C. 395

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Corporate Farming--Asparagus Growers

H.F. 1424 (Biersdorf, Stanton)

*S.F. 1026 (Frederick)

Strengthens 1973 corporate farming law by making it illegal for corporations to purchase farmland in state unless corporation is a family corporation and actually farms the land.

Allows corporations to purchase certain farmlands, including lands totaling no more than 2,700 acres for replacing or expanding asparagus growing operations. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 324

Wholesale Produce Dealer Regulation

*H.F. 481 (Anderson, G., Kalis,
Eckstein, Esau, Lemke)

S.F. 1343 (Olson)

Regulates wholesale produce dealers by requiring licensing, bonding and assurance of financial responsibility.

Removes requirement of publication of information concerning commercial feed, fertilizer and soil conditioners and removes restrictions on unofficial grain inspection certificates.

Exempts retailers who purchase less than \$500 per month in produce directly from farmers (previous exemption: \$200). Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 227

Local Pest Control

*H.F. 434 (Schulz, McEachern, Lemke
Fjoslien, Eken)

S.F. 1017 (Purfeerst, Patton, Olhoft)

Agriculture commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations for local governments to establish and fund their own

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pest control programs. Effective: immediately.

C. 180

Dairy Industry Unfair Trade Practices

*H.F. 276 (Eken, Menning, Jensen, Meier,
Jopp)

S.F. 663 (Wegener, Olson, J., Willet)

Makes changes in dairy industry unfair trade practices act. Modifies certain fees charged to administer act; changes interest rate retailer must pay manufacturer, wholesaler or distributor for certain sales from current annual rate of 6% to flexible rate not to exceed usury ceiling of 8%. Effective: immediately.

C. 220

Disaster Relief Grants

*H.F. 296 (Birnstihl, Vento, McCarron,
Biersdorf)

S.F. 107 (North, Ueland, Schmitz)

Empowers state executive council to make disaster relief grants in conformance with federal disaster relief laws and regulations. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 48

Shoplifting Gear; Livestock

(See Corrections and Criminal Justice
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Tax Loss Farming

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 59)

Agricultural Mill Rate Differential

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 60)

Loan Extension

*H.F. 629 (Brinkman, Norton, McCauley,
Metzen, Suss)
S.F. 1711 (Laufenburger, Bang)

Permits industrial loan and thrift companies to make loans up to five years, instead of current limit of three years; provides interest rate discount scale so that annual percentage rate under 5-year limit will remain essentially same as under current 3-year limit. Limit of reserves which can be used for lending is increased from 5% to 10%. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 373

No-Fault Insurance

H.F. 577 (Vento, Suss, Sieloff,
Anderson, I., Brinkman)
*S.F. 114 (Davies, Knutson, Olson, A.)

Changes no-fault insurance law to require insurance only during period in which operation or use of motor vehicle (including farm trucks and motorcycles) is contemplated. Permits supreme court to provide for submission of certain cases to arbitration. Effective: immediately.
C. 160

No-Fault Insurance Reform

H.F. 40 (Vento, Prahl, Brinkman
McCauley, Kelly, R.)
*S.F. 28 (Davies, Knutson, Olson, A.)

Clarifies language and intent of 1974 no-fault auto insurance law; changes penalties for violations and allows public safety commissioner to revoke registration of motor vehicle if insurance for basic reparation benefits is not provided. Retroactively effective: Jan. 1, 1975.
C. 18

Eminent Domain Proceedings

*H.F. 249 (Fudro, Sarna, Schreiber,
Biersdorf, Simoneau)
S.F. 580 (Tennessee, Laufenburger,
Renneke)

Requires property owners to be reimbursed for appraisal fees, up to \$300, when land is acquired by highway dept. or other acquiring authority. Final certificate in eminent domain proceedings no longer requires court approval. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 175

Uniform Claims Forms

*H.F. 757 (Hokanson, Swanson, Brinkman
Fjoslien, Abeln)
S.F. 709 (Hansen, C., Bang, Laufenburger)

Directs insurance commissioner to prescribe uniform health insurance claims forms to be used by all insurers, service plan corporations and state agencies requiring claims for their records. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 387

Interest Rates on Margin Accounts

*H.F. 103 (McCarron, Norton, Schreiber,
Brinkman, Mann)
S.F. 74 (Tennessee, Bang, Keefe, S.)

Removes 10% interest rate ceiling charged by security brokers or dealers on margin accounts--those on which person pays a portion of purchase price for securities and then borrows rest from brokerage house. Effective: immediately.
C. 27

COMMERCE

Interest Rates on Loans

*H.F. 511 (Brinkman, George, Friedrich,
McCauley, Meier)
S.F. 852 (Borden, Hansen, C.)

Provides exemption of loans over \$100,000 from usury ceiling for contracts for loans made between effective date of act and July 1, 1978. Effective: immediately.
C. 358

Liquor License Regulation

*H.F. 558 (Sarna, Lemke, Fudro,
Simoneau, Knickerbocker)
S.F. 1350 (Kleinbaum, Larson, Solon)

Allows liquor control commissioner to suspend, for 60 days, or revoke license if license fails to comply with applicable statutes, regulations or ordinances; allows for hearing process under administrative procedures act. Effective: immediately.
C. 231

Insurance Discounts for Students

*H.F. 70 (Prahl, Brinkman, Carlson, R.,
McCollar, Langseth)
S.F. 193 (Laufenburger, Hansen, C.,
Bang)

Requires that insurance companies giving college students discounts extend same discounts to students of any post-secondary student in an accredited school. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 44

Small Business Commission

*H.F. 175 (Graba, Knoll, Menning
Lemke, Johnson, D.)

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S.F. 275 (Willet, Gearty, Milton)

Establishes advisory task force on small business to study possible negative impact of state laws, rules and regulations on economic conduct and management of small business and make recommendations for small business; includes study of methods to improve conditions including economic incentives, long-range planning and education. Appropriation: \$60,000 to economic development dept. to provide staff assistance. Effective: immediately; expires Dec. 31, 1976.
C. 344

State Contracts for Small Business

*H.F. 710 (Knoll, Nelson, Pleasant,
Graba, Menning)
S.F. 677 (Hughes, Stassen, Keefe, S.,
not companion)

Requires approximately 10% of all state contracts for goods and services be set aside for small businesses by administration dept.; proportion of contracts set aside have to be awarded, if possible, to small businesses owned and operated by socially or economically disadvantaged persons. Appropriation: \$40,000. Effective: July 1, 1975. (Awards of contracts will commence on January 1, 1976.)
C. 383

Dairy Industry Unfair Trade Practices
(See Agriculture and Rural Development p. 3)

Outpatient Mental Health Insurance
(See Health and Welfare p. 41)

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Insurance for Emotionally Handicapped Children

(See Handicapped p. 35)

School District Employee Retirement Benefits

(See Public Employees p. 52)

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Hearing Aid Sales

*H.F. 490 (Sieben, M.)

S.F. 779 (Spear, Kirchner, Conzemius)

Makes it misdemeanor to violate statutory restrictions on hearing aid sales. Violators are subject to consumer fraud penalties. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 182

Charitable Trusts

*H.F. 907 (Novak, Johnson, D., McCarron, Simoneau, Faricy)

S.F. 1540 (Borden)

Requires registration and annual reports of certain charitable trusts and trustees with secretary of state; empowers attorney general to conduct investigations and otherwise take appropriate action to protect and enforce proper administration of charitable trusts. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 243

Charitable Organizations

*H.F. 745 (Fugina, Faricy, Rice, Mangan)

S.F. 1539 (Milton, Nelson, Keefe, S.)

Prohibits charitable organization from using any name or action designed to mislead person to believe that the organization is another organization

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having same or like purposes; or to present purposes and uses of funds solicited which are not provided in the statement filed upon registration of said organization under Minnesota law, or as provided under exemption of said organization from federal and state income taxes. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 386

Drug Label Information

*H.F. 470 (Carlson, L., Luther, Adams, L., Swanson, McCauley)

S.F. 1175 (North, Kowalczyk, Schaaf)

In addition to other information, drug labels must now indicate if use of drug impairs ability of user to operate a motor vehicle. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 356

Pay Toilets

*H.F. 177 (Pehler, Kahn, Knickerbocker, Clark, Williamson)

S.F. 1330 (Schaaf)

Prohibits pay toilets in public places unless at least 1/2 of toilets in rest room are free. Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 215

Flammability

*H.F. 146 (Sieben, H., Skoglund, Jensen, Byrne, Biersdorf)

S.F. 697 (Keefe, S., Solon, Bang)

Requires public assembly tents to be made from nonflammable material or to be treated and maintained in flame resistant condition. Requires camping tents and sleeping bags to be durably flame resistant. Requires the public

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safety commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations concerning standards for nonflammable, flame resistant and durably resistant materials, and labeling requirements by Jan. 1, 1976. Effective: immediately.

