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Legislative Summary 1975-76

Sixty-ninth Legislature
State of Minnesota

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The 1975-76 Legislative Summary represents 280 pieces of legislation enacted during the 69th legislative session. We have taken the most important bills from the 1975 Legislative Summary and added highlights of the 1976 session.

Although the format is similar to the two previous legislative summaries, some of the categories have been changed in this booklet for easier reference.

This summary, like the earlier ones, represents only a fraction of the bills enacted over the past two years. Those included here, however, represent a comprehensive DFL program for the people of Minnesota and provide a sound basis for re-election of a DFL Majority.

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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 re-development projects. Effective: Immediately.
C. 331 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 319 (1975)

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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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 (1975)

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Cooperative Association Directors

H.F. 2044 (Kelly, W., Corbid, Langseth,
Jopp, Braun)

* S.F. 1901 (Moe, Bernhagen, Olson, J.)

Permits family farm or authorized farm corporation which is member of cooperative association to select one of its stockholders for candidacy for election to association board of directors. Permits other organizations which are members of cooperative associations to select persons for same purpose. Effective: Immediately.
C. 59 (1976)

Family Farm Security Act

* H.F. 1984 (Eken, Mann, Anderson, G.,
Biersdorf, Kalis)

S.F. 1895 (Moe, Hanson, R., Olhofft)

Establishes Family Farm Security Program administered by commissioner of agriculture with assistance of Family Farm Advisory Council appointed by commissioner. Provides farm financing assistance to qualified applicants in form of (a) 90% state guarantee of loans to buy farm land and (b) state financing of lower interest rates on loans to buy farm land (state pays 4% interest on loans for 10 or 20 years; participant repays state in 11th or 21st year). Provides protection against abuses, including participant net worth limitations, active farmer requirements, special capital gains tax on profits from early sale of land, and limitation on total of loans guaranteed under program. Appropriation: \$10,874,300. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 210 (1976)

Drainage Bill

H.F. 1373 (Sherwood, Munger, Eken, Mann)

* S.F. 1308 (Olson, H., Wegener)

Clarifies definitions and criteria regarding public waters. Requires Commissioner of Natural Resources to inventory waterbasins in counties; counties to inventory watercourses in their jurisdictions, with both inventories to include preliminary designations of "public waters". Provides Commissioner and county review of each other's preliminary designations; hearings conducted by special hearings units on disputed designations; legal appeals under certain conditions, and final designation of "public waters". Prohibits draining of public waterbasins unless replaced by waterbasins of equal value; in certain cases involving smaller waterbasins draining is allowed unless Commissioner compensates landowners. Establishes state Water Bank Program. Allows Commissioner to delegate specified water permit authority to cities and counties. Modifies procedures and criteria regarding county drainage systems. Appropriation: \$1,040,000; reappropriates balance of 1975 \$750,000 appropriation. Effective: Immediately.
C. 83 (1976)

Shoplifting Gear; Livestock Rustling

(See Corrections & Criminal Justice p. 17)

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Tax Loss Farming

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 78)

Agricultural Mill Rate Differential

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 79)

Interest Rates on Business, Agricultural Loans

(See Consumer Protection p. 14)

2, 4, 5-T Bill

(See Environmental Protection p. 30)

Pesticide Codification & Regulation

(See Environmental Protection p. 31)

Trespass Law for Farm Land Hunting

(See Natural Resources/Game & Fish p. 65)

Rail Service Improvement Act

(See Transportation p. 86)

ALCOHOL AND DRUG

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 (1975)

Alcohol Safety Programs

H.F. 50 (Dieterich, Philbrook, McCarron,
Adams, S., Sieben, H.)

* S.F. 486 (Borden, Schaaf)

Requires counties having population of more than 10,000 to establish alcohol safety program designed to provide presentence investigation (PSI) and evaluation for first time offenders convicted of misdemeanor involving use of motor vehicle while under influence of drugs or alcohol. PSI is to determine whether person has a drinking problem; if he does, judge may direct treatment or counseling. Requires Commissioner of Public Safety to reimburse county up to 50% of cost of each presentence investigation not to exceed \$25 in each case. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 298 (1976)

ALCOHOL AND DRUG

Habitual Drunken Driver Bill

- H.F. 2613 (Lindstrom, Haugerud, Pehler)
 * S.F. 354 (Hughes, Frederick, Laufenburger)

Raises penalty for habitual drunken drivers from maximum \$300 fine and 90-day jail sentence (misdemeanor) to possible \$1,000 fine and one-year jail term (gross misdemeanor).

New penalty applies to anyone convicted of DWI while license is revoked for previous alcohol-related offense. (Previous offenses defined as drunken driving and driving with open bottle.) Penalty also applies to anyone driving while under revocation for refusing to take blood-alcohol test (under current "implied consent" law). Effective: August 1, 1976.
 C. 297 (1976)

Chemical Dependency Bill

- * H.F. 1199 (Rice, Clawson, Forsythe,
 Berglin, Samuelson)
 S.F. 1167 (Moe Kirchner, North)

Provides programs of intervention and treatment for alcohol and drug abuse for employees, Native Americans, youth and other underserved groups. Provides supplementary funding for detox programs, half-way houses and nonresidential programs.

Total Appropriation:	\$6,113,000
Employee identification and referral	\$1,100,000
Youth and underserved groups	\$1,356,000
Native Americans	\$ 775,000
Affirmative Outreach to encourage utilization of services	\$ 50,000
Supplementary Funding	\$2,802,000

Effective: July 1, 1976
 C. 125 (1976)

Drinking Age

- * S.F. 1135 (Bernhagen, Olhoft, Fitzsimons)

Changes age for licensing, sale, purchase, consumption, possession, and furnishing intoxicating liquor and non-intoxicating malt liquor from 18 to 19 years. Effective: September 1, 1976; any person 18 years old on August 31, 1976, is considered age 19 until attaining age 20.
 C. 66 (1976)

90 Days Drivers License Revocation

- * H.F. 2374 (Luther, Dieterich, Carlson, L.,
 Wenstrom, Arlandson)
 S.F. 2165 (Humphrey, Schaaf, Olson, A.)

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Requires courts to report any stay of imposition of sentences for motor vehicle offenses to Department of Public Safety. Provides that a person's drivers license will be revoked for 90 days upon receipt by Commissioner of Public Safety of a chemical test result indicating that a person's blood alcohol content was .10% or more. Drivers license revocation is not contingent upon criminal conviction for driving while intoxicated. Provides procedural safeguards so that person's drivers license cannot be revoked until person has hearing on revocation if person requests a hearing. Provides for issuance of limited license for entire 90 day revocation period. Provides for reinstatement of license after 60 days if person notifies Commissioner of his participation in alcohol treatment program. Appropriation: \$159,300. Effective: July 1, 1976.
 C. 341 (1976)

Detox Funding

- * H.F. 2218 (McCarron, Clark, Samuelson,
 Forsythe, Petrafeso)
 S.F. 2380 (Tennessee)

Provides up to 85% state funding for detox centers effective through 1976; reduces state funding in 1977 up to 75% with remainder of costs to be financed by counties and client fees in accordance with DPW rules.
 C. 286 (1976)

Health Insurance for Outpatient Treatment of Chemical Dependency

(See Business & Commerce p. 9)

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Semi-State Appropriations

- * H.F. 1741 (Norton)

Appropriates \$9.6 million for: conservation and development of state's natural resources; Minnesota Historical Society; Horticultural Society; maintenance of Sibley House; maintenance of various semi-state activities; aids to local subdivisions of government; maintenance Uniform Laws Commission; Port Authority of Duluth; and other purposes. Major appropriations include following:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Aid to county and district agricultural societies	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
County fair bicentennial exhibits and projects	\$ 100,000	----
Minnesota Veterans Home	\$ 681,946	\$ 678,503
Minnesota Historical Society	\$ 3,390,285	\$ 2,551,082

Effective: Immediately.
 C. 3 (1976)

APPROPRIATIONS

Building Maintenance

* H.F. 2677 (Norton)

Appropriates \$8,963,011 from General Fund for maintenance and repair of state-owned buildings. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 347 (1976)

Building Construction and Remodeling

* H.F. 2678 (Norton)

Authorizes sale of \$53,923,829 in bonds for construction and remodeling of state buildings. Major projects include:

--\$13.6 million for remodeling and constructing state welfare institutions;

--\$4.9 million for remodeling basic sciences facilities at Minneapolis Campus of the University of Minnesota;

--\$4.9 million to complete library learning resource center at St. Paul Campus of University of Minnesota;

--\$3.5 million for consolidation of Mankato State University into upper campus; and

--\$2.5 million for facilities at Lakewood Community College

Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 348 (1976)

Supplemental Appropriations Bill: Claims Against State

H.F. 2676 (Norton)

* S.F. 2581 (Arnold)

Appropriates more than \$13 million to various state agencies for general administrative expenses. Includes \$2,000,000 for acquisition of Mechanic Arts High School, \$1,300,000 to repay appropriations from which monies have been used for environmental impact statement on Reserve Mining Company disposal site, and \$1,400,000 for Phase II of copper-nickel regional environmental impact study. Provides \$2,500,000 contingency appropriation for use and benefit of game and fish fund. Places certain restrictions on use of moneys previously appropriated for Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium managed Univac 1110 instructional time sharing system. Allows state agency heads to settle claims against them up to \$2,500. Establishes system for making tort claims against state; provides certain exclusions, establishes certain limits, and makes certain requirements for filing of claim. Abolishes State Claims Commission. Places certain restrictions on consulting contracts by state agencies. Effective: Immediately; except that provisions relating to claims apply to claims arising from events occurring on and after August 1, 1976.
C. 331 (1976)

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(See Omnibus School Aids Bill (1975) p. 19)

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(See Omnibus School Aids Bill (1976) p. 21)

Bridge Funding

(See Transportation p. 84)

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Eminent Domain Proceedings

* H.F. 249 (Fudro, Sarna, Schreiber, Biersdorf, Simoneau)

S.F. 580 (Tennessen, 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: August 1, 1975.
C. 175 (1975)

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 (1975)

Loans

* H.F. 404 (Brinkman, Sieloff, Eken, Abeln, Searle)

S.F. 1316 (Borden)

Changes maximum finance charge for installment loans from 6% on total amount of loan to 12% of amount of unpaid balance. Authorizes open-end loan account arrangements (bank charge cards). Effective: Open-end loan accounts -- immediately; other provisions -- July 1, 1976.
C. 196 (1976)

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

Small Business Commission

- * H.F. 175 (Graba, Knoll, Menning, Lemke,
Johnson, D.)
- 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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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 (1975)

Real Estate Brokers Licensing

- * H.F. 447 (Williamson, Brinkman, Schreiber,
Swanson, Arlandson)

Authorizes establishment of license applicable solely for persons engaged in rental or management of real estate. Effective: August 1, 1976. C. 197 (1976)

Insurance Discounts for Students

- * H.F. 70 (Prah, 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 (1975)

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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: August 1, 1975. C. 387 (1975)

Health Insurance for Outpatient Treatment of Chemical Dependency

- * H.F. 1827 (Samuelson, Skoglund, Enebo,
McCollar, McCarron)
- S.F. 1759 (O'Neill, McCutcheon, Borden)

Requires health insurance policies, health care plans, and group health subscriber contracts to provide annual coverage for at least 130 hours of outpatient treatment of alcoholism, chemical dependency or drug addiction. Effective: September 30, 1976. C. 262 (1976)

Group Health Insurance - Optometric Services

- H.F. 2295 (St. Onge, Sieben, H., Carlson, L.,
Johnson, D., Wigley)
- * S.F. 2232 (Laufenburger, Bang, Hansen, C.)