C. 341

Telephone Companies--Commission Investigative Procedure

H.F. 179 (Novak, Wenzel, Stanton, McCauley, Jude)

*S.F. 435 (Olhoft, Bang, Kleinbaum)

After public hearing in which a majority of commissioners agree, public service commission is authorized to investigate value of telephone property, adequacy or reasonableness of telephone service or rates, cost of up-grading service, or telephone company revenues. Cost of investigations will be charged to telephone company. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 25

Generic Drug Substitution

*H.F. 278 (Carlson, L., Berg, Williamson, Johnson, D., McCauley)

S.F. 118 (Milton, Kirchner, Conzemius)

Permits pharmacist, with consent of purchaser, to dispense any drug having same generic name as brand name prescribed, if prescriber has not expressly indicated prescription is to be dispensed as communicated. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 101

Menu--Labeling of Meat Substitutes

H.F. 841 (Erickson, Johnson, C., Eckstein, Kahn, DeGroat)

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*S.F. 426 (Olson, J.L., Moe, Bernhagen)

Requires any restaurant or establishment serving meat in any form to public to clearly indicate on menu if meat contains any filler or meat substitutes. Violation is misdemeanor. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 133

Personal Sales, Disclosures

*H.F. 619 (Arlandson, Johnson, D., Williamson, Smogard, Novak)

S.F. 881 (Spear, Brataas, Merriam)

Requires vendors (door-to-door salesmen or telephone solicitors) to state name, name of business, type of goods or services sold, immediately upon contacting potential buyers. Must also show identity card. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 372

Discrimination in Insurance Rates

H.F. 514 (Stanton, Pehler, Suss, Patton, Prahl)

*S.F. 765 (Humphrey, Kirchner, Keefe, S.)

Prohibits insurance companies from rejecting individual's application for accident or health coverage, as well as determining rates, on basis of disability, unless claims experience or actuarial projections warrant it. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 139

Landlord-Tenant

*H.F. 1146 (Berglin, Vento, Arlandson, Anderson, I., Moe)

S.F. 1390 (Doty, Keefe, J., Tennessen)

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Prescribes penalties for unlawful ouster or exclusion of tenants by landlords, provides for collection of damages if landlords interrupt utilities services to tenants, and prescribes manner in which tenant can recover possession of land or home in event of unlawful removal or exclusion; prohibits retaliatory evictions when tenants have made good faith efforts to protect their rights. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 410

Mass Media-Deceptive Trade Practices

*H.F. 557 (Novak, Johnson, D., Simoneau, Luther, Arlandson)
S.F. 1366 (Olhoft, Kowalczyk, Borden)

Limits exclusion of mass media from provisions of deceptive trade practices act and other consumer fraud laws to cases where there is no knowledge of deception or where there is no financial interest in goods or services deceptively sold. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 364

Oleomargarine Identification

*H.F. 339 (Niehaus, Lemke, Mann, Anderson, G., Albrecht)
S.F. 1506 (Wegener)

Requires oleomargarine to be identified when served in public eating places. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 222

Motor Vehicle Waste

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Conciliation Court Limit

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Cost of Foster Care for Delinquents

H.F. 1756 (Dahl, Swanson, McEachern, Ketola, Nelsen)
*S.F. 93 (North, Keefe, J., Milton)

State shall reimburse counties for 50% of costs of group foster care for delinquent children not paid by federal and other available state aids grants. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 131

Crime Victims' Reparations Board

*H.F. 986 (Vento, Haugerud, Carlson, A., Arlandson, Norton)
S.F. 1264 (O'Neill, Tennesen, Keefe, S.)

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Authorizes the crime victims reparations board to limit amount of attorneys' fees for cases heard before it. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 246

Shoplifting Gear; Livestock

H.F. 834 (Lindstrom, McCarron,
Vanasek, Patton, Corbid)

*S.F. 747 (Borden, Ashbach, McCutcheon)

Provides penalty for possession of shoplifting gear. Provides penalties for killing or theft of cattle, swine or sheep; provides for collection of damages for violation. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 314

Handgun Control Act

*H.F. 679 (Berg, Faricy, Knickerbocker,
Suss, Jaros)

S.F. 625 (Coleman, Ogdahl, McCutcheon)

Prohibits certain high risk individuals from possessing handguns including minor (unless under direct supervision, or completion of pistol marksmanship and safety course); person convicted of crime of violence within past ten years; person who has been confined or committed as "mentally ill", "mentally deficient" or "dangerous to the public" (unless medical doctor or psychiatrist certifies that person no longer suffers from disability); person convicted for unlawful use or possession of controlled substance (unless medical doctor or psychiatrist certifies that person has not abused substance within previous two years); and person who has been committed as "inebriate person" or for alcoholic problems (unless medical doctor or psychiatrist certifies that

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person has not abused alcohol during previous two years).

Requires permit to carry pistol unless pistol is to be carried to home, place of business, own land, purchase location, repair shop, or target practice, or in motor vehicle if kept unloaded in closed, fastened case outside of passenger area. Permit applications made at no charge to local law enforcement officials and if not acted on within 21 days are deemed to be granted; permits must be renewed annually. Prohibits dealer sale of "saturday-night special". Provides that any person who illegally carries or possesses a pistol shall be guilty of misdemeanor. Requires a minimum sentence of 1 year and a day for first offense of committing crime while possessing dangerous weapon and minimum sentence of 3 years for subsequent offenses of committing crime while possessing a dangerous weapon. Effective: October 1, 1975.

C. 378

Criminal Sexual Conduct

*H.F. 654 (Berglin, Kahn, Carlson, A.,
Faricy, Meier)

Defines and establishes penalties for 4 degrees of criminal sexual conduct. Provides mandatory sentences of at least 3 years for second or subsequent offenses of criminal sexual conduct or successful completion of a treatment program for anti-sexual social behavior. Defines evidence necessary and admissible for prosecuting such crimes; establishes criteria for admissibility of evidence of victim's previous sexual conduct. Repeals present laws on rape, sexual intercourse with child and indecent liberties. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 374

EDUCATION

Removal of Property ID Numbers

*H.F. 911 (Novak, McCarron, Jaros,
Forsythe, Spanish)
S.F. 1107 (McCutcheon, Jensen,
Purfeerst)

Redefines theft to include altering, removal or obliteration of identification numbers placed on personal property by owner with intent to prevent identification, if person committing act is not owner or does not have owner's permission. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 244

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Omnibus School Aids

*H.F. 235 (Graba, Johnson, C., Anderson,
I., Stanton, Adams, S.)
S.F. 135 (Anderson, Sillers, Hughes)

Authorizes spending of \$1.6 billion for biennium--largest appropriations measure in state's history. Represents a \$305 million increase over previous biennium.

Foundation Aids

Aids for 1975-76 will be \$900 per pupil unit minus 30 EARC mills. In 1976-77, aids will be \$960 per pupil unit minus 29 EARC mills. Kindergarten students count as 0.5 pupil unit; first through sixth grades, 1.0; seventh through twelfth, 1.4.

Declining Enrollments

Allows schools to include 60% (now 50%) of decline in enrollment in computation of pupil units.

Fast Growth Districts

For districts growing at more than 2% per year, each pupil unit increase will receive an additional weighting of 0.1 unit for each additional 1% of growth

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above 2%, to a limit of 0.5 fast growth units.

AFDC Weighting

	Old	New
<u>Concentration</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Law</u>
5%	.5	.5
5-6%	.6	.5
6-7%	.6	.6
7-8%	.6	.7
8-9%	.7	.8
9-10%	.85	.9
10-11%	.85	1.0
11%+	.85	1.1

Transportation Aids

In most cases, state will cover transportation costs exceeding funds generated by a 1 EARC mill local levy. For 1975-76, formula will be 118% of 1973-74 costs minus 1 EARC mill levy. In 1976-77, it will be 124% of 1973-74 minus 1 EARC mill. Districts in cities of the first class will be treated the same as other districts.

Special Education for Handicapped

Provides funding for 65% (now 60%) of salaries of essential personnel to a maximum of \$10,000 (now \$5,600). Permits funding for summer school for handicapped, including students placed in a district from other districts. Effective: March 1, 1976.

Assures that trainable mentally retarded persons will be provided special instruction and services. Permits instruction through age 25 of trainable mentally retarded pupils who have attended school less than nine years prior to September 1975.

Secondary Vocational

Provides dramatic jump in funding from \$20.7 million in last biennium to \$30.0 million in this biennium.

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Post-Secondary Vocational

Provides \$2,000 per pupil foundation aid, minus amount raised by minimum local levy (0.5 mill in cities of first class and intermediate districts; 1 mill for other AVTI districts), any other federal aids, and any amounts received as tuition (effective: July 1, 1976). Tuition is free for Minnesota residents under 21 and Minnesota veterans under 29. Other residents are charged \$2 per day and non-residents, \$5 per day.

Adult High School and G.E.D. Courses

Fees can no longer be charged for adult high school and general educational development programs. State payment of teachers' salaries changed from 75% to 90% up to a limit of \$8,000 per year.

Community Education

For 1975-76, school districts receive greater of \$5,000 or 25¢ per capita (50¢ per capita for 1976-77) if they have made \$1 per capita community education levy.

Early Childhood Education Pilot

Programs

Pilot programs are extended and number expanded from six to ten.

Capital Expenditure Levy

Increases levy limit from \$65 per pupil unit to \$70 (\$75 for districts qualifying for fast growth aids).

Declining Assessed Valuation

In any year that a district's assessed valuation declines, district may have immediate recalculation of EARC valuation for preceding year.