Requires group accident and health insurance and health service policies to cover optometric services. Effective: August 1, 1976. C. 192 (1976)

Health Insurance Coverage for Free Standing Ambulatory Surgical Centers

- H.F. 764 (Pehler, Voss, McCarron, St. Onge,
Wieser)
- * S.F. 830 (Kleinbaum, Milton)

Requires all policies or plans of health, medical, hospitalization or accident and sickness insurance issued in state to provide coverage for health care treatment or service rendered by free standing ambulatory surgical centers (walk-in centers). Effective: August 1, 1976. C. 45 (1976)

Insurance Coverage for Podiatry Services

- * H.F. 1929 (Kempe, R.)
- S.F. 1817 (Borden)

Includes services performed by podiatrist in health insurance policies or contracts issued or renewed after effective date of act. Effective: August 1, 1976. C. 207 (1976)

Repeal of Service Charge on Annuity Contracts

- * H.F. 1870 (Smith, Faricy, Searle,
Enebo, Fugina)

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Repeals 2% administrative charge on annuity contracts for school district and municipal employees and certain other public employees; also provides for refunds to affected employees. Effective: Immediately.
C. 129 (1976)

Cable Communications Commission

* H.F. 943 (McCarron, Kelly, W., Osthoff)
S.F. 1187 (Merriam, Schaaf)

Establishes commission on cable communications as permanent part of department of administration. Gives commission additional duties including promulgating rules prohibiting invasion of privacy through cable system; designating single entity to schedule programs on uniform regional cable TV channel; regulating cable transmission line extension by cable companies. Extends from 5 to 10 years period for renewal of certificate of confirmation from commission. Allows renewal certificate to be issued before expiration of existing certificate. Effective: Immediately.
C. 249 (1976)

Bingo Regulation

* H.F. 1767 (Fudro, Sarna, Schreiber, Simoneau, Fugina)
S.F. 1954 (Stokowski, Gearty, Kleinbaum)

Provides for local government regulation and licensing of bingo operations by qualified organizations. Supervision of bingo operations by local units of government to be funded from portion of bingo fees, licenses and taxes. Limits compensation from bingo occasions and number of allowable occasions. Also limits value of prizes and provides for recording of players, receipts, prizes and profits from bingo operations. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 261 (1976)

Dairy Industry Unfair Trade Practices

(See Agriculture & Rural Development p. 1)

Outpatient Mental Health Insurance

(See Health & Welfare p. 46)

Insurance for Emotionally Handicapped Children

(See Handicapped p. 41)

Cooperative Association Directors

(See Agriculture & Rural Development p.2)

Catastrophic Health Insurance

(See Health & Welfare p. 48)

Elimination of Sex Discrimination in Insurance

(See Human Rights p.54)

Group Health Continuation Plan

(See Labor p.58)

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Landlord-Tenant

* H.F. 1146 (Berglin, Vento, Arlandson, Anderson, I., Moe)
S.F. 1390 (Doty, Keefe, J., Tennesen)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 410 (1975)

Landlord and Tenant--Retaliatory Eviction

* H.F. 1145 (Berglin, Williamson, Faricy, Dieterich, Knoll)
S.F. 1362 (Doty, Keefe, J., Tennesen)

Tightens statute regarding retaliatory evictions, providing that defenses against retaliatory evictions apply if landlord terminates tenancy "in whole or in part" as penalty for tenant's good faith attempt to enforce his lease or contract, or as penalty for tenant's good faith report of housing code violation. Prior to enactment of bill, defense of retaliatory eviction was available only if tenancy was terminated in whole because of landlord's action. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 17 (1976)

Condominiums

* H.F. 471 (Dieterich, George, Sieloff, Suss, Luther)

Requires certain provisions to be included in bylaws of condominiums; requires certain disclosures be made by vendors to purchasers of condominiums; allows purchaser of a condominium to rescind purchase agreement under certain conditions. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 244 (1976)

Illegal Entry or Occupancy of Dwelling Units

* H.F. 1056 (Sherwood, Skoglund, Spanish, Laidig, Nelson)
S.F. 1071 (Willet, Jensen, McCutcheon)

Makes it misdemeanor to enter or occupy a dwelling unit without consent of owner or of one who has right to give consent. Excludes cases of emergency. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 251 (1976)

CONSUMER PROTECTION

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 356 (1975)

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 (1975)

Medical Malpractice Insurance:

Temporary Underwriting Association

- * H.F. 348 (Sieben, H., McCollar, Wenstrom,
Parish, McCauley)
- S.F. 1226 (Laufenburger, Merriam, Solon)

Establishes temporary joint underwriting association (JUA). Commissioner of insurance must authorize temporary JUA to issue medical malpractice insurance on primary basis if he determines after hearing that this insurance cannot be made available for either physicians, hospitals or other health care providers in voluntary market. Insurance commissioner sets rate and insurance companies pick up insurance risk in proportion to amount of personal injury liability insurance they write in state. Joint underwriting association supported by stabilization reserve fund made up of 33% of premium of each policyholder. Policies terminate no later than Sept. 1, 1978. Act expires automatically two years after effective date. Effective: Immediately.
C. 242 (1976)

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 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 (1975)

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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 (1975)

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 safety commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations concerning standards for nonflammable, flame resistant and durably resistant materials, and labeling requirements by January 1, 1976. Effective: Immediately.
C. 341 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 25 (1975)

Menu-Labeling of Meat Substitutes

- H.F. 841 (Erickson, Johnson, C.,
Eckstein, Kahn, DeGroat)
- * 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 (1975)

Interest Rates on Business, Agricultural Loans

- H.F. 1375 (Brinkman, Mann, Metzen, Biersdorf, Schreiber)
 * S.F. 733 (Hansen, C., Larson, Borden)

Allows eligible lending institutions to charge interest rate of up to 5% over Federal Reserve Bank discount rate on 90-day commercial notes, for business and agricultural loans. Expires July 1, 1977. Effective: Immediately.
 C. 93 (1976)

Usury Bill

- H.F. 1377 (George, Wieser, Savelkoul, Corbid, Sieloff)
 * S.F. 556 (Kleinbaum, Pillsbury, Borden)

Authorizes lending institutions to make conventional loans at interest rate which is up to 2% above monthly index of long-term United States government bond yields. This floating rate will be set every month by commissioner of banking. Floating rate provision expires on July 1, 1977. Prohibits prepayment penalties, prohibits discount points, and requires interest of not less than 3% per annum to be paid on certain escrow accounts. Effective: Interest on escrow accounts--June 1, 1976; remainder of act--April 1, 1976.
 C. 300 (1976)

Draft Withdrawals--Credit Unions

- H.F. 2296 (George, Vento, Eken, Pehler)
 * S.F. 1780 (Borden, Bang, Laufenburger)

Allows credit unions to permit draft withdrawals from member accounts. Effective: August 1, 1976.
 C. 308 (1976)

Automatic Renewal of Time Deposits

- H.F. 2224 (Luther, George, Philbrook, McCauley, Prah)
 * S.F. 1932 (Davies, Keefe, S.)

Requires notice be given (by mail) of: (1) automatic renewal of savings certificates or time deposits, and (2) any penalties for failure to redeem prior to automatic renewal. Effective: July 1, 1976.
 C. 187 (1976)

Insurance on Savings Accounts

- * S.F. 1753 (Keefe, S.)

Requires insurance for share and deposit accounts of credit unions and savings accounts of savings and loan associations. Denial of commitment for insurance must result in dissolution or merger of association, or application must be made for additional time to obtain insurance commitment (but not beyond July 1, 1981). Effective: Immediately.
 C. 219 (1976)

Discrimination in Insurance Rates

- H.F. 514 (Stanton, Pehler, Suss, Patton, Prah)
 * 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 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
 C. 372 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
 C. 364 (1975)

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: August 1, 1976.
 C.222 (1975)

Pay Toilets

- * H.F. 177 (Pehler, Kahn, Knickerbocker, Clark, Williamson)
 S.F. 1330 (Schaaf)

Prohibits pay toilets in public places unless at least one-half of toilets in rest room are free. Effective: July 1, 1975.
 C. 215 (1975)

Conciliation Court Limit

(See Government & Judicial Reform p.34)

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Smoking Regulation

(See Health & Welfare p. 45)

Privacy

(See Human Rights p. 54)

Tax Deduction - Substandard Buildings

(See Taxes p. 80)

Conciliation Court Sessions

(See Government & Judicial Reform p. 34)

Abolishing Liens of Attorneys

(See Government & Judicial Reform p. 38)

Regulating Occupational Licensing Boards

(See Government & Judicial Reform p. 35)

Patients Bill of Rights Amendments

(See Nursing Homes p. 69)

Office of Health Facility Complaints

(See Nursing Homes p. 67)

Prohibiting Sale & Use of Unsafe Tires

(See Transportation p. 86)

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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 (1975)

Corrections and Juveniles

H.F. 2329 (Clark, Moe, McCarron, Byrne, Carlson, A.)

* S.F. 175 (Conzemius, Renneke, Lewis)

Increases powers of ombudsman for corrections. Places certain restrictions on detention of juveniles, and requires certain procedures for such detention. Requires hearing within 36 hours of child's being taken into custody, to determine whether detention should be continued. Requires that under certain conditions child may be detained only in shelter care facility. Appropriates \$10,000. Effective: July 1, 1976.

C. 318 (1976)

Crime Victims' Reparations Board

* H.F. 986 (Vento, Haugerud, Carlson, A., Arlandson, Norton)

S.F. 1264 (O'Neill, Tennesen, Keefe, S.)

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

C. 246 (1975)

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Shoplifting Gear; Rustling

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 (1975)

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 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 one year and a day for first offense of committing crime while possessing dangerous weapon and minimum sentence of three years for subsequent offenses of committing crime while possessing a dangerous weapon. Effective: August 1, 1975.