Maximum Effort School Aid Law

Provides that school district having capital loans of debt service loans from state must levy 20 mills to amortize these debts for a period of 30

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years. If this effort does not pay off debt, state will forgive remaining debt.

Comparison of State School Aids

(Dollars in Millions)

	<u>1973-75</u>	<u>1975-77</u>
	<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Biennium</u>
Foundation Aid	\$1,044.00	\$1,213.40
Transportation Aid	91.70	129.48
Special Education	53.40	85.35
Secondary Voc. Aid	20.70	30.00
Adult Vocational	6.29	8.00
Veterans Co-op		2.00
Post-Secondary Voc.	64.20	112.70
Post-Secondary Voc. Construction	0.75	1.50
Adult Education	0.50	0.63
GED Reimbursement	----	0.12
Community Education	0.67	2.80
Early Childhood Pilots	0.25	1.00
Flexible School Year	----	0.10
Tax Delinquency	----	0.17
Gross Earnings	1.80	1.50
Tax Exempt Land	0.80	0.40
Airport Aids (Richfield)	0.32	0.15
County Non-Tax Land	0.10	0.05
Shared Time Deficiency	----	.17
Lake County	----	.19
Eligible Teacher Aid	----	0.15
TOTAL	\$1,285.48	\$1,589.86

Effective: July 1, 1975

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Omnibus Education Appropriations Act

*H.F. 1758 (Norton)

Appropriates total of \$532 million from general fund for state department of education, state college system, university of Minnesota and its coordinate campuses and programs, Minnesota higher education coordinating commission and state community college system:

	<u>1973-75</u> <u>Biennium</u>	<u>1975-77</u> <u>Biennium</u>
Dept. of Education	\$22.6M	\$30.9M
University of Minnesota	\$243.5M	\$297.4M
State College System	\$92.2M	\$112.5M
Community College System	\$40.5M	\$48.3M
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$20.3M	\$40.2M
Mayo Medical School	\$1.5M	\$2.4M
Nursing Scholarships	.3M	.3M
TOTAL	\$420.9M	\$532.0M

M=Million, general fund appropriations
Effective: July 1, 1975

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Work-Study for Post-Secondary Institutions

*H.F. 1638 (Kroening, Fugina, Corbid,
Forsythe, Beauchamp)
S.F. 1285 (Hughes, Josefson, Moe)

Authorizes HECC to offer work-study grants to post-secondary institutions

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according to the full-time equivalent enrollment of all eligible post-secondary institutions that apply to participate in the program. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 430

State Colleges Name Change

H.F. 309 (Pehler, Patton, McCarron,
McCauley, St. Onge)

*S.F. 829 (Kleinbaum, Ueland,
Laufenburger)

Directs state college board to designate state colleges as state universities. Applies to Winona, Mankato, St. Cloud, Moorhead, Bemidji, Southwest and Metropolitan State Colleges. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 321

Teacher Contracts

*H.F. 428 (Enebo, St. Onge, Meier,
Jensen, Skoglund)

S.F. 535 (Keefe, S., Schrom)

Provides at least 10 days for teachers to consider contract provisions before they must sign. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C 151

School Aids and Discrimination

*H.F. 184 (Byrne, Berglin, Heinitz,
Philbrook, Stanton)

S.F. 503 (Stumpf, Merriam, Lewis)

Allows education commissioner to reduce state aid to school districts permitting violation of state laws prohibiting discrimination on basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, public

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assistance status or disability.

Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 173

Continuing Education for Nurses

*H.F. 784 (Swanson, Knoll, McCauley,
Meier, Anderson, I.)

S.F. 787 (Lewis, Kowalczyk, Borden)

Provides for continuing education for professional nurses; creates advisory task force on registration to advise board of nursing on procedures and requirements for continuing education. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 240

Transportation to Non-Public Schools

*H.F. 31 (Knoll, Heinitz, Graba,
Arlandson, Knickerbocker)

S.F. 36 (O'Neill, Hughes, Ogdahl)

More exactly defines conditions for reception of certain aids for transporting children to non-public schools outside district of residence. Changes existing language from "adjacent contiguous" district to "another" district. Retroactively provides for payment of additional transportation aid to any school district that would be entitled to aid in 1974-75 school year, but for intervention of unorganized territory between it and next "adjacent contiguous" district. Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 51

Student Legal Services

*H.F. 80 (Fugina, Stanton, Patton,
McCauley, McEachern)

Authorizes area vocational-technical institute or community college student

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associations to expend money for legal counseling and services for students from student activity fees. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 212

Teachers' Files

*H.F. 281 (Petrafeso, Stanton, Carlson,
A., Arlandson, Kempe, R.)

Effective January 1, 1976, all evaluations and files, wherever generated, relating to individual teacher shall be available to teacher upon written request. (Presently, only those files generated within a school district are available, and are available only during regular school business hours.) Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 177

Parochaid

*H.F. 914 (Pehler, Patton, Reding
Sieben, H., Wenzel)

S.F. 1217 (Kleinbaum, O'Neill, Schrom)

Requires local school districts to purchase and loan or provide instructional materials and equipment for use by children enrolled in non-public schools; requires local districts to provide same auxiliary services, e.g. guidance, counseling, testing and remedial services, for non-public school students as are provided for public school students. Whenever possible, auxiliary services are to be provided in students' non-public school. Provisions of act are severable and if any part is found unconstitutional, other parts will remain in force. Appropriation: \$12,000,000, annually. Effective: July 1, 1975.

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Law School and Educational Facilities Construction

*H.F. 1810 (Norton, Sabo, Searle, Faricy, Smith)
S.F. 1253 (Tennessen, Olson, J., Chenoweth)

Appropriates \$12,300,000 to university of Minnesota for constructing and equipping new law school on Minneapolis campus.

Appropriates \$4,000,000 to state board of education to match local school district funds used for construction or alteration of school buildings when changes are directly related to reducing or eliminating racial imbalance. Administration commissioner is appropriated \$1,075,000 for metropolitan community college campus expansion.

The finance commissioner is authorized to issue \$16,875,000 in state building bonds for above purposes.

Creates state vocational-technical building fund and allows issuance of vocational-technical building bonds. Up to \$15,500,000 appropriated from vocational-technical building fund to state board of education for construction. Finance commissioner may sell \$15,500,000 in vocational-technical building bonds for this purpose. Effective: immediately.
C. 436

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

*H.F. 787 (Fugina, Searle, Kroening, Rice, Williamson)
S.F. 798 (Moe, Sillers, North)

Directs HECC to develop and implement on-going budgeting process and standardized information reporting format for

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university, state colleges, state community colleges and public vocational-technical schools, including program output; to review budget requests and assess whether expenditures and accomplishments conform to legislative intent; to obtain from private post-secondary institutions, information on use of state funds. Permits commission, in its reciprocity agreement with North Dakota and South Dakota to include provision for transfer of funds and other provisions similar to those allowed in reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin. Increases maximum state scholarships and grants-in-aid from \$1,000 to \$1,100. Increases revenue bond limit for student loans from \$30,000,000 to \$90,000,000. Authorizes contracts with private four year colleges to pay \$150 for each resident student enrolled and with private junior colleges to pay \$120 for each resident student enrolled. Authorizes loans to medical students not to exceed \$5,000 per year or \$20,000 in total, which may be repaid by practicing in rural areas in state needing physicians. Effective: immediately.

C. 390

Teachers' Retirement

H.F. 206 (Patton, Moe, Parish, Biersdorf, Sarna)
*S.F. 469 (Chenoweth, Ogdahl, Stokowski)

Miscellaneous changes in teachers retirement act; provides for state takeover of employer contributions in cities of the first class; increased employee contribution contingent upon determination of benefit adjustment by legislature before March 1, 1976; legislative retirement study commission

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to conduct study of retirement programs in cities of first class and report to legislature during 1976 session.

Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 306

Senior Citizens--Free College Tuition

(See Senior Citizens p. 55)

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Benefits

(See Public Employees p. 52)

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Elections--Petition in Lieu Of Filing

Fee

H.F. 244 (Enebo, Kahn, Arlandson,
Knickerbocker, Clark)

*S.F. 72 (Doty, Olson, J., Schaaf)

Permits candidate for public office to present petition in lieu of filing fee when filing for office. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 130

School Board Elections--Qualified Voters

H.F. 408 (Stanton, Fugina, Carlson, R.,
Evans, Kahn)

*S.F. 456 (Josefson, Perpich, G.,
Hansen, M.)

Requires voters at school board elections to be citizens, 18 years old, school district residents and living in Minnesota at least 20 days. Prohibits persons from voting who have lost their civil rights, those under guardianship or incompetent or not registered if registration is required. Effective: immediately.

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Shade Tree Disease Control

*H.F. 1288 (Berg)

S.F. 1356 (Humphrey, Ogdahl, Borden)

Appropriates \$1.6 million for shade tree disease control. Authorizes agriculture department to make grants-in-aid to municipalities with approved shade tree disease control programs, for wood utilization and disposal facilities. Authorizes grants-in-aid for municipal subsidy programs which assist private property owners in tree removal and provides money for public education programs on shade tree disease.

Effective: immediately.