C. 378 (1975)

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

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conduct. Repeals present laws on rape, sexual intercourse with child and indecent liberties. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 374 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 244 (1975)

Marijuana

- * H.F. 749 (Knoll, Forsythe, Sabo, Searle,
Munger)
S.F. 505 (Tennessee, Kirchner, Gearty)

Reduces penalty for possession of 1.5 oz. of marijuana to petty misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$100 and participation in drug education program. Subsequent violation within two years is misdemeanor and conviction carries requirement to participate in chemical dependency evaluation and treatment; prohibits municipalities from enacting or enforcing ordinances or regulations with penalties greater than those provided by state law. Effective: Immediately
C. 42 (1976)

Medium/Minimum Security Facility

- H.F. 2220 (Jaros, Clark, Moe, Kaley,
McCarron)
- * S.F. 2076 (Lewis, Brown, Conzemius)

Authorizes commissioner of corrections to designate a correctional institution as a medium-minimum security facility. Inmates confined in such institution who are also employed can be required to pay costs of their clothing and maintenance including medical and other correctional services. Effective: Immediately.
C. 63 (1976)

Arson and Explosives

- * H.F. 910 (Novak, McCarron, Lindstrom,
Pehler, Laidig)
S.F. 1103 (McCutcheon, Jensen, Purfeerst)

Revises statutory definitions of and penalties for possession of explosives or incendiary devices, arson, negligent fires and insurance fraud. Makes possession of chemical igniting device or Molotov cocktail a felony. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 124 (1976)

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Correctional Facilities

- * S.F. 551 (Tennessee, Brown, Lewis)

Requires commissioner of corrections to establish by January, 1977, minimum standards for all correctional facilities in state, except those inspected or licensed by other state regulating agencies. Provides certain powers to commissioner to enforce these standards.
C. 299 (1976)

EDUCATION

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

AFDC Weighting

Concentration	Old Law	New Law
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.

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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.

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

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Comparison of State School Aids (Dollars in Millions)

	1973-75 Biennium	1975-77 Biennium
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
Airports 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
C. 432 (1975)

Omnibus School Aids Bill

* H.F. 1997 (Graba, McEachern, Kostohryz,
Adams, S., Esau)
S.F. 1964 (Anderson, Sillers, Hughes)

Omnibus School Aids Bill contains large number of technical provisions in addition to three major provisions:

1. Requires school districts to establish local objectives and planning process to meet those objectives during 1978-1979;
2. Requires school districts to adopt uniform accounting system for reporting financial information (UFARS) by June 30, 1977;
3. Begins special education aids payments to school districts on current basis rather than reimbursement basis. Changes special education formula, with state participation in special education programs from 55% to 75%, up to \$11,000 for each teacher; provides 10% of salaries of essential personnel for overhead and support costs. (The 1975-76 formula had a \$10,000 maximum and no provisions for overhead and support costs.)

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Appropriation: \$5,548,000 -- primarily for special education purposes. Effective: School district planning and other technical provisions -- immediately; UFARS provisions and most special education provisions -- August 1, 1976.
C. 271 (1976)

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:

	1973 - 75 Biennium	1975 - 77 Biennium
Dept. of Education	\$ 22.6M	\$ 30.9M
University of Minn.	243.5M	297.4M
State College System	92.2M	112.5M
Community College System	40.5M	48.3M
Higher Education Coordinating Comm.	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.
C. 433 (1975)

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 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 (1975)

State Colleges Name Change

H.F. 309 (Pehler, Patton, McCarron, McCauley, St. Onge)
* S.F. 829 (Kleinbaum, Ueland, Laufenburger)

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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 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 151 (1975)

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 school business hours.) Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 177 (1975)

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 assistance status or disability. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 173 (1975)

Parochial

* 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 student's 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.
C. 396 (1975)

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Instructional Materials for Non-Public School Students

- * H.F. 2520 (Jopp, Kaley, Lindstrom, Mann, Adams, S.)
- S.F. 2387 (Schmitz, Olson, H., Olson, A.)

Requires school districts to provide instructional materials to non-public school students for school year 1975-76, in cases where late requests were made. Effective: Immediately.
C. 216 (1976)

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 (1975)

Law School and Educational Facilities Construction

- * H.F. 1810 (Norton, Sabo, Searle, Faricy, Smith)
- S.F. 1253 (Tennesen, 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 (1975)

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

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

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Directs HECC to develop and implement on-going budgeting process and standardized information reporting format for 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 (1975)

Student Regent for University of Minnesota

- * S.F. 357 (Stassen, Humphrey, Hansen, M.)

Provides for election to Board of Regents of student at University of Minnesota or person who has graduated from University within 5 years prior to his election; formalizes practice or electing at least one regent from each congressional district. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 120 (1976)

Regional Educational Cooperative Service Units

- H.F. 96 (Stanton, Smith, St. Onge, Kostohryz, Adams, S.)
- * S.F. 22 (Hughes, Sillers, Humphrey)

Designates ten educational cooperative service units (ECSU's) to perform regional educational planning and assist in meeting specific educational needs of children in participating school districts which could be better provided by an ECSU or by a consortium effort of several school districts. Financial support for ECSU programs and services to be provided by participating local school districts and available supplemental sources of support. Establishes advisory council on learning disabled and mentally retarded special education; provides for pilot programs of in-service training in techniques of education of mildly learning disabled and retarded pupils. Appropriation: \$499,950 for ECSU; \$100,000 for pilot programs. Effective: Immediately.
C. 8 (1976)

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Reciprocal Agreements with Educational Institutions in Other States

- * H.F. 951 (Johnson, C., Pehler, St. Onge, McCauley, Beauchamp)
S.F. 1436 (Hughes, Sillers, Moe)

Authorizes State University Board to engage in agreements with private and public colleges in other states and foreign countries on reciprocal basis in order to permit students to attend another college without paying non-resident tuition or to permit students to take a specialized course at another institution without paying tuition. Prior to enactment of bill, state universities could only engage in reciprocal agreements with institutions in contiguous states. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 34 (1976)

Schoolhouse Closings

- * H.F. 1057 (Menning, Johnson, C., Esau, Petrafeso, Carlson, R.)
S.F. 1472 (Anderson, Sillers, Humphrey)

Requires school boards to hold public hearing before schoolhouse can be closed. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 168 (1976)

Right to Read

- H.F. 2262 (Sieben, M., Corbid, Searle, Fugina, Osthoff)
- * S.F. 2375 (Lewis, Sillers)

Appropriates \$290,000 for 1976-77 to department of education as state financial contribution to right to read program; funds to provide technical assistance on regional basis. Effective: Immediately.
C. 194 (1976)

Public Television Grants

- * H.F. 1293 (Beauchamp, Dean, Kelly, W., Corbid, Sieben, M.)

Appropriates \$120,000 to state arts board for grants to public (non-commercial) television stations outside metro area on dollar-for-dollar matching basis. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 201 (1976)

Senior Citizens - Free College Tuition (See Senior Citizens p. 74)

Vocational Rehabilitation (See Handicapped p. 41)

Standards for Education of Handicapped Children (See Handicapped p. 40)

ELECTION REFORM

Tax Deductions for Private School Expenses (See Taxes p. 82)

Taconite Aids/AVTI Levy (See Taxes p. 83)

Teacher Retirement (See Public Employees p. 72)

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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 (1975)

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.
C. 72 (1975)

Corporate Political Activities

- H.F. 1650 (Novak, Savelkoul, Berg, Vento, Knickerbocker)
- * S.F. 1273 (Keefe, S., O'Neill, Schaaf)

Permits corporations to conduct nonpartisan voter registration and participation and to provide meeting facilities to political committees or candidates on nondiscriminatory basis. Provides for reporting of expenditures or contributions over \$100 made for voter participation efforts. Effective: Immediately.
C. 108 (1976)

Lobbyist and Campaign Regulation

- H.F. 1548 (Vento, Knickerbocker, Sarna, Tomlinson, Osthoff)
- * S.F. 1499 (Keefe, S., Brown, North)

Makes technical corrections in 1974 campaign finance law. Redefines lobbyist to include person who spends

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over five hours in any month or \$250 in any year to communicate or urge others to communicate with public officials, and to exclude a stockholder of a family farm corporation from definition of lobbyist who spends less than \$250 in any year. Reduces number and complexity of campaign reports to be filed by candidates and political committees. Provides that costs of official party sample ballots need not be allocated toward spending limits of any candidates. Reallocates funds from dollar check-off. Effective: Immediately.
C. 307 (1976)

Ballot Position

- H.F. 2002 (Osthoff, Sarna, Tomlinson,
Vento, Biersdorf)
* S.F. 1999 (Keefe, S., Hansen, M., Schaaf)

Changes order of candidates on ballots. Provides that in elections with party designation, candidate(s) of party which received smallest number of votes in last preceding general election shall be first. Candidates of other political parties to follow in order of succeeding higher numbers of votes cast in last preceding general election. Names of all candidates of political party to be placed in same row or column. Effective: August 1, 1976.

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Omnibus Energy Bill

- * H.F. 500 (Munger, Kelly W.)
S.F. 576 (Humphrey, Bernhagen, Doty)

Requires Director (of Energy Agency) to establish Energy Agency Conservation Information Center. Requires Commissioner (of Administration) to establish and maintain performance standards for solar energy systems, and requires manufacturers and retailers to disclose extent to which their systems meet standards. Makes use of gas lights in state illegal as of April, 1977. Requires Director to report to 1977 Legislature on feasibility of energy conservation involving room air conditioners and pilot lights and to monitor research and demonstration projects involving alternative energy approaches. Provides \$200,000 for Minnesota-oriented alternative energy demonstration projects. Provides for infrared aerial photographs throughout state. Requires Commissioner to establish new energy standards for existing state, University, city, county and school district buildings, with standards mandatory for state and University buildings. Requires surveys and reports regarding potential for and costs of energy conservation in buildings owned by state, University, cities, counties and school districts. Appropriation: \$595,000. Effective: Immediately.
C. 333 (1976)

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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 (1975)

Municipal Electric Power Bill

- H.F. 2310 (Fugina, Kelly, W., Mann,
Zubay, Searle)
* S.F. 2195 (Olhoft, Patton, Hansen, C.)

Permits two or more cities to form municipal power agency. Provides for agency board of directors, operating procedures and general powers. Permits agencies to construct, operate, acquire and bond for facilities to provide electrical energy. Permits agencies to buy and sell electrical energy. Requires agencies to pay property taxes. Gives agencies eminent domain power. Permits agencies to set rates and charges for services provided. Gives to individual cities powers given to agencies. Requires referenda on city general obligation bonds for these purposes. Permits cities to contract with agencies for electrical energy. Effective: Immediately.
C. 313 (1976)

Location of Federal Solar Energy Research Institute in Minnesota

- * H.F. 2688 (Vanasek, Munger, Pehler,
McCauley, Kelly, W.)
S.F. 2584 (Borden, Bernhagen, Humphrey)

Pledges state support for location in Minnesota of Federal Solar Energy Research Institute and requires notification of state support to be sent to President, presiding officers of Congress, and members of Minnesota congressional delegation.
Resolution 002 (1976)

Car Pooling State Employees (See Transportation p. 85)

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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

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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 (1975)

2, 4, 5-T Bill

- * H.F. 1909 (Dieterich, Munger, Luther, Carlson, A.)
- S.F. 2188 (Conzemius, North)

Prohibits sale or use of pesticides containing more than 0.1 parts per million of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzoparadioxin (TCDD). (TCDD is active ingredient in 2,4,5-T.) Applications to large areas and aerial applications of TCDD pesticides are restricted to applicators regulated by commissioner of agriculture. Requires special permits and certification for aerial applications. Provides penalties. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 336 (1976)

Environmental Coordination Procedures Act

- H.F. 921 (Patton, Haugerud, Kalis, Sieben, H., McCauley)
- * S.F. 919 (Moe, Ashbach, Willet)

Requires EQC (Environmental Quality Council) to establish environmental permits coordination unit. Permits private developers proposing project requiring more than one state permit to submit single master application for permits to coordination unit. Requires coordination unit to administer processing of master application, including review by all affected state agencies, communication with applicant, and notice and holding of single public hearing. Requires applicants to comply with local requirements and to complete environmental analyses prior to receiving state permits. Requires EQC to establish Permit Information Center in St. Paul and provides \$60,000 to regional development commission for regional permit information centers. Requires county auditors to provide information about environmental and natural resource regulations. Requires EQC report to 1978 Legislature. Appropriates \$140,000. Effective: immediately, except that single-permit procedure is effective February 15, 1977.
C. 303 (1976)

PCB Bill; Cost Assessment for EIS's

- * H.F. 2492 (Munger, Sabo, Hanson, Lemke, Carlson, A.)
- S.F. 2500 (Conzemius, Laufenburger)

Prohibits use, possession, selling, buying or making of PCB (class of organic compounds known as polychlorinated biphenyls with chlorine as functional attachment) and PCB products after 1977 unless certificate of exemption is granted by PCA. Requires PCA to grant exemptions when no feasible alternatives

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are reasonably available. Requires labeling of PCB products made or sold after June, 1977. Requires environmental quality council to adopt by January, 1977, procedures to assess private developers for costs of preparing environmental impact statements (EIS's). Requires costs to be determined by public agencies responsible for EIS's, and provides for review of disputed assessment amounts. Requires developers to pay assessed costs. Prohibits public agencies from preparing EIS's until one-half of assessed costs are paid, and prohibits state agencies from issuing project permits until total assessed costs are paid. Exempts small proposals and sets assessment limits. Effective: Immediately.
C. 344 (1976)

Pesticide Codification and Regulation

- H.F. 903 (Schulz, Fjoslien, Smogard, Langseth)
- * S.F. 995 (Purfeerst, Merriam)

Codifies existing statutes and federal standards relating to pesticides and pesticide application. Authorizes department of agriculture to administer regulation of pesticides sold in state. Requires all applicators of pesticides, vendors of restricted-use pesticides, and structural pest control applicators to be licensed by commissioner of agriculture. Effective: January 1, 1977.
C. 53 (1976)

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 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 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 168 (1975)

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Noise Control at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport

- * H.F. 1885 (Skoglund, Munger, Enebo,
Knoll, Swanson)
- S.F. 1936 (Keefe, S., Kirchner)

Requires metropolitan airports commission to install aircraft noise suppressing equipment at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Authorizes Pollution Control Agency to determine deadline for installing equipment. Effective: August 1, 1976.

C. 265 (1976)

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: August 1, 1975.

C. 31 (1975)

Water Pollution Control Bonds

- * H.F. 398 (Munger, Searle, Skoglund,
Haugerud, Wenstrom)
- S.F. 1165 (North, Olson, H., Olhoff)

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 January 1, 1976, on alternative methods for providing revenues to water pollution control fund and on priorities established in allocating water pollution control funds. Effective: August 1, 1975.

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Motor Vehicle Waste

- * H.F. 344 (Skoglund, Searle, Ketola,
Schumacher, Smogard)
- S.F. 868 (North, Dunn, Olhoff)

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: August 1, 1975.

C. 223 (1975)

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BWCA Bill ; Mineland Reclamation

- H.F. 1644 (Johnson, D., Prah, Anderson, I.,
Philbrook, Luther)
- * S.F. 1615 (Perpich, A.J.)

Prohibits leasing of state land in BWCA for mining exploration, mining, or peat harvesting. Prohibits issuing of state leases, permits or licenses for use of natural resources used for mining or peat harvesting in BWCA. Allows prohibition to be lifted in cases of national emergency declared by Congress when approved by Legislature and determined to be necessary by commissioner of natural resources. Authorizes commissioner of natural resources to promulgate rules for mineland reclamation. Appropriates \$147,000 for mineland reclamation. Effective: Immediately.

C. 322 (1976)

Taconite Tailing Disposal Site

- H.F. 2627 (Kroening, Sabo, Schrieber,
Johnson, D.)
- * S.F. 2436 (Moe)

Authorizes department of natural resources to sell at public auction certain lands in Lake and St. Louis Counties suitable for a taconite tailing disposal site, provided Reserve Mining Company obtains all necessary permits before January 1, 1977. Allows Lake and St. Louis Counties to sell tax-forfeited lands for same purpose. Effective: Immediately.

C. 228 (1976)

Land Acquisition

(See Natural Resources/Game & Fish p. 65)

Drainage Bill

(See Agriculture & Rural Development p. 2)

Land Use Planning Grants Bill

(See Local Government p. 60)

Metro Waste Bill; Metro Council Levy Increase

(See Metropolitan & Urban Affairs p. 62)

Metropolitan Land Planning Act

(See Metropolitan & Urban Affairs p. 62)

Environmental Impact Statements

for Proposed Freeways

(See Transportation p. 87)

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Conciliation Court Limit

- H.F. 1079 (Evans, Suss, Sieloff,
Savelkoul, Setzepfandt)
* S.F. 46 (Ueland, Tennesen, Knutson)

Maximum amount of claim considered in conciliation court increased from \$500 to \$1,000. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 263 (1975)

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.
C. 269

Liquor Control Commission Abolished

- H.F. 250 (Metzen, Sarna, Osthoff,
Anderson, I., Heinitz)
* S.F. 866 (North, Ogdahl, Borden)

Abolishes office of liquor control commissioner; transfers duties of office to department of public safety; creates division of liquor control in that department. Provides that beer and liquor tax revenues are to be collected by commissioner of revenue. Effective: Immediately.
C. 5 (1976)

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 (1975)

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: January 5, 1976.
C. 297 (1975)

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Indian Affairs Intertribal Board

- H.F. 2399 (St. Onge, Jaros, Anderson, I.,
Eken, Laidig)
* S.F. 2288 (Willet, Conzemius, Arnold)

Changes name of commission of Indian affairs to Indian affairs intertribal board. Expands board's membership by adding 11 ex-officio members, including 3 members of House and 3 members of Senate. Restricts voting members to tribal chairmen plus 2 members elected at large by Indian residents. Changes duties of Board to include following: (1) clarifying for Legislature and state agencies the nature of tribal government; (2) recommending needed legislation; (3) assisting establishment of Indian advisory councils in cooperation with state agencies which provide services; (4) acting as liaison between community and government; and (5) acting as intermediary between Indian interests and state agencies and departments when problems arise. Creates advisory council on urban Indians to advise Board on unique problems of Minnesota Indians residing in cities. Appropriation: \$155,550. Effective: Immediately; expires June 30, 1983.
C. 314 (1976)

Regulating Occupational Licensing Boards

- H.F. 2339 (Reding, Evans, Sherwood, Kroening)
* S.F. 1906 (North, Schmitz)

Declares as legislative policy that no regulation be imposed on new occupations unless absolutely necessary to protect citizens of state. Permits each board to set own license fees. Revises complaint procedure so that designee of Attorney General provides legal and investigative services to board; allows Attorney General discretion to schedule disciplinary hearing. (Previously, only a member of licensing board could call such hearing.) Provides that 11 licensing boards promulgate own continuing education requirements for renewal of licenses. Requires board of health to coordinate development of credentials policy among health-related licensing boards, and to identify human services occupations not now credentialed by state. Establishes human services advisory council to assist board of health in formulating policies regarding occupations in human services. Provides increased oversight and receipt of improved information by board of medical examiners; requires hospitals which limit or withdraw practicing privileges of physician to notify board of medical examiners; requires outstate doctors who wish to practice in Minnesota to submit five-year malpractice history. Effective July 1, 1976; except for those sections which give Attorney General power to call disciplinary hearing, which are effective July 1, 1977.
C. 222 (1976)

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 (1975)

Administrative Procedures

- * H.F. 1932 (Sieben, H.)
S.F. 1806 (Borden)

Exempts from administrative procedures act rules of commissioner of corrections relating to internal management of institutions under his control and those rules governing inmates thereof. Changes certain requirements regarding contested case hearings. Effective: Immediately.

C. 68 (1976)

Nomenclature of Boards and Commissions

- H.F. 2228 (Beauchamp, Adams, L., Sieben, H.,
Wenstrom, Zubay)
* S.F. 1876 (North)
Provides common nomenclature scheme for boards and commissions to facilitate gathering of public advice and to limit proliferation of costly, unnecessary or outmoded advisory groups. Provides that commissioner of state department, board or other agency having powers of board may create advisory task forces of up to 15 members. Prohibits creation of any other multi-member agency unless authorized by statute or in order to be eligible for federal money in certain cases. Members of advisory councils and committees to be compensated \$35 per day spent on authorized activities, with exceptions for certain state employees. Authorizes appointing authority to remove member and appoint person to fill vacancy for remainder of the term. Changes names of various state agencies in accordance with their make-up. Effective: July 1, 1976.

C. 149 (1976)

State Boards & Commissions Membership
Terms and Compensation

- H.F. 1258 (Arlandson, Adams, L., Lindstrom,
Haugerud, Patton)
* S.F. 1047 (North, Stassen, Milton)

Governs membership terms, compensation, removal of members and filling of vacancies of state boards whenever specifically provided by law. Terms of

members to be 4 years. Appointing authority to appoint as nearly as possible one-fourth of members to terms expiring each year. If membership is composed of categories of members from occupations, industries or other groupings of persons, and if categories have two or more members each, appointing authority to appoint as nearly as possible one-fourth of members in each category at each appointment date. Compensation of \$35 per day on authorized board activities, plus expenses in same manner and amount as state employees. Members who are full-time state employees or employees of its political subdivisions cannot receive \$35 per day, as compensation for board activities, but can still receive compensation or benefits from the state or political subdivision. Sets salaries or salary ranges for certain offices and employees in Executive Branch. Effective: July 1, 1976, with two sections being effective July 1, 1977.

C. 134 (1976)

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 (1975)

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.