C. 253

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety

H.F. 407 (Smogard, Mangan, Wenstrom,
Kalis)

*S.F. 228 (Merriam, Hanson, Keefe, S.)

Toughens penalty provisions of existing law on natural gas pipeline safety by requiring state fire marshall to levy fines up to \$1,000 per day for violations; existing law allowed, but did not require, district courts to impose such civil penalties. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 31

Detachable Tabs on Metal Beverage Containers

H.F. 99 (Haugerud, Kahn, Vanasek,
Stanton)

*S.F. 460 (Willet, Hanson, Wegener)

Prohibits sale of carbonated or non-carbonated soft drink, beer, other malt beverage or tea in liquid form in sealed

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metal beverage containers with detachable tabs or "pop-tops". Violation of act is misdemeanor and each day of violation is separate offense. Effective: January 1, 1977.

C. 308

Littering Act

H.F. 1676 (Kahn, Stanton, Casserly, Carlson, A., Reding)

*S.F. 1142 (Arnold, Willet, Hanson, R.)

Prohibits littering in state parks; penalty is misdemeanor. Any person sentenced for littering in state parks may work off sentence by clearing rubbish, trash and debris from any state park. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 168

Water Pollution Control Bonds

*H.F. 398 (Munger, Searle, Skoglund, Haugerud, Wenstrom)

S.F. 1165 (North, Olson, H., Olhoft)

Authorizes increase in amount of water pollution control bonds from \$55 million to \$84 million for total increase of \$29 million in bonding authority of PCA. Appropriates \$11 million from general fund to water pollution control fund for use before any bond money may be used. Total increase in amount in water pollution control fund is \$40 million (\$29 million in bonds and \$11 million in general revenue funds), bringing current \$55 million fund to \$95 million. Requires PCA to report back to legislature by Jan. 1, 1976, on alternative methods for providing revenues to water pollution control fund and on priorities established in allocating water pollution control funds. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

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Large Energy Facilities

H.F. 1181 (Munger, Jacobs, Kelly, W., Voss, Jaros)

*S.F. 1196 (Humphrey)

Expands definition of large energy facility to include coal conversion plants. Changes requirements concerning submission of reports on projected demand for energy. Extends dates for promulgation of assessment of need criteria to July 1, 1976. Effective: immediately.

C. 170

Motor Vehicle Waste

*H.F. 344 (Skoglund, Searle, Ketola, Schumacher, Smogard)

S.F. 868 (North, Dunn, Olhoft)

Authorizes PCA to study programs for control of motor vehicle waste (oil, tires, etc.), abandoned motor vehicles and scrap metal, and to develop informational programs; authorizes local governments to dispose of limited number of abandoned motor vehicles and scrap metal. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 223

Land Acquisition

(See Natural Resources p. 50)

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Guardian Ad Litem for Children

*H.F. 68 (Berglin, Parish, Dieterich, Skoglund, Sieloff)

S.F. 831 (Merriam, Knutson, Schaaf)

Requires court to appoint guardian ad litem for minors in every case alleging neglect of child or child abuse on part

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of minor's parents, unless court is satisfied that minor's interests are adequately represented (e.g. when court appoints counsel for minor). Court may also require parents to pay fees of guardian ad litem. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 210

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Eminent Domain Change

*H.F. 251 (Fudro, Sarna, Schreiber, Biersdorf, Simoneau)

Provides that, in eminent domain proceedings, petitioner shall pay owner or court before getting title and possession. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 218

Conciliation Court Limit

H.F. 1079 (Evans, Suss, Sieloff, Savelkoul, Setzepfandt)

*S.F. 46 (Ueland, Tennessen, Knutson)

Maximum amount of claim considered in conciliation court increased from \$500 to \$1,000. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 263

State Licensing Boards

H.F. 1257 (Arlandson, Adams, L., Haugerud, Patton, Smogard)

*S.F. 605 (North, Milton, Stassen)

Re-defines health related and non-health related licensing boards. Provides uniform requirements for appointment of board members, board member's terms, and removal of board members. Transfers some licensing functions for occupations to departments. Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 136

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Administrative Procedures Act

*H.F. 702 (Sieben, H., Patton, Wenzel, Wenstrom, Zubay)

S.F. 755 (Borden, Olson, J.)

Defines "rule" to include every agency statement of general applicability and future effect made to implement a law or to govern agency organization or procedure. Provides that agencies prepare descriptions of their organization or procedure and adopt rules setting forth nature and requirements of all formal and informal procedures. Rules adopted shall be effective 20 days after publication. Creates state office of hearing examiners to conduct all hearings of state agencies.

Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 380

Name Changes of State Agencies

H.F. 705 (Kroening, Adams, L., DeGroat, Knoll, White)

*S.F. 336 (North, Nelson, Schmitz)

Defines and categorizes all state departments, agencies, boards, committees, councils and commissions. Renames certain state departments, boards and commissions to uniformly identify responsibilities of each agency. Agency that has power to perform administrative acts, grants, licenses and to make rules or to adjudicate cases shall be called a board; agency whose main purpose is to advise shall be called committee; agency with at least half of its members as representatives of specific occupations, etc., designated a council; agency in legislative branch called a legislative commission; agency whose primary purpose is to issue bonds called an authority. Effective July 1,

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1975, but affected agencies have until Jan. 1978 to comply with act.
C. 271

State Advisory Committees and Commissions

H.F. 1071 (Adams, L., Arlandson, Metzen, Zubay, Sieben, H.)
*S.F. 753 (North, Nelson, Milton)

Reorganizes and standardizes terms, compensation and operating procedures of advisory councils and committees. Changes appointing authority of many of these councils and committees from governor to department head concerned. Terminates existence of advisory councils and commissions by June 30, 1983, unless earlier termination date has been specified. Effective: July 1, 1975.
C. 315

Joint Powers-Instrumentalities of Governmental Units

(See Local Government p. 48)

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License Plates for Handicapped

*H.F. 231 (Erickson, Fudro, Evans, Kahn, Neisen)
S.F. 99 (Olson, J., Laufenburger, Josefson)

Provides for issuance of license plates carrying wheelchair symbol to persons who have sustained an amputation or suffered permanent loss of use of one or both legs; provides \$10 credit on vehicle registration fees. Effective: March 1, 1976.
C. 217

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Court Interpreters

*H.F. 67 (Berglin, Dieterich, Mangan, Berg, Kvam)
S.F. 937 (Merriam, Doty, Jensen)

Requires courts, state and local authorities to appoint interpreters for handicapped persons, who, because of hearing or other communication disorders, cannot understand or communicate in English. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 337

Experimental Program: Care of Mentally Retarded Children

H.F. 1321 (Swanson, Clark, Mangan, Clawson, Forsythe)
*S.F. 1415 (Olhoft, Olson, J., Moe)

Authorizes experimental program for cost of home care of mentally retarded children. Family grants not to exceed \$250/month/family; individual care and training plan developed for child--with periodic review. Appropriation: \$300,000. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 293

Mental Retardation Protection Act

*H.F. 48 (Berg, Savelkoul, Kelly, W., Parish, Knoll)
S.F. 78 (Davies, O'Neill, Doty)

Establishes detailed procedures governing appointment by county or probate court of public welfare commissioner as public guardian or conservator of mentally retarded person. Specifies procedures to be followed to sterilize or give medical treatment to a mentally retarded person who is under supervision of commissioner. Specifies duties of commissioner when acting as a guardian

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or conservator; requires individualized program plan and annual review of condition and legal status of each mentally retarded person under commissioner's supervision. Establishes procedures to be followed to modify or terminate commissioner's guardianship or conservatorship.

Provisions concerning mentally retarded persons are effective July 1, 1975; other provisions are effective Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 208

Zoning Regulation for Handicapped Residences

*H.F. 319 (Knoll, Heinitz, Kelly, W., Savelkoul, Skoglund)

S.F. 310 (Keefe, S., O'Neill, Humphrey)

Provides that no new license for a mentally retarded or physically handicapped facility will be granted when license would substantially contribute to an excessive concentration of community residential facilities within any town, municipality or county. Factors such as population, size, land use plan, availability of community services, number and size of existing public and private community residential facilities will be considered in making a determination. Effective: immediately.

C. 60

Community Mental Health Board Boundaries

H.F. 421 (Mangan, Reding, Meier, Setzepfandt)

*S.F. 343 (Milton, Knutson, North)

After June 30, 1977, each community mental health services program must be contained completely within boundaries of one economic development region, except that it may encompass completely

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two Minnesota economic development regions. Programs will not be eligible for grants unless these provisions are followed. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 69

Transfer Lake Owasso Children's Home To Ramsey County

*H.F. 872 (Hanson, Norton, Novak, Philbrook, Sieloff)

S.F. 759 (McCutcheon, Ashbach, Coleman)

Requires state to enter into agreement to transfer general management and control of Lake Owasso children's home from state to Ramsey county. Requires state to fund operation of home for 4 years after date of transfer. Appropriation: \$300,000. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 242

Insurance for Emotionally Handicapped Children

H.F. 403 (Swanson, Reding, Ulland, Rice, Brinkman)

*S.F. 409 (Conzemius, Knutson, Perpich, G.)

After July 1, 1975, all health and accident insurance policies, non-profit health plans and HMO contracts shall include health service benefits for treatment of emotionally handicapped children in residential treatment facilities. Effective: July 1, 1975.

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Special Education for Handicapped (See School Aids Bill p. 17)

Patient Review in Federal Hospitals (See Health and Welfare p. 40)

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Outpatient Mental Health Insurance

(See Health and Welfare p. 41)

Meals on Wheels

(See Taxes p. 63)

Tax Credit for Blind/Deaf

(See Taxes p. 64)

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Omnibus HWC Bill

*H.F. 1743 (Norton)

Bill does not close any institution and adds 200 staff positions to welfare institutions. Includes \$143,000 food stamp outreach program. Bill provides \$586 million for biennium, an increase of \$152 million over last biennium's appropriation of \$434 million. Most of increase, \$129 million, is for welfare. Major categories listed below.

	1973-75	1975-77
	<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Biennium</u>
Welfare	\$379.3M	\$502.0M
Corrections	44.9M	63.2M
Boards	.1M	1.1M
Health	6.9M	15.8M
Corrections		
Ombudsman	.1M	.3M
Community Action		
Program	1.2M	1.2M
Contingent	.7M	1.2M
Deficiency	<u>.8M</u>	<u>1.4M</u>
TOTAL	\$434.0M*	\$586.2M**1

*Does not include open appropriation for salary adjustments.

**Includes \$33,600,000 county welfare cost reimbursement contained in 1973 tax bill and \$19,000,000 in federal fund shift.

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¹General funds only. In addition, corrections was appropriated \$272,000 HUTD funds and health \$409,700 trunk highway funds.

Human Services Rider to Health and Welfare Omnibus Bill

Provides financial assistance to operating human services boards (HSB); places responsibility for HSB's in state planning; changes mandatory citizen membership to optional membership; directs state planning to standardize policies of welfare, health, corrections and employment services departments and vocational rehabilitation division in relation to HSB's. C. 434

Adult Cystic Fibrosis Treatment

*H.F. 1140 (McCarron, Rice, Clark, Forsythe, Novak)

S.F. 948 (Conzemius, Kirchner, Anderson)

Board of health is directed to develop and conduct program including medical care and hospital treatment for adults suffering from cystic fibrosis.

Appropriation: \$40,000 annually.

Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 409

Nutrition for Elderly

*H.F. 1009 (Rice, Meier, Kelly, R., Arlandson, McCollar)

S.F. 727 (Merriam, Nelson, Spear)

Appropriates \$650,000 to governor's citizens council on aging through the welfare commissioner to increase service levels of programs funded by federal "older americans act".

Title 7 money (nutrition for elderly)

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will be used to supplement nutrition program for elderly; citizens' council may make grants for provision of nutritionally sound meals and supportive social services. Appropriation: \$650,000 biennium.

Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 400

Child Nutrition Act

*H.F. 210 (Norton, Swanson, Samuelson, Meier, Forsythe)

S.F. 50 (Lewis, Kleinbaum, Coleman)

Provides for vouchers for purchase of nutritional supplements for pregnant and lactating mothers and children under age 4. Prescribes duties for board of health to develop comprehensive state plan and directs public welfare commissioner to help identify eligible individuals. Appropriation: \$1,000,000 for biennium. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 346

Anatomical Gift ID

*H.F. 837 (Searle, Kahn, Forsythe, Kaley, Norton)

S.F. 156 (Patton, Humphrey, Stassen)

Provides for identification of donors by designation "donor" on driver's license of non-qualification certificate. \$35,000 appropriation. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 393

Child Abuse Reports

*H.F. 306 (Swanson, Hokanson, Dahl, Forsythe, Novak)

S.F. 313 (Hughes, Knutson, Keefe, S.)

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Requires professionals in fields of health, social services, psychology, child care, education and law enforcement who have knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe a child is being physically or sexually abused to report such information to local welfare agency or police department. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 221

Welfare Payments on Red Lake Reservation

*H.F. 533 (St. Onge, Anderson, I., Eken, Samuelson)

S.F. 607 (Willet, Moe, Arnold)

Provides for state payment of county welfare costs incurred by Red Lake reservation not covered by federal payments. Programs covered include AFDC, medical assistance, emergency assistance to needy families with dependent children, social services and programs' administrative costs. Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 361

Smoking Regulation

*H.F. 79 (Kahn, Philbrook, Suss, Savelkoul, Sabo)

S.F. 602 (Schaaf, Hansen, M., Hughes)

Known as Minnesota clean indoor air act. Prohibits smoking in public places and at public meetings except in designated smoking area. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 211

Health Regulations for Mass Gatherings

*H.F. 308 (Carlson, L., Byrne, Smith Schumacher, Heinitz)

S.F. 80 (Lewis, Kowalczyk, Milton)

Authorizes board of health to promul-

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gate health rules regarding mass gatherings of 1,500 or more gathered for more than 10 hours and held in an open space or temporary structure. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 351

Patient Review in Federal Hospitals
*H.F. 197 (Samuelson, St. Onge, Forsythe, Rice, Berglin)

Allows welfare commissioner, upon written request from federal authorities, to establish review panel for any federal hospital within state to review admission and retention of patients hospitalized under hospitalization and commitment act. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 174

Fee for Social Service
H.F. 1198 (Meier, Clawson, Reding, McEachern, Menning)
*S.F. 236 (Doty, Kirchner, North)

County welfare board may charge fees for social services furnished to a family or individual not on public assistance. Fees must be based on ability to pay. Effective: October 1, 1975.
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Hospital Review Organization
H.F. 646 (Swanson, Carlson, L., Heinritz, Vanasek, Johnson, D)
*S.F. 524 (Milton)

Review organization may now determine whether health professional shall be granted staff privileges in a medical institution or whether a professional's

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staff privileges should be limited, suspended or revoked. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 73

Outpatient Mental Health Insurance
H.F. 513 (Brinkman, Hanson, Begich, Stanton, Heinritz)
*S.F. 690 (Keefe, S., Conzemius)

After August 1, 1975, all group policies and group subscriber contracts providing benefits for mental or nervous disorder treatments in a hospital must provide coverage of at least 90% of first \$600 of cost of usual and customary charges incurred over a 12-month period for mental or nervous disorder consultation, diagnosis and treatment services delivered on an outpatient basis. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 89

Certificate of Need
H.F. 307 (Carlson, L., Petrafeso, Swanson, Clark, Nelsen)
*S.F. 177 (North, Kowalczyk, Lewis)

Changes requirements and procedures for obtaining certificate of need for health care facilities; includes purchase or acquisition of diagnostic or therapeutic equipment in definition of 'construction or modification'; mandates area-wide comprehensive health planning agency to conduct study of health care needs, services and facilities within its jurisdiction. Appropriation: \$24,000,000 biennium. Effective: immediately.
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Drug Label Information
(See Consumer Affairs p. 9)

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Generic Drug Substitution

(See Consumer Affairs p. 10)

Continuing Education for Nurses

(See Education p. 22)

Experimental Program: Care of Mentally Retarded Children

(See Handicapped p. 33)

Mental Retardation Protection Act

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Social Security Benefits and Health Insurance

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Driving Under Influence of Controlled Substance

(See Transportation p.67)

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Privacy

*H.F. 1014 (Lindstrom, Sieben, H.,
Patton, Knickerbocker,
Philbrook)

S.F. 942 (Tennessee, Humphrey)

Tightens existing law on collection, storage and dissemination of data on individuals by state and its political subdivisions. Provides for issuance of rules relating to implementation of act by commissioner of administration. Establishes privacy study commission to make continuing study of data on individuals collected, stored, used and disseminated by state and its political

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subdivisions. Appropriates \$25,000 for biennium ending June 30, 1977, for commission expenses. Effective: immediately.

C. 401

Human Rights Amendment

*H.F. 4 (Stanton, Menning, McCauley
Jude, Kahn)

S.F. 232 (Humphrey, Keefe, J.,
Tennessee)

Extends protection to disabled persons using public services, accommodations, goods, facilities, etc.; unlawful to discriminate in giving credit because of marital status. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 206

Name Change Bill

*H.F. 51 (Kahn, Faricy, Suss, Meier,
Knickerbocker)

S.F. 398 (Milton, Pillsbury, Schaaf)

New law abolishes distinctions in law concerning changing of names; provides procedure for name change; allows wife to keep her own name after marriage. Effective: August 1, 1975.

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Equal Opportunity in Athletics

*H.F. 69 (Kahn, Reding, Biersdorf,
Samuelson, Dieterich)

S.F. 91 (Milton, Ashbach, Borden)

Allows schools separate athletic teams for boys and girls if separate teams are necessary to provide equal opportunity for participation in athletic programs and if teams for each sex get same budget per participant, exclusive of

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revenues a sport generates. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 338

Patient Review in Federal Hospitals (See Health & Welfare p. 40)

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Unemployment Compensation

*H.F. 1 (Sieben, H., Sarna, Osthoff, Adams, L., Prahl)
S.F. 475 (Merriam, Hanson, Keefe, S.)