	1973-75	1975-77
Revenue	\$ 24.8M	\$ 31.3M
Aeronautics	8.5M	12.1M
Administration (1)	16.3M	21.6M
Public Safety	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	93.2M	133.7M
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 (1975)

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Abolishing Liens of Attorneys

- H.F. 2446 (Skoglund, Simoneau, Metzen,
Hanson, Suss)
* S.F. 1051 (Coleman, Pillsbury, McCutcheon)

Abolishes attorney's liens on money and papers of client. Provides that if attorney retains money of client under claim of right, court shall determine what amount is due attorney. In civil action client may change attorney at any time. Removes provision from law prohibiting client from changing his attorney without attorney's consent or without paying charges of attorney. Requires state board of professional responsibility to notify Attorney General's office of each complaint made against an attorney. Authorizes Attorney General to investigate charges of dishonesty, fraud or professional misconduct made against attorney. Authorizes Attorney General to appeal disciplinary decision of state board of professional responsibility to Supreme Court. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 304 (1976)

Tort Liability of Municipalities

- * H.F. 1866 (Kempe, A.)
S.F. 2394 (McCutcheon)

Increases tort liability of municipalities to \$100,000 for claimant. Provides that actions must be commenced within two years after date of incident providing cause for action. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 264 (1976)

Prohibition of State Employees from Government Property Sales

- * H.F. 527 (Metzen, George, Schreiber,
McEachern, Smogard)
S.F. 261 (Purfeerst, Ogdahl, Solon)

Prohibits employees of state or any of its subdivisions from selling any state property or materials to any other employee of state or its subdivisions. Exceptions to this rule and penalties for violation are defined. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 92 (1976)

Unclassified Service Positions

- H.F. 2674 (Kroening, Osthoff, Metzen,
Sieben, H.)
* S.F. 1821 (McCutcheon, Ueland, North)

Allows 20 positions to be established by state of Minnesota personnel board in permanent unclassified service upon Governor's request. An employee in classified service who accepts employment in an unclassified position shall retain a status of inactive classified service. These positions involve only deputy or assistant heads of departments, agencies or director levels. Effective: Immediately.
C. 183 (1976)

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Minnesota Garnishment Reform Act of 1976

- * H.F. 1326 (Casserly, Dieterich, Luther,
Parish, Faricy)
S.F. 2079 (Tennessen, Humphrey)

Substantially reforms wage garnishment. Places greater restrictions on mechanics used by creditors to collect debts from individuals who are employed. Restricts pre-judgment garnishment with certain exemptions; requires 10-day notice and personal service of summons before garnishment; requires new clarifying forms and shortens garnishment period; prohibits discharge of employees due to garnishment. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 335 (1976)

Cost of Rules to Local Governments

- H.F. 2300 (Hokanson, Sieben, H., Lemke,
Kroening, Forsythe)
* S.F. 674 (Hughes, Stassen, Gearty)

Requires each state agency to estimate total cost to all local public bodies in state to implement proposed rule for each of two years following adoption of rule. Requires agency estimate to be sent along with hearing notice to local public officials when estimate exceeds \$100,000 for either of two years. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 138 (1976)

Deputy Registrars

- * H.F. 2188 (Carlson, R., Fudro, Lemke,
Vanasek, Stanton)
S.F. 2322 (Chmielewski)

Allows registrar of motor vehicles to appoint or replace deputy registrar in certain instances; authorizes department of public safety to acquire and maintain helicopters and fixed wing aircraft for highway patrol; (supersedes 1975 law which reduced number of aircraft units for highway patrol). Effective: Immediately.
C. 281 (1976)

Joint Powers - Instrumentalities of Governmental Units

(See Local Government p. 59)

Cable Communications Commission

(See Business & Commerce p. 10)

Environmental Coordination Procedures Act (See Environmental Protection p. 30)

Vocational Rehabilitation

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Department of Transportation

(See Transportation p. 86)

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 (1975)

License Plates for Handicapped

- H.F. 2103 (Erickson, Fudro, Kvam, Neisen,
Lemke)
* S.F. 1949 (Olson, J., Laufenburger, Josefson)

Amends current handicapped license plate law by extending application for issuance of plates to registration year 1977 and subsequent years or in cases where person acquires the vehicle on or after March 1, 1976; changes registration fee from \$10 to \$1 each month registered. Effective: Immediately.
C. 19 (1976)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 337 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 293 (1975)

Standards for Education of Handicapped Children

- * H.F. 1993 (Birnstihl, Biersdorf, Metzen,
Simoneau, Jensen)
S.F. 1972 (Anderson, Dunn, Humphrey)

Establishes standards for education of handicapped children. Requires school districts to insure that all handicapped children are provided appropriate special

instruction and services. Provides procedural safeguards regarding decisions involving identification, assessment and educational placement of handicapped children. Requires Commissioner of Education to report to Legislature in 1978 on school districts experiences in implementing procedural safeguards. Provides that only federal funds may be used to meet those federal requirements for compliance with federal "Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975" which are not also contained in Minnesota laws and statutes. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 211 (1976)

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.
C. 40 (1975)

Vocational Rehabilitation

- * H.F. 424 (Faricy, Casserly, Sieloff,
Lindstrom, Norton)
S.F. 258 (O'Neill, Gearty, Keefe, J.)

Creates department of vocational rehabilitation; transfers powers, duties, personnel and appropriations of division of vocational rehabilitation to that department. Effective: July 1, 1977.
C. 332 (1976)

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 (1975)

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HFA Loans: Residential Care Facilities

- H.F. 1658 (Hanson, Johnson, D., Forsythe,
Ulland, Faricy)
* S.F. 1552 (Perpich, G.)

Amends existing Minnesota housing finance agency law by broadening definition of "residential housing" to include residential care facilities for the mentally ill, mentally retarded, physically handicapped and chemically dependent. Allows housing finance agency to make loans for construction, renovation or rehabilitation of residential care facilities, and to finance their operational start-up costs. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 218 (1976)

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 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 August 1, 1975.
C. 208 (1975)

Special Education for Handicapped (See School Aids Bill p. 20)

Patient Review in Federal Hospitals (See Health & Welfare, p.45)

Outpatient Mental Health Insurance (See Health & Welfare p.46)

Meals on Wheels (See Taxes p. 80)

Tax Credit for Blind/Deaf (See Taxes p.81)

Public Welfare Licensing (See Health & Welfare p. 47)

Senior Companion Program (See Senior Citizens p. 75)

Alternatives to Nursing Home Care (See Senior Citizens p. 75)

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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 (1975)

Child Abuse Reports

- * H.F. 306 (Swanson, Hokanson, Dahl,
Forsythe, Novak)
S.F. 313 (Hughes, Knutson, Keefe, S.)

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 (1975)

Child Care Service Grants

- H.F. 949 (Clark, Rice, Fugina, Berglin,
Forsythe)
* S.F. 1223 (Spears, Keefe, S.)

Amends child care services act to include family daycare homes, group daycare centers, headstart and parent cooperatives and in-home child care. Authorizes commissioner to make grants for providing technical assistance and child care services to municipal, county, incorporated licensed child care facilities for creating new licensed daycare facilities, expanding existing facilities, improving programs, supportive child development services. Grants to be distributed between 7-county metro area and area outside metro area.
C. 306 (1976)

Omnibus HWC Bill * H.F. 1743 (Norton)

Bill does not close any institution and adds 200 staff position 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:

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	1973-75 Biennium	1975-77 Biennium
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	.8M	1.4M
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.

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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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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) 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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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.
C. 95 (1975)

Hospital Review Organization

H.F. 646 (Swanson, Carlson, L., Heinitz, 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 staff privileges should be limited, suspended or revoked. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 73 (1975)

Outpatient Mental Health Insurance

- H.F. 513 (Brinkman, Hanson, Begich, Stanton
Heinitz)
- * 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: August 1, 1975.
C. 89 (1975)

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.
C. 299 (1975)

Congregate Living Care Fees

- * S.F. 932 (North, Olson, J., Keinbaum)

Directs commissioner of public welfare to establish maximum fees to be paid by local agencies for board and care facilities under income maintenance programs. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 107 (1976)

Choice of Vendors (Hospitals)

- H.F. 2093 (Berglin, Clark, Arlandson,
Heinitz, Byrne)
- * S.F. 1872 (Lewis, Nelson, Solon)

Provides that persons eligible for indigent hospitalization program shall have free choice in the selection of vendor of medical care. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 186 (1976)

Local Welfare Agency Actions Review

- * H.F. 2157 (Sieben, H.)
S.F. 2363 (Borden)

Provides for administrative and judicial review of local welfare agency decisions regarding application for and receipt of public assistance. Decisions, or lack of prompt action on application, may be appealed to local welfare referee, who must conduct a hearing and issue ruling. Local agency rulings may be appealed to state

welfare referee, who must recommend an order to commissioner of public welfare. Hearings to be conducted according to provisions of U.S. social security act. Orders of commissioner to be appealed to district court, then supreme court. Effective: Immediately.
C. 131 (1976)

Amendments to Hospitalization and Commitment Act

- H.F. 874 (Parish, Kvam, Ketola, Clawson)
- * S.F. 864 (Hanson, C., O'Neill, Keefe, S.)

Requires written notice to be sent to spouse or, if none, to an adult child or next of kin of patient regarding special review board hearing on discharge of patient; provides that prior to discharge or provisional discharge of mentally ill, mentally deficient or inebriate patient, spouse and adult child or next of kin be notified of discharge date. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 302 (1976)

Public Welfare Licensing

- * H.F. 354 (Dahl, Petrafeso, McEachern,
Ketola, Forsythe)
- S.F. 367 (North, Kowalczyk, Lewis)

Provides for licensing by commissioner of public welfare of daycare and residential facilities, services and agencies for all children and for mentally retarded, physically handicapped, mentally ill, emotionally disturbed or chemically dependent adults. Requires other state agencies involved in investigation or review of an applicant's qualifications to coordinate their activities as directed by DPW. Licenses may be suspended, revoked or made probationary. Uncorrected deficiencies in facilities may result in fines of up to \$250 per deficiency. Incorporates most provisions of Chapter 60, Laws 1975, pertaining to location and zoning regulation of community residential facilities and C. 221, Laws 1975, pertaining to reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect. Effective July 1, 1976.
C. 243 (1976)

Pilot Programs: Community Mental Health Centers

- H.F. 2274 (Hanson, Samuelson, Sieben, H.,
Kostohryz, Laidig)
- * S.F. 2032 (Moe, Knutson, McCutcheon)

Authorizes Dakota, Washington and Ramsey Counties to individually or jointly establish pilot programs to provide non-residential community-based services of treatment and rehabilitation to mentally ill persons who would otherwise be hospitalized, or who are unable to use currently available aftercare services. Requires programs to be designed to enable persons to live independently in communities without further hospitalization. Appropriation: \$350,000. Effective: Immediately.
C. 327 (1976)

Community Health Services

- * H.F. 645 (Samuelson, Volk, Swanson,
Wigley, Fugina)
S.F. 835 (Anderson, Kowalczyk, Conzemius)

Provides for development and maintenance of integrated system of community health services under local administration with system of state guidelines and standards. Community health services include public health nursing, home health, disease prevention and control, family planning, nutrition, dental public health environmental health, emergency medical services and health education. Program at local level may be administered by local human services board, county board, existing local health board or new local health board. Cities in Hennepin or Ramsey Counties or city of St. Cloud may administer program through city council or local health board. Minimum population base for community health services program is 30,000 people, unless three or more counties combine or if single county has received an exemption to form human services board. State board of health has power to approve local plans for service delivery and determine compliance with state plan. Amount of state subsidy to participating cities and counties and required local match will be determined by formula that takes into account property tax base, per capita income and existing local effort for community health services. Appropriation: Total of \$2,750,000, including \$1,500,000 for service delivery grants to cities and counties; \$400,000 for planning grants to counties; \$150,000 for migrant health services; \$150,000 for Native American health services; \$50,000 for administration by state health department; \$500,000 in contingency funds for additional service delivery grants. Effective immediately, except for service delivery grants are effective July 1, 1976.