Maximum benefits increased from \$85/week to \$105 July 1, 1975, and \$116/week July 1, 1976; new maximum is flexible rate based on 62% of state average weekly wage; unemployed receive benefits equal to 60% of first \$85/week; 40% of next \$85; and 50% of remainder; employer's wage base rises from \$4,800 to 70% of average annual wage to maximum of \$6,500; allows benefits to persons unemployed due to uniform vacation shut-down; raises employer contribution rate to 6% if experience ratio in three preceding years was in excess of 5%. Effective: July 1, 1975.
C. 336

Occupational Safety and Health Amendment

*H.F. 161 (Anderson, I., Enebo, Hanson, Abeln, Knickerbocker)

Allows employee discharged or discriminated against due to OSHA regulations to bring action against employer in district court; court may reinstate, rehire, allow fringe benefits, back pay, seniority rights, compensatory damages or other appropriate relief. Effective: July 1, 1975.
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Workers' Compensation

*H.F. 522 (Moe, Osthoff, Clark, Lemke, Hokanson)
S.F. 594 (Keefe, S., Stumpf, Spear)

Maximum benefits for total disability increased from \$100 to \$135 (injured worker still limited to 2/3 of salary); persons totally disabled for more than 104 weeks receive total benefit equal to 50% of statewide average weekly wage; \$40,000 limitation on widow's benefits eliminated; employers help pay attorney fees when employee wins case; minimum benefits for total disability increased to 20% of statewide average weekly wage; total weeks for retraining benefits increased from 104 weeks to 156. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975 (Oct. 1, 1975--benefits).
C. 359

Private Pension Amendment

H.F. 1594 (Patton, Moe, Parish, Beauchamp, Biersdorf)
*S.F. 476 (Stokowski, Ueland, Keefe, S.)

Prohibits clause in pension plan which causes employee to lose vested rights if he joins a competing employer; includes rights vested before and after effective date--August 1, 1975.
C. 307

Summer Youth Employment Program

*H.F. 2 (Casserly, Anderson, I., Norton, Jaros, Osthoff)
S.F. 185 (Humphrey, Ogdahl, Solon)

Appropriates \$4 million for summer employment (12 weeks) of young people (up to 22 years) at federal minimum wage for work periods not exceeding 32 hours/week. Appropriation available until October 1, 1976. Application through

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local offices of state employment services department. Effective: immediately.
C. 205

Little Davis-Bacon Act

*H.F. 794 (Samuelson, Enebo, Osthoff, Sarna, Fudro)
S.F. 1323 (Olson, A., Conzemius, Bang)

Provides prevailing state wage rate to be paid on state projects financed in whole or part by state funds; allows labor and industry commissioner to investigate and certify changes in prevailing state wage. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 191

OSHA Amendments

*H.F. 661 (Prah, Enebo, Sarna, Sieben, H.)
S.F. 1408 (Arnold, Perpich, A.J.)

Adds to definition of "serious violation" any standard, rule, regulation or order which is approximate cause of an employee's death; provides for distribution of notices of OSHA violations and posting of fine schedules by employers. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 375

CETA Employees

H.F. 22 (Sieben, H., Reding, Simoneau, Biersdorf, Doty)
*S.F. 55 (Keefe, S., Merriam, Schrom)

Allows employment by state and other governmental units of unemployed or under-employed as defined by federal emergency act of 1971 and comprehensive employment and training act (CETA) of

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1973; state may insure its liability under workers' compensation for those hired. Effective: immediately.
C. 2

Unemployment Benefits Extended

*H.F. 3 (Sieben, H., Biersdorf, Wenstrom, Metzen, Hokanson)
S.F. 32 (Keefe, S., Hansen, C., Hanson)

Makes available emergency extended unemployment compensation benefits as provided by federal-state unemployment compensation act as amended in 1975; allows 13 additional weeks for total of 52; requires federal share to be at least 50%. Effective: immediately.
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Unemployment Compensation Minus Holiday Pay

H.F. 637 (Neisen, Mangan, Simoneau, Jensen)
*S.F. 311 (Olson, H., Spear)

Eligible persons may receive benefits in weeks they receive holiday pay, but holiday pay is subtracted from total. Effective: July 1, 1975.
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Conciliation Court Sessions

H.F. 1080 (Evans, Suss, Setzepfandt Savelkoul, Sieloff)
*S.F. 306 (Ueland, Nelson, Knutson)

Authorizes county boards to direct conciliation courts to hold sessions at specified times during evening, on Saturdays and at specified locations. Effective: August 1, 1975.
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Industrial Revenue Bond Changes

*H.F. 1441 (Sieben, H.)

S.F. 1695 (Milton)

Grants counties power to issue industrial revenue bonds if project is not located within a municipality; allows municipality to evict tenant who defaults on bonds; housing redevelopment authority may waive building restrictions. Allows those who issue industrial revenue bonds to lease as well as purchase title. Effective: immediately.

C. 422

Joint Powers--Instrumentalities of Governmental Units

H.F. 1216 (Voss, Setzepfandt, Begich, Schreiber, Dean)

*S.F. 523 (Dunn, Olson, A., Larson)

Permits any instrumentality of government unit having independent policy-making and appropriating authority to enter into joint powers agreements with other governmental units. Removes requirement that services performed by counties for governmental units be performed on a cost basis. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 134

County Commissioners--Filling Vacancies

H.F. 1409 (Prah, Luther, Biersdorf)

*S.F. 903 (Willet, Dunn, Stokowski)

Standardizes procedures for filling vacancies in office of county commissioner. Vacancies filled by special election unless vacancy occurs less than 60 days before general election preceding end of term when office is

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then left vacant until general election. Effective immediately and applies to appointments made on or after January 1, 1975.

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Local Pest Control

(See Agriculture & Rural Development p. 2)

Shade Tree Disease Control

(See Energy and Environment p. 27)

Motor Vehicle Waste

(See Energy and Environment p. 29)

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Metropolitan Government Reorganization Act

H.F. 54 (Tomlinson, Casserly, Schreiber, Williamson, Kostohryz)

*S.F. 19 (North, Kirchner, Chenoweth)

Recodifies and reorganizes laws relating to metro council and various metropolitan agencies, including transit commission, waste control commission, and airports commission. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

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Acquisition of Outdoor Recreation Lands

*H.F. 1241 (Kahn, Munger, Norton, Savelkoul, Wenstrom)

S.F. 1393 (Anderson, Arnold)

Appropriates \$15 million from general

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fund to DNR for acquisition of state parks, forests, trails, wildlife management areas, fishing management lands and other outdoor recreation lands; appropriates \$20 million from state building fund for grants to pay cost of acquisition and betterment of metro area parks and open space by metro council and metropolitan and local government units; authorizes finance commissioner, upon request of governor, to sell and issue bonds to provide this money. Effective: July 1, 1975.
C. 415

Land Acquisition

H.F. 1590 (Anderson, I., Sabo, Haugerud, Searle, Munger)
*S.F. 1101 (Arnold, Willet, Perpich, A.J.)

Specifies procedures by which DNR can acquire land for natural resources purposes. Requires request for land acquisition to go through administration department, requires appraisal of land values by that department; restricts amount which can be paid for land to an amount no more than 10% above appraised value. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 144

Raccoon Protection

H.F. 624 (Vanasek, Haugerud, Suss, Searle, Johnson, C.)
*S.F. 458 (Larson, Wegener, Moe)

Removes racoons from list of unprotected animals. Allows DNR to set raccoon season between Oct. 15 and Dec. 31. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 164

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Wildlife Management

H.F. 189 (Sherwood, Hanson, Patton, Skoglund, Biersdorf)
*S.F. 1098 (Merriam, Larson, Wegener)

Clarifies authority of DNR commissioner to designate and manage public waters for wildlife use. Changes reporting requirement. Limits fox season from April 1--August 31; deer season between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15. Effective: immediately.
C. 167

Turtle Protection

H.F. 505 (Brinkman, Munger, DeGroat, Vento, Pehler)
*S.F. 452 (Schrom, Dunn, Willet)

Restricts trapping and fishing of turtles in Minnesota. Law sets \$25 license fee for commercial fishing or turtles; allows person with fishing licenses to take turtles; limit of 10 snapping turtles per person. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 107

Zoo Bill

*H.F. 704 (Sieben, M., Searle, White, Jensen, Sieben, H.)
S.F. 601 (Schaaf, O'Neill, Conzemius)

Allows acquisition of necessary land not yet acquired; allows promotional and advertising spending from funds outside bond revenue; provides for investment of operating receipts not immediately needed; allows sale or exchange of excess animals; specifies all gifts, grants or contributions as matching funds. Effective: immediately.
C. 382

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Taconite

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 60)

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Public Officials--Public Meetings

*H.F. 153 (Prahl, Begich, Anderson, I.,
Sarna, Clark)

S.F. 1395 (Arnold)

Allows public officials to take time off from regular employment for public meetings; prohibits retaliatory action by employer; whether time off is with or without pay depends on employer-employee agreement. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 342

Judges' Retirement Amendments

*H.F. 1313 (Parish, Patton)

S.F. 1062 (Chenoweth, Ogdahl, Gearty)

Applies to 33 retired district and supreme court judges or their widows; provides both pay with interest if judges or widows waive rights to any future increase; allows future adjustments provided under Minnesota adjustable fixed benefit fund. Appropriation: \$2,022,700 biennium. Effective: immediately.

C. 418

School District Employee Retirement Benefits

*H.F. 562 (Kostohryz, Johnson, C., Kahn,
Osthoff, Jaros)

S.F. 657 (Hughes, Sillers)

Lowers from 60 to 55 age of retired officers and employees for whom school district may purchase medical insurance. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

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Peace Officer Death Benefits

*H.F. 1292 (Smith, McCollar, Menning,
Carlson, R., Kvam)

S.F. 1307 (Merriam, Dunn, Solon)

Increased compensation to dependents of peace officers killed in line of duty from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Effective: immediately.

C. 128

State Civil Service Pay Bill

*H.F. 1769 (Lindstrom, Sieben, H.,
Samuelson, McCauley, Voss)

S.F. 1715 (McCutcheon, Gearty, Ashbach)

Incorporates negotiated and arbitrated compensation and benefit awards for employees in classified civil service; provides maximum salary ranges and across-the-board increases for A, B and C schedules totaling 5.5%, 52¢ per hour and \$20 per month, respectively. Increases potential benefits in cost-of-living and certain other benefits.

Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 431

PERA Administrative Bill

*H.F. 584 (Parish, Beauchamp, Moe,
Patton, Biersdorf)

S.F. 468 (Chenoweth, Ogdahl, Stokowski)

Workers' compensation not considered salary for computing benefits; former public employees retirement association (PERA) members who are employee representatives for PERA may continue coverage; venue for PERA court actions is Ramsey county district court; PERA may mail payments directly to recipient's bank; disability benefits reduced only by workers' compensation benefits, not attorneys' fees; surviving

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spouse of member of PERA police and fire fund with 20 years service may qualify for optional annuity. Effective: July 1, 1975.
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Teacher Contracts
(See Education p. 21)

Teachers' Retirement
(See Education p. 25)

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Outdoor Recreation Act of 1975
*H.F. 343 (Vento, Munger, Carlson, A., Arlandson)
S.F. 206 (Willet, Dunn, Arnold)

To protect and provide greater opportunities for use of outdoor recreational resources, law creates an outdoor recreation system which includes all natural and recreational state parks, state trails, state wilderness areas, state forests and state wild, scenic and recreational rivers. Law also--

- creates system to classify all areas of outdoor recreation system.
- prescribes criteria for classification and method of administration for each class.
- requires master plan for each unit in system before any acquisition of development of unit.
- creates an outdoor recreation advisory council.
- requires DNR to compile registry of all units in outdoor recreation system.

Effective: August 1, 1975
C. 353

SENIOR CITIZENS

Citizen Committee on Voyageurs Park
*H.F. 628 (Anderson, I., Fugina, Johnson, D., Begich)
S.F. 671 (Arnold)

Creates citizen committee of 16 to study and make recommendations to U.S. national park service regarding operation of voyageurs national park. Effective: July 1, 1975; expires July 30, 1983.
C. 235

Canoe and Boating Routes
H.F. 399 (Wenstrom, Simoneau, Anderson, G., Fjoslien, Sherwood)
*S.F. 194 (Merriam, Ueland, Stumpf)

Authorizes DNR with local governments to acquire land for rest areas and river accesses along canoe and boating routes. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 37

SENIOR CITIZENS

Duluth Employment for Seniors
*H.F. 1156 (Doty, Munger, Jaros, Ulland)
S.F. 1046 (Doty, Solon)

Authorizes Duluth to negotiate contracts for maintenance of city parks and other public works in Duluth. Purpose is to employ needy, elderly persons. Maximum remuneration is \$3,000 in any 12-month period. Effective date--upon approval by Duluth city council.
C. 196

Senior Citizens--Free College Tuition
*H.F. 257 (St. Onge, Fugina, Erickson, Patton, Kroening)

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S.F. 111 (Hughes, Ashbach, Kleinbaum)

Allows any Minnesota resident who has reached age of 62 to attend or audit courses offered for credit or enroll in noncredit courses without payment of tuition or activity fees. This applies to any state-supported institution of higher education in Minnesota when space is available after all tuition-paying students have been accommodated. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
C. 219

Social Security Benefits and Health Insurance

**S.F. 963 (Patton, Laufenburger, Humphrey)*

Prohibits provider of any individual or group policy for accident or health insurance, health maintenance organizations or individual health contractors from using social security or similar compensation benefits to offset or decrease benefits paid to policyholders. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.
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Nutrition for Elderly

(See Health and Welfare p. 37)

Meals on Wheels

(See Taxes p. 63)

Senior Citizen Credit

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 57)

Senior Citizens Freeze

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 58)

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Omnibus Tax Bill

**H.F. 1674 (Kelly, W., Sabo, Anderson, I., Johnson, D.)*

Provides additional tax relief of over \$200 million.

1. Income Adjusted Homestead Credit

Provides over \$60 million in additional tax relief. Principle adopted is that property tax relief for renters and homeowners ought to be equal, and that relief should relate to income of the claimant. Supersedes (and is better than) existing rent credit, senior citizens and disabled income tax credit.

Income is sum of federal adjusted gross and all non-taxable income.

Rent constituting property taxes is 20% of gross rent (excludes utilities, etc.)

Homestead credit grandfathered in---guaranteeing no losers. Circuit breaker payment will be the difference between what was received from homestead credit and entitlement under circuit breaker.

Senior Citizens Credit

Credit for senior citizens and disabled is \$200 more than maximum listed below.

<u>Household Income</u>	<u>% of Income To Be Paid As Tax</u>	<u>Maximum Credit</u>
\$ 0- 2,499	1.0	\$475
2,500-19,999	1.5	\$475
20,000-22,999	1.6	\$475
23,000-25,999	1.8	\$425

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(Contd)	% of Income	
<u>Household Income</u>	<u>To Be Paid</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
	<u>As Tax</u>	<u>Credit</u>
\$ 26,000-30,999	2.0	\$375
31,000-35,999	2.2	\$350
36,000-40,999	2.4	\$325
41,000-44,999	2.6	\$325
45,000-52,999	2.8	\$325
53,000-65,999	3.0	\$325
66,000-81,999	3.2	\$325
82,000-99,999	3.5	\$325
100,000	4.0	\$325

Effective for property tax payable in 1976.

2. Senior Citizens Freeze

Freeze credit is 100% for incomes up to \$10,000 and declines 5% for each \$500 of income over \$10,000. No freeze if income is over \$19,500.

3. Partial Welfare Takeover

State will take over an additional \$95 million of local welfare burden. Will assume 90% of costs for medical assistance and indigent medical care. Effective: Jan. 1, 1976.

4. Local Government Aids

Aid formula changed to \$42 per capita to each county area in 1976 and \$45 per capita in 1977. Seven-county metro area treated as one county. County governments frozen in at their 1975 aid level (except Hennepin, Ramsey and St. Louis, which lose all county aid),

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cities and towns within a county divide up the pot based on equalized effort times population. All units "grandfathered in" at 1975 levels.

This formula provides an additional \$29 million in aids for the 1976-77 biennium.

5. Levy Limits

Provides opportunity to apply to levy limit review board to have base increased. Eliminates levy limits on municipalities of under 2,500 population. Changes levy limit formula and special levies.

6. Tax Loss Farming

Individuals can offset farm losses against non-farm income up to \$15,000 if non-farm income does not exceed \$15,000; \$2 of loss can only offset \$1 of income.

7. Federal Rebate Pass Through

Rebate not subject to state income taxes.

8. Property Reassessment

At least one-fourth of all property must be appraised each year. Assessment increases on homestead in any 1 year not to exceed 10% of preceding assessment or one-fourth of total increase in valuation, whichever is greater.

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9. Homestead Base Escalator

Provides that for taxes payable in 1977 and each year thereafter, homestead base value (now \$12,000) will be increased by \$500 for every 3-1/2% increase in average price of homes in Minnesota.

10. Working Poor

Provides additional \$15 million of relief to working poor.

Credit equal to income tax liability is given according to the following schedule:

	<u>Income</u>
Single person	4,400
Taxpayer with 1 dependent	5,200
Taxpayer with 2 dependents	6,000
Taxpayer with 3 dependents	6,700
Taxpayer with 4 dependents	7,300
Taxpayer with 5 or more	7,800

If income is above limits stated, tax is 15% of income in excess or limit on tax obligation as normally computed, whichever is less.

11. Agriculture mill rate differential for school tax purposes increased from 8.3 mills to 10 mills on non-homestead and 12 mills on homestead property.

12. Taconite

Taconite production tax increased 39¢ a ton.

10¢ a ton to counties where taconite is mined,

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quarried or where concentrate is produced.

20¢ a ton to school districts where taconite is mined, or quarried or where concentrate is produced.

1¢ a ton to IRRRC for environmental projects in Koochi-ching and Carlton counties.

8¢ a ton to taconite property tax relief account.

\$2,500,000 of county funds will be used for grant program for construction of water filtration and purification systems for communities using Lake Superior as a drinking water source.