C. 9 (1976)

Catastrophic Health Insurance

- H.F. 1910 (Swanson, Brinkman, Norton)
* S.F. 60 (Conzemius, Nelson, Wegener)

Article I: Health Insurance Availability and Standards

Defines three levels of qualified plans of health coverage: low, standard, and high. Defines qualified Medicare supplement plan. Requires all insurers to offer qualified plans to their insureds. Requires all employers to offer at least a standard coverage plan to their employees and offer dual choice of health insurance and health maintenance organization (HMO) coverage. Requires all insurers to offer major medical coverage as add-on to existing coverage. No one is required to purchase any coverage. Establishes state-mandated pool offering low and standard coverage plus HMO and Medicare supplement coverage. Pool is open to all individuals unable to obtain standard coverage and will be administered by writing carrier selected by association of all insurers, self-insurers, and HMO's. Commissioner of insurance must approve actions of the

association. Provides mandatory conversion right in all group policies. Appropriation: \$107,000 to commissioner of insurance. Effective: varies by section; all sections effective by January 1, 1977.

Article II: Rate Review

Requires filing of hospital Medicare cost reports with state. Requires review and comment on hospital rates by health department and on insurance rates by commissioner of insurance. Hospitals may elect to have rate review conducted by peer organization approved by state. Appropriation: \$125,000 to board of health and \$43,000 to commissioner of insurance. Effective: August 1, 1976 (except appropriations, which are effective May 1, 1976).

Article III: Catastrophic Coverage

Provides state payment of catastrophic medical expenses after person or household has incurred out-of-pocket costs in excess of specified threshold level in a twelve-month period. Program administered by commissioner of public welfare. Effective: July 1, 1977.

C. 296 (1976)

Drug Label Information

(See Consumer Protection p. 12)

Generic Drug Substitution

(See Consumer Protection p. 12)

Experimental Program: Care of Mentally Retarded Children

(See Handicapped p. 40)

Mental Retardation Protection Act

(See Handicapped p. 42)

Social Security Benefits and Health Insurance

(See Senior Citizens p. 75)

Driving Under Influence of Controlled Substance

(See Alcohol & Drug p. 3)

Partial Welfare Takeover

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 78)

Working Poor

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 79)

Insurance Coverage for Podiatry Services

(See Business & Commerce p. 9)

Health Insurance Coverage for Free Standing Ambulatory Surgical Centers

(See Business & Commerce p. 9)

Medical Malpractice Insurance: Temporary Underwriting Association

(See Consumer Protection p. 12)

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Equalization of Costs for Hennepin County
Medical Center
(See Local Government p. 59)

Patients Bill of Rights Amendment
(See Nursing Homes p. 69)

Nursing Home Licensure Law
Revision; Recodification
(See Nursing Homes p. 68)

Long-Term Care Policy
(See Nursing Homes p. 67)

Medical Assistance - False
Claims for Reimbursement
(See Nursing Homes p. 67)

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(See Nursing Homes p. 67)

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(See Nursing Homes p. 66)

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(See Nursing Homes p. 67)

Nursing Assistant Training
(See Nursing Homes p. 66)

Senior Citizen Dental Care
(See Senior Citizens p. 75)

Alternatives to Nursing Home Care
(See Senior Citizens p. 75)

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

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 (1975)

State Folklorist
H.F. 1994 (Kahn, Searle, Fugina,
Eckstein, Rice)
* S.F. 2173 (Merriam, Stassen, Spear)

Establishes within Minnesota historical society a center for study of Minnesota folklife; creates position of state folklorist to develop, promote and implement program of support for and research in Minnesota folklife. Effective: Immediately.
C. 117 (1976)

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Indian Burial Grounds
(See Human Rights p. 53)

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Housing Finance Agency
* H.F. 1137 (Knoll, Lindstrom, Berg,
Wenstrom, Byrne)
S.F. 1314 (Humphrey, Keefe, J., Willet)

Increases range of eligibility for assistance from housing finance agency. Provides that return of a mortgagor, who is an eligible limited dividend entity, shall not exceed 6% of capital contribution of investors. Under old law, return was limited to 8%. Makes owners of existing multi-family units eligible for rehabilitation loans if they agree to conditions established by agency to insure that housing will be occupied by low to moderate income persons. Authorizes Agency to engage in housing programs for low and moderate income Native Americans. Authorizes agency to make loans to low and moderate income persons to improve efficient energy utilization of housing. Requires legislative auditor to study and report to legislative audit commission on performance, management and operations of Agency.

Appropriations:

--\$21 million for home improvement loans and grants:

- \$9 million for grants;
- \$12 million for loans;
- Of the \$21 million, \$6 million for senior citizens and \$6 million for energy conserving retrofitting;

--\$5 million for a "basic" homes loan program;

--\$5 million for a loan program for Native Americans;

--\$3 million for a reserve fund;

--\$200,000 for research and development of alternative housing including mobile homes with emphasis on housing for senior citizens.

Effective: Immediately.
C. 254 (1976)

Landlord-Tenant
(See Consumer Protection p. 11)

Landlord-Tenant - Retaliatory Eviction
(See Consumer Protection p. 11)

HFA Loans: Residential Care Facilities
(See Handicapped p. 42)

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Human Rights Amendment

- * H.F. 4 (Stanton, Menning, McCauley,
Jude, Kahn)
S.F. 232 (Humphrey, Keefe, J. Tennesen)

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 (1975)

Human Rights

- H.F. 1144 (Casserly, Kahn, Carlson, A.,
Stanton, Arlandson)
* S.F. 840 (Tennesen, Brataas, Lewis)

Changes procedure for appealing determination of no probable cause as regarding allegations of unfair discriminatory practices. (Previously, charging party could appeal to special review panel; under this act, such party may only request that commissioner reconsider his determination.) Requires that complaint hearing be heard as contested case, that complaints be heard only by hearing examiner; act precludes use of hearing panels in such cases. Makes changes in provisions permitting private right of action to enforce provisions of human rights act. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 301 (1976)

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.
C. 52 (1975)

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

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Aid to Legal Assistance Corporations

- * H.F. 1608 (Berglin, Nelson, Faricy,
Sherwood, Munger)
S.F. 1579 (Conzemius, Willet)

Appropriates \$165,000 to commissioner of administration to provide aid to non-profit corporations which provide criminal and juvenile defense to indigent individuals in Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Leech Lake and White Earth Reservations. Provides that any recipient of these funds who discriminates on basis of race, national origin, creed, color, or religion is guilty of gross misdemeanor. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 260 (1976)

Indian Burial Grounds

- * H.F. 1904 (Carlson, R., Nelson, Clark,
Menning)
S.F. 1918 (Chmielewski)

Provides that mutilation or desecration of Indian burial ground is misdemeanor; state archaeologist and Indian affairs board to authenticate and identify Indian burial grounds. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 48 (1976)

Native American Marriages

- H.F. 1606 (Doty, Eken, DeGroat,
St. Onge, Ketola)
* S.F. 370 (Doty, Spear)

Allows solemnization of marriages among Native Americans by Indian holy men. Effective: Immediately.
C. 11 (1976)

Visitation Rights for Grandparents

- * H.F. 790 (McCarron, Jude, Faricy,
Sarna, Pehler)
S.F. 1328 (Schaaf)

Allows district or county court to grant parents and grandparents of deceased parent reasonable visitation rights to unmarried minor child upon finding that such rights would be in best interests of child and would not interfere with parent-child relationship. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 198 (1976)

Council on Economic Status of Women

- * H.F. 1940 (Enebo, Sabo, Kahn,
Kelly, W., Pehler)
S.F. 2126 (Keefe, S., Brataas, Hansen, C.)

Establishes advisory council on economic status of women in Minnesota to consist of five members of house and five members of senate and eight citizens appointed by governor. Requires council to report findings to governor and legislature by December, 1977, and supplement its work until mid-1978. Recommendations to include programs designed to enable women to

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fully participate in economy and methods of facilitating coordination of programs by public and private providers of services related to children, youth and families. Appropriates: \$95,000 to legislative coordinating commission for period ending June 30, 1978. Effective: May 1, 1976 for council.
C. 337 (1976)

Live Births Resulting From Abortions

* H.F. 1615 (Faricy, Philbrook, Hanson,
Byrne, Menning)

Provides that live birth resulting from abortion shall be fully recognized as "human person" and accorded immediate protection under law. "All reasonable measures consistent with good medical practice" shall be taken to preserve life and health of child. When abortion is performed after twentieth week of pregnancy, second physician shall be "immediately accessible" to preserve life and health of live birth resulting from abortion. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 170 (1976)

Elimination of Sex Discrimination in Insurance

* H.F. 290 (Clark, Carlson, A., Skoglund,
Volk, Abeln)
S.F. 324 (Davies, Pillsbury, Schaaf)

Abolishes sex discrimination in insurance laws. Provides that individual and group accident and health insurance policies must provide same coverage for dependent illegitimate children as for other dependent children. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 121 (1976)

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 subdivisions. Appropriates \$25,000 for biennium ending June 30, 1977, for commission expenses. Effective: Immediately.
C. 401 (1975)

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Collection and Dissemination of Arrest Information

* H.F. 2204 (Lindstrom, Arlandson, Dean,
Philbrook)
S.F. 2346 (Tennessee)

Excludes from privacy act arrest information that is reasonably contemporaneous with arrest or incarceration. Allows data under certain situations to be classified on an emergency basis until proposed statute can be acted on by Legislature. Emergency classification provisions are effective immediately; other provisions are effective June 1, 1976.
C. 283 (1976)

Patient Review in Federal Hospitals (See Health and Welfare p. 45)

Child Abuse Reports

(See Health & Welfare p. 43)

Right to Read

(See Education p. 26)

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Unemployment Compensation

* H.F. 1 (Sieben, H., Sarna, Osthoff,
Adams, L., Pahl)
S.F. 475 (Merriam, Hanson, R., 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 shutdown; raises employer contribution rate to 6% if experience ratio in three preceding years was in excess of 5%. Effective: July 1, 1975.
C. 336 (1975)

Unemployment Benefits Extended

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

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.
C. 1 (1975)

Exclusion of Family Farm Corporation
Officers from Unemployment Compensation

- * H.F. 945 (Johnson, C., Corbid, Erickson,
Birnstihl, Haugerud)
S.F. 933 (Schrom, Olson, J., Hansen, C.)

Excludes family farm corporation from definition of farm as used with reference to employment services and unemployment compensation. Excludes use of family farm corporation officers to compute number of employees (four or more) required to bring persons employed in agricultural labor under coverage of unemployment compensation.

C. 43 (1976)

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: August 1, 1975 (Oct. 1, 1975--benefits).

C. 359 (1975)

Minimum Wage Increase

- * H.F. 429 (Faricy, Enebo, Sarna,
Byrne, Knickerbocker)
S.F. 402 (Milton, Keefe, S.)

Requires that every employer pay employees 18 years of age or older at rate of not less than \$2.10 an hour. (Previous minimum wage rate was \$1.80 an hour.) Further requires that employer pay employees under age of 18 at rate of not less than \$1.89 an hour. Effective: October 1, 1976.

C. 165 (1976)

Workmens Compensation Liability

- H.F. 2583 (Luther, Adams, L., Vanasek)
* S.F. 1976 (Davies, Schrom, Jensen)

Employer will receive smaller portion of settlement granted in third party liability cases; amount calculated after one-third of settlement is paid to injured employee and reasonable costs of collection, attorney fees and burial expenses are met. Effective: Immediately.

C. 154 (1976)

Public Employee Fair Share Challenges

- * H.F. 2244 (Enebo, Anderson, I., Sabo,
Carlson, A., St. Onge)
S.F. 2112 (Hansen, C., Keefe, S.)

Requires fair share fee allocated to non-union members to be equal to regular membership dues less cost of benefits financed through dues available to members only. Fees not to exceed 85% of regular membership dues. (Previously, fees could not exceed a pro rata share of expenses incurred by bargaining representative.) Provides challenge procedure to be used by employees aggrieved by their fair share fee. Effective: Immediately, with certain procedures retroactive to any pending challenge regarding fair share fee.

C. 102 (1976)

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 (1975)

Portable Pensions

- * H.F. 1271 (Jaros, Samuelson, Doty,
Volk, Enebo)
S.F. 1243 (Doty)

Allows construction workers to transfer "benefit fund" from one employer to another in state of Minnesota. Benefit funds include medical, hospitalization, and other types of insurance and pension benefits. Effective: August 1, 1976.

C. 232 (1976)

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.

C. 343 (1975)

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

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hours/week. Appropriation available until October 1, 1976. Application through local offices of state employment services department. Effective: Immediately.
C. 205 (1975)

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 (1975)

Group Health Continuation Plan

- H.F. 2198 (Vento, Luther, Kelly W., Knoll, Wieser)
- * S.F. 1296 (Hansen, C., Keefe, S., Laufenburger)

Requires terminated employees to be notified that they may continue their group hospital and medical insurance at their own expense for six months. Allows group policyholders with past terminated coverage to convert to an individual policy with same protection; requires that individual policy be renewable until age 65. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 142 (1976)

Council on Economic Status of Women (See Human Rights p. 53)

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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 (1975)

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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 (1975)

Equalization of Costs for Hennepin County Medical Center

- * H.F. 1099 (Berg, Enebo, Dean, Kroening, Haugerud)
- S.F. 1029 (Keefe, S., Ogdahl, Olson, A.)

Provides for equalization of costs of hospital and medical services for Hennepin County residents by requiring county board to levy property taxes sufficient to cover costs on a county-wide basis. (This act spreads costs of caring for poor over entire county, rather than having costs concentrated on Minneapolis taxpayers.) Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 67 (1976)

Town Census in Non-Census Years

- * H.F. 59 (Fjoslien, Patton, Niehaus, Anderson, G., Pehler)
- S.F. 1534 (Olhoft, Hanson, R.)

Permits towns to request censuses to be taken by Secretary of State in 1976 and 1985 and every tenth year thereafter. (Such taking of censuses will enable towns to be eligible for possible increases in local government aids.) Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 47 (1976)

County Personnel Departments

- H.F. 1841 (Setzepfandt, Evans, Kalis, Dahl, Eckstein)
- * S.F. 1740 (Olhoft, Dunn, Willet)

Authorizes counties to create personnel departments to establish procedures for recruiting, hiring, disciplining, classifying and advancing county employees. Does not affect elected employees or employees appointed by courts. Provides for county appeals boards to settle grievances. Effective: Immediately.
C. 182 (1976)

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Investigation of Applicants for On-Sale Liquor Licenses

- H.F. 836 (Lindstrom, McCarron, Patton
Petrafeso, Knickerbocker)
* S.F. 749 (Borden, Ashbach, McCutcheon)

Requires cities or counties to conduct preliminary background and financial investigation of all initial applicants for on-sale liquor licenses. Cities or counties may conduct investigation or may contract with Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to investigate. BCA may also investigate on own initiative. Authorizes investigation prior to renewal of existing license if city or county deems it in public interest. Authorizes fee up to \$500 to be charged applicant for investigations within state and fee up to \$10,000 for out-of-state investigations. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 105 (1976)

Notice of Public Hearings for Zoning Changes

- H.F. 1018 (Birnstihl, Jensen, DeGroat,
Mann, Reding)
* S.F. 975 (Renneke, Willet, Purfeerst)

Includes zoning and subdivision regulations among official controls requiring written notice of public hearings. Specifies new written notice procedure for unincorporated areas. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 177 (1976)

Land Use Planning Grants Bill

- * H.F. 1026 (Sherwood, Berglin, Berg
Searle, Voss)
S.F. 804 (Purfeerst, Dunn, Moe)

Establishes land use planning assistance program administered by State Planning Agency to provide grants to local units to prepare and implement land use plans. Appropriates \$2.5 million, with \$1.1 million to be distributed by metro council. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 167 (1976)

Zoning Regulation for Handicapped Residences (See Handicapped p. 41)

Shade Tree Disease Control (See Environmental Protection 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.
C. 13 (1975)

Metropolitan Significance and Government Structure Bill

- H.F. 1881 (Casserly, Berg)
* S.F. 855 (Chenoweth, Kirchner, Humphrey)

Amends metropolitan significance statutes in numerous respects: provides for metro significance regulations to go into effect by September, 1976, without legislative approval; includes in process advisory metro land use planning committee (established by metro land planning act); allows council to specify conditions for development approval; establishes more explicit basis for council review; clarifies application of administrative procedures act to metro significance regulations; requires periodic review of metro

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significance regulations and yearly report to legislature; limits authority of council to amend metro significance regulations. Requires joint legislative committee study of government structure in metro area and requires report to legislature. Establishes procedure for payment to council by metro commissions for council expenses relating to commissions. Effective: Immediately.
C. 321 (1976)

Metropolitan Land Planning Act

* H.F. 1530 (Casserly, Schreiber, Berg)

Requires metro council to send a "metropolitan system statement" to each local unit in metro area by mid-1977 detailing factors to be considered in local planning. Provides appeal procedure regarding content of metro system statement involving state hearing examiner or new advisory metropolitan land use committee (appointed by council). Requires towns, cities and counties to complete specified development and land use plans and submit them to council in 1980. Requires school districts to complete capital programs and submit them to council in 1980. Authorizes council to require towns, cities, and counties to modify their plans to make them consistent with metro plans and other local plans. Provides appeal procedure involving hearing examiner and court appeal based on preponderance of evidence in full appeal record. Requires council to establish local planning assistance program and requires council chairman to appoint modest cost private housing advisory committee to report to 1977 legislature. Effective: Immediately.
C. 127 (1976)

Metro Waste Bill; Metro Council Levy Increase

H.F. 1689 (Petrafeso, Tomlinson, Dean McEachern)

* S.F. 1383 (Chenoweth)

Requires metro council to: adopt interim policies for reviewing permit applications for metro area resource recovery facilities, adopt policy plan for collecting and processing metro area solid and hazardous waste, and establish advisory committee to aid council with solid waste matters. Authorizes metro waste control commission to construct, own, operate, contract for facilities to dispose of hazardous waste from entire state. Requires metro area counties to: adopt solid waste master plans approved by council, submit annual solid waste reports to council, and regulate solid waste facilities and hazardous waste generation, collection, processing. Allows metro area counties to own and operate resource recovery facilities. Requires metro area towns and cities to regulate collection of solid waste in manner consistent with county master plans. Allows, with metro council approval, metro area towns, cities, counties to sign long-term contracts for solid waste delivery and processing. Requires PCA to adopt

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regulations for hazardous waste. Requires PCA regulations for metro area waste to encourage resource recovery. Clarifies and increases council permit authority regarding waste facilities. Requires metro area generators of hazardous waste and operators of metro area waste services and facilities to disclose rates, charges and descriptions of waste dealt with. Increases allowable property tax levy for metro council for general operating revenue from 7/30 mill to 8/30 mill. Effective: Immediately.
C. 179 (1976)

St. Paul School District Bond Authorization

* H.F. 2331 (Dieterich, Hanson, Norton, Sieloff, Tomlinson)

S.F. 2219 (Coleman)

Authorizes Independent School District 625 to issue \$6,400,000 in general obligation bonds to help correct cash flow problems. Allows district a 1.5 mill levy to repay bonds and to reduce operating debt. Establishes mechanism to eventually eliminate tax anticipation borrowing. Prohibits transfer of funds from building construction account, debt service account or any sinking fund. Appropriates \$100,000 to legislative auditor for audit of district finances. Effective: after approval by majority of the Board of Independent School District No. 625.
C. 20 (1976)

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Raccoon Protection

H.F. 624 (Vanasek, Haugerud, Suss, Searle, Johnson, C)

* S.F. 458 (Larson, Wegener, Moe)

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

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 of turtles; allows person with fishing licenses to take turtles; limit of 10 snapping turtles per person. Effective: August 1, 1975.
C. 107 (1975)

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Season on Lynx

- H.F. 2148 (Skoglund, Reding, Sherwood,
Hanson, Munger)
* S.F. 2011 (Merriam, Dunn, Olson, H.)

Makes lynx a protected wild animal and authorizes department of natural resources to establish season for taking lynx. Effective: Immediately.
C. 190 (1976)

Year-Round Falconry

- * H.F. 1435 (Laidig, Vento, Kahn, Carlson A.)
S.F. 2067 (Brown)

Permits taking of protected wild animals with falcons year-round (previously, it was legal to do so only during hunting seasons of the particular wild animals).
Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 258 (1976)

Deer Hunting Clothing

- * H.F. 2263 (Sherwood, Skoglund, Fjoslein, Braun
Jensen)
S.F. 2305 (Schrom)

Permits hunters and trappers to wear bright red or blaze orange vests during deer hunting season (previously "outer coats" were required to be red or orange); repeals section of law which provided for one-year suspension of hunting and trapping licenses for violation of red-orange clothing requirement.
Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 133 (1976)

Muzzle-Loading Muskets: Shining of Animals

- * H.F. 1751 (Dahl, Braun, McEachern, St. Onge,
Wigley)
S.F. 2107 (Bernhagen, Schrom, Hanson, R.)