13. Extends tax study commission for the biennium. Directs commission to study individual and corporate income taxes.

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Tax Deductions, Substandard Buildings
*H.F. 474 (Berglin, Tomlinson, Kelly, W., Sabo, Anderson, I.)
S.F. 854 (Perpich, A.J., Gearty)

Prohibits taxpayer who receives or has received rental income from substandard building from taking any deduction for interest and depreciation from gross income otherwise allowable under state law relating to that substandard building (other than buildings used for agricultural purposes or owner-occupied

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buildings with four dwelling units or less). Act effective for taxable years commencing after Dec. 31, 1975, and shall, unless re-enacted, expire after the taxable year ending Dec. 31, 1979.
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Levy Limit on Town Roads/Bridges

H.F. 970 (Johnson, C., Graba, Haugerud, Kalis, Setzepfandt)
*S.F. 282 (Olhoft, Hanson, Willet)

Removes levy limit on taxes for town road and bridge purposes. Effective: immediately.
C. 268

Individual Retirement Accounts

*H.F. 229 (Dieterich, Kvam, Clark, Jaros, Tomlinson)
S.F. 384 (Perpich, A.J., Blatz, Conzemius)

Adopts new federal pension law contribution limits for Keogh plans and for individual retirement accounts. Partial disallowance of foreign taxes as deduction on corporate income taxes, removes receipt requirement for claiming political contribution credit on income tax returns. Allows people who qualify as working poor to have no income taxes withheld. Act effective for taxable years after Dec. 31, 1974.
C. 349

Multi-County Taxing District Assessment Differentials

H.F. 1672 (Kelly, W., Berg, DeGroat, Anderson, I., Sabo)
*S.F. 1554 (Olson, A., Conzemius)

Provides for apportionment of taxing

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levies for multi-county taxing districts when level of assessments differ by more than 10% between two counties. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 295

Meal on Wheels

H.F. 1280 (Corbid, Knickerbocker, Kelly, W., Eken, Meier)
*S.F. 711 (Moe, Fitzsimons, Perpich, A.J.)

Exempts from sales tax meals or drinks served to senior citizens or handicapped by governmental or non-profit organizations (meals on wheels). Effective: immediately.
C. 312

Tax Exemption Certification

*H.F. 332 (Kahn, Dieterich, Sabo, Savelkoul, Tomlinson)
S.F. 400 (Spear, O'Neill, McCutcheon)

Requires tax exempt property holders (except churches, houses of worship, holders of property used solely for educational purposes and state or its political subdivisions) to file statement with assessor every three years certifying tax exempt status of property and to make financial records available. Effective for property taxes assessed in 1976.
C. 352

Compliance Bill

*H.F. 674 (Abeln, Jacobs, Williamson, Pehler)
S.F. 742 (Perpich, A.J., O'Neill, Olson, A.)

Establishes interest rate of 10% on

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delinquent taxes owned by third parties, i.e. employer's payroll tax, sales tax, withholding tax. For all other delinquent taxes, interest rate is 8%.

Allows revenue commissioner to levy on property for delinquent taxes. Interest effective: July 1, 1975; remainder effective: immediately.

C. 377

Tax Credit for Blind/Deaf

*H.F. 439 (Lindstrom, Kalis, DeGroat, Berg, Anderson, I.)

S.F. 377 (Olson, A., Sillers, Merriam)

Increases income tax credit from \$21 to \$25 for single blind persons and provides \$25 credit for deaf persons. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 355

Assessment Review and Equalization

*H.F. 133 (Pehler, McCollar, Jopp, Vanasek, White)

S.F. 739 (Olson, A., O'Neill, Perpich, A.J.)

Changes method of appealing assessments, allows special boards of equalizations, creates new procedure for claiming one-half homestead tax credit. Effective: immediately.

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Highway and Transit Financing

*H.F. 1722 (Patton, Petrafeso, Lemke, Stanton, Schreiber)

New financing package includes:

--2¢ gas tax increase June 1, 1975, to 9¢ per gallon.

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--reduction in size of MTC services taxing district.

--MTC operating levy at 1.72 mills, a decrease from current 2.87 levy limit.

--repeal of mandatory free fares for under 18-year olds.

--extension of supplemental transit aid program and public transit demonstration programs. Appropriation: \$28 million.

--money for highway department 1975 construction program. Appropriation: \$14 million.

--moratorium on interstate freeway development in metro area, with review by metro council, transportation advisory board and city councils of affected cities.

--requirement that highway department construct sound barriers on interstate highways in metro area which comply with federal standards.

--establishment of commission to study Minnesota highway department.

--proposed constitutional amendment to allow future increase in gas tax to go to general fund, and removal of limit on total outstanding highway bonds and limit on interest rates.

Effective dates:

June 1, 1975: (gas tax, repeal of free fares)

Immediately (moratorium on freeway development, commission on highway dept.)

July 1, 1975 (all other sections) (MTC taxing provisions effective for taxes levied in 1975 and thereafter.)

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Highway Department Appropriation

*H.F. 1798 (Norton)

Appropriates \$207 million to department for next biennium; most goes for highway maintenance and highway development support; requires department to develop program to reduce its work force during next biennium. Effective: July 1, 1975
C. 435

County State-Aid Highways

*H.F. 899 (Schreiber, Fudro, Lemke, Pleasant, Voss)

S.F. 463 (Laufenburger, Kirchner, Purfeerst)

Authorizes money credited to municipal account in county state-aid highway system to be used, under certain conditions, on other county state-aid highways outside limits of cities having population of less than 5,000. Money used must be repaid to municipal account within 5 years. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 193

Left Turn on Red

*H.F. 445 (McCauley, Fudro, Kalis, Kvam, Vanasek)

S.F. 552 (Laufenburger, Bang, McCutcheon)

Permits vehicle on a one-way street intersecting another one-way street to make left turn against a red light after stopping. Effective: Jan. 1, 1976.
C. 49

Motorcycle Regulations

*H.F. 272 (McEachern, Voss, Schreiber, Jude)

VETERANS

S.F. 331 (Laufenburger, Brown, Olhoft)

Changes motorcycle regulations to require headlights to be on at all times, requires eye protective devices or windscreens, restricts instruction permits to 45 days (formerly 90) and prohibits persons with permits from carrying passengers, driving on freeways or at night. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 29

Driving Under Influence of Controlled Substance

*H.F. 605 (Clawson, Hokanson, Knoll, Meier, Ketola)

S.F. 1427 (Anderson, Merriam)

Now a misdemeanor to drive while under influence of controlled substance which impairs ability to drive. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 370

VETERANS

Veterans Bonus for MIA's

H.F. 1185 (Osthoff, Sarna, Samuelson, Vento, Searle)

*S.F. 1302 (Laufenburger, Frederick, Chmielewski)

Authorizes payment of Vietnam veterans bonus to next-of-kin of those veterans listed as "missing in action". Effective: immediately.

C. 97

Veterans Preference

*H.F. 84 (Berglin, Tomlinson, Kostohryz, Knickerbocker, Forsythe)

S.F. 112 (McCutcheon, Coleman, Sillers)

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILLS
MISCELLANEOUS

Removes "absolute" veterans preference; provides that veterans may add 5 points (10 points for disabled veterans) to a passing grade on all civil service entrance exams only; allows use of preference on one successful promotional exam for veterans with 50% or greater compensable disability. Effective: immediately.

C. 45

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

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MISCELLANEOUS

Creation of Board of Arts

H.F. 154 (Sherwood, Patton, Carlson, A., Sieben, H., Wenzel)

*S.F. 115 (Doty, Ashbach, Conzemius)

Creates board of arts to succeed state arts council; stipulates membership requirements, terms of office, compensation, removal of members, board reports and members' duties; duties include stimulating and encouraging creation, performance and appreciation of the arts. Effective: Jan. 5, 1976.
C. 297

Bicentennial Projects

*H.F. 1160 (McCauley, Lemke, Zubay)
S.F. 1141 (Laufenburger, Fitzsimons, Olhoft)

MISCELLANEOUS

Creates a Minnesota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission; allows communities approved by state bicentennial commission and federal bicentennial administration to furnish services, property and money for bicentennial projects. Effective: immediately.
C. 411

Omnibus State Departments Bill

*H.F. 1759 (Norton)

State departments bill was \$94 million higher than 1974-75 appropriation; bill totaled \$352 million for 1976-77. Since there are over 45 separate department appropriations, only 8 of the more important are listed.

	<u>1973-75</u>	<u>1975-77</u>
Revenue	\$ 24.8M	\$ 31.3M
Aeronautics	8.5M	12.1M
Administration	16.3M	21.6M
Public Safety ⁽¹⁾	52.6M	68.9M
Commerce	5.4M	6.8M
Public Service	8.6M	6.3M
Agriculture	4.8M	12.4M
Natural Resources ⁽²⁾	43.9M	59.6M
Other Departments	<u>93.2M</u>	<u>133.7M</u>
TOTAL	\$258.1M	\$352.7M

(1) Includes trunk highway and highway users funding of approximately 83%.

(2) Includes approximately 34% game and fish fund.

C. 204

Personalized License Plates

*H.F. 982 (Kelly, R., Osthoff, Neisen, Vanasek, Menning)

S.F. 1110 (Ashbach, Laufenburger, Frederick)

MISCELLANEOUS

Authorizes issuance of personalized license plates upon payment of \$50 fee in addition to vehicle registration tax. \$50 fee is charged only in years when plates themselves are issued. Personalized plates may have up to six letters or numbers imprinted on them. Effective: November 15, 1976, for 1977 and subsequent years.

C. 245