Permits big game hunters to use smooth-bore muzzle-loading muskets of 45 caliber or larger and certain rifled muzzle-loading muskets of 40 caliber or larger; prohibits shining of animals unless firearm is unloaded, cased and inside of closed automobile trunk.
Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 128 (1976)

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

- H.F. 504 (Wenzel, Vento, Niehaus, Jude, Enebo)
S.F. 1530 (Kleinbaum, Larson, Olhott)

Changes period of all hunting and fishing licenses from calendar year to year beginning first day of March and ending last day in February; provides new "issuing fee" to be charged by sellers of hunting and fishing licenses in amounts of \$.75 for deer licenses and \$.50 for all other licenses.
Effective: August 1, 1976 (licenses issued for calendar year 1976 to be valid until February 28, 1977; new "issuing fee" not to be charged until March 1, 1977).
C. 143 (1976)

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Trespass Law for Hunting on Farm Land

- H.F. 1508 (St. Onge, Sherwood, Braun, Biersdorf,
Begich)
* S.F. 1501 (Willet, Renneke, Olhott)

Requires hunters to obtain permission to hunt big game on farm land; prohibits big game hunters from harming property, crops or livestock.
Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 23 (1976)

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 (1975)

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 (1975)

DNR License and Fee Increases; Zumbro River Canoe Route; Water permits; Deer Habitat Program

- * H.F. 2657 (Kahn, Patton, Ulland, Sabo, Vento)
S.F. 2218 (Moe)

Increases fees for: use of state parks; fishing; hunting; trapping; buying, selling or dressing of furs; taxidermy businesses; taking of mussels or clams; minnow dealers; fish hatcheries; taking of sucker eggs; selling of frogs; commercial fishing. Authorizes \$17 resident "Minnesota sportsman licenses" allowing fishing, small game hunting, and deer and bear hunting. Allows senior citizens to use state park tent-camping, golf and parking facilities weekdays at no charge. Allows senior citizens to purchase small game hunting licenses at reduced rates. Authorizes marking of canoe and boating routes on Zumbro River. Requires commissioner of natural resources to adopt rules for issuing permits to use state waters. Appropriates \$300,000 for deer habitat program.

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Effective: Immediately for state park permits, marking of Zumbro River, and adoption of rules for water permits; July 1 for appropriation; for all 1976 big game licenses and for all other licenses and permits issued after 1976.

C. 346 (1976)

Taconite

(See Omnibus Tax Bill p. 79)

Drainage bill

(See Agriculture and Rural Development p. 2)

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Nursing Home Reimbursement

* H.F. 2203 (Petrateso, Carlson, L., Swanson, Volk, Dahl)

S.F. 2225 (Milton, Kirchner, Olson, A.)

Establishes limitations on DPW and its "Rule 49" for nursing home rate setting for care of medical assistance recipients. Sets strict limits on how mortgage and other property expense can be reimbursed, gives profit-making (proprietary) facilities 9% investment allowance, and allows periodic property reappraisal to incorporate inflation into rate base. Nonproprietary and governmental facilities given a 2% investment allowance plus interest on loans up to full value of facility. Effective July 1, 1978, no nursing home to be eligible for medical assistance reimbursement if its private pay rate differs from its medical assistance rate for similar services. Until July 1, 1978, private rate may be up to 10% higher than medical assistance rate. Effective July 1, 1976, nursing homes must agree to provide DPW audited financial statements, a statement of ownership, and copies of leases, purchase agreements and other documents. Effective: for cost reports filed after December 31, 1976.

C. 282 (1976)

Nursing Assistant Training

H.F. 2036 (Carlson, L., Dahl, Forsythe, Volk, Swanson)

* S.F. 2025 (Brataas, Lewis, Knutson)

Requires nursing assistants (aides and orderlies) hired to work in nursing home on or after July 1, 1977, to complete training program developed by commissioner of education or others and approved by board of nursing. Makes tuition and reasonable expenses reimbursable under medical assistance (medicaid). Violation of act is grounds for issuance of correction order under nursing home licensing law.

Effective: Immediately.

C. 310 (1976)

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Medical Assistance Investigative Unit

* H.F. 2038 (Forsythe, Heinitz, Swanson, Volk, Carlson, L.)

S.F. 1958 (Keefe, S., Keefe, J., Milton)

Requires commissioner of public welfare to identify and investigate possible cases of medical assistance fraud, theft, false claims or false statement by any vendor of medical care. Requires reports to be sent to attorney general and legislative auditor.

Effective: Immediately.

C. 273 (1976)

Medical Assistance--False Claims for Reimbursement

H.F. 2037 (Swanson, Petrateso, Parish, Heinitz, Carlson, L.)

* S.F. 1957 (Tennessen, Keefe, J., Milton)

Any vendor of medical services may now be declared ineligible for further medicaid payments if found guilty of theft; defines filing of false cost reports or false claims for reimbursement as theft. DPW is allowed access to all medical records for purposes of determining whether reimbursed care is provided and medically necessary. Effective: Immediately.

C. 188 (1976)

Long-Term Care Policy

* H.F. 2041 (Swanson, Dahl, Carlson, L., Forsythe, Volk)

S.F. 1961 (Milton, Brataas, Lewis)

Directs board on aging (formerly governor's citizens council on aging) to recommend to 1977 legislature a proposed state policy for "citizens dependent on long-term care and services." Effective: Immediately.

C. 275 (1976)

Office of Health Facility Complaints

H.F. 2040 (Volk, Carlson, L., Swanson, Heinitz, Forsythe)

* S.F. 1959 (Keefe, S., Olson, A., Milton)

Establishes office of health facility complaints in department of health with director appointed by board of health. Allows director to investigate any action or failure to act by health care provider or health facility (including nursing homes and hospitals). Office will take over functions and budget of present complaint team in health department. Mandates every licensed hospital and outpatient surgery center to establish patient grievance mechanism regarding billing, treatment, and other factors having impact on malpractice claims and suits, and provides for annual report to department of health on operation of mechanism. Requires insurers providing professional liability insurance to one or more hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, or HMO's to annually submit report by reported facility or organization to board of health listing all claims closed by or filed with insurer during previous year and information regarding numbers of claims, dates, allegations and disposition. Requires

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board of health to collect and review data and report findings to legislature. Board of health directed to study and publish recommendations for in-service personnel training programs to reduce incidence of malpractice suits and claims. Appropriation: \$67,000 for office of health facility complaints. Effective: office of health facility complaints effective immediately; hospital grievance procedure and in-service training effective January 1, 1977.
C. 325 (1976)

Nursing Home Licensure Law Revision; Recodification

H.F. 2042 (Dahl, Clawson, Petrafeso, Kroening, Swanson)

* S.F. 1956 (Milton, Keefe, J., North)

Establishes new chapter in Minnesota Statutes which recodifies nursing home laws. Makes several changes in existing laws relating to regulation and inspection of nursing homes. Major changes include:

- a. Defining "controlling persons" and making them responsible for operations of home;
- b. Requiring greater financial disclosure by nursing home owners and notification of changes in ownership;
- c. Requiring second unannounced inspection each year for facilities in which deficiencies are found during annual inspection;
- d. Directing department of health to initiate proceedings to suspend or revoke and refuse to renew facility license when facility is fined for two or more uncorrected violations involving imminent risk of harm to residents or ten or more uncorrected violations of any kind within two-year period;
- e. With certain exceptions, requiring compliance with regulations prior to issuance, renewal or reissuance of a license;
- f. Requiring that facility's most recent correction orders and notices of noncompliance be posted in conspicuous place;
- g. Providing for voluntary receivership, after court hearing, at request of Health Department;
- h. Providing daily fines of up to \$250 per day for uncorrected violations;
- i. Establishing Nursing Home Advisory Council to Board of Health and complaint investigation procedure for Board of Examiners for nursing home administrators.

Provisions of act requiring reinspection of facilities after correction orders are issued and establishment of schedule of daily fines are effective immediately. Remaining provisions are effective on effective date of rule establishing schedule of daily fines or no later than January 1, 1977.
C. 173 (1976)

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Patients' Bill of Rights Amendments

* H.F. 2039 (Heinitz, Swanson, Forsythe, Volk, Petrafeso)

S.F. 1960 (Keefe, J., Lewis, Milton)

Adds several provisions to existing "Patients' Bill of Rights" for patients or residents of acute care hospitals or nursing homes. No facility may require resident to waive his rights; allows resident's guardian or conservator to seek enforcement of rights. Resident's civil and religious liberties not to be infringed; resident has right to private communications, right to present grievances, and right to manage his own financial affairs. Resident must also be free of mental and physical abuse and from physical and chemical restraints, unless authorized by physician for specified limited period. Notice must be given upon admittance describing how to file complaint. Substantial violation of rights of any resident is grounds for issuance of correction order (under nursing home licensure law). Effective: August 1, 1976.

C. 274 (1976)

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 (1975)

Funding for State Zoo Road

H.F. 444 (Sieben, H., Laidig, Kempe, R., Jensen, White)

* S.F. 429 (Conzemius, Knutson, Stassen)

Appropriates \$750,000 for local improvements to access road to Minnesota state zoo. Effective: Immediately.
C. 80 (1976)

Acquisition of Outdoor Recreation Lands

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

S.F. 1393 (Anderson, Arnold)

Appropriates \$15 million from general 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

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governor, to sell and issue bonds to provide this money.
Effective: July 1, 1975.
C. 415 (1975)

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 (1975)

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: August 1, 1975.
C. 37 (1975)

Straight River Canoe Route

H.F. 2083 (Biersdorf, Birnstihl, Vanasek,
Munger, White)

* S.F. 2034 (Purfeerst, Frederick)

Authorizes marking of canoe and boating routes on Straight River. Effective: Immediately.
C. 24 (1976)

Funding for Snowmobile and Recreation Trails

H.F. 1285 (Prah, Johnson, D., Patton,
Ketola, Anderson, I.)

* S.F. 320 (Olhoft, Fitzsimons, Willet)

Appropriates \$1.3 million to commissioner of natural resources for grants to local governments for enforcement of snowmobile trail laws and construction of recreation trails, for provision of snowmobile trails and trails for non-motorized recreation, and for access to snowmobile trails and provision of snowmobile areas where trails are not feasible. Effective: Immediately.
C. 319 (1976)

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Glacial Ridge Trail

* H.F. 2490 (Lindstrom, Schumacher)
S.F. 2172 (Olhoft, Olson, A.)

Designates Glacial Ridge Trail, beginning at Willmar and proceeding through Sibley State Park, Glenwood, and Glacial Lakes State Park. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 292 (1976)

Viking Trail

H.F. 1697 (Graba, Beauchamp, Wenstrom,
Niehaus, Langseth)

* S.F. 1551 (Olhoft)

Designates route of Viking Trail which begins near Moorhead, proceeds through Elbow Lake and ends near Sauk Centre. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 29 (1976)

Recreational Vehicle Tax Refund

* H.F. 1527 (Lemke, Fudro, Munger, Biersdorf)

Changes certain motor vehicle tax rates; provides that self-propelled recreational vehicles be separately taxed; provides refunds to owners of towed recreational vehicles for tax overpayment in 1976. Effective: self-propelled recreational vehicles -- May 1, 1976; refund for towed recreational vehicles -- immediately; remaining sections -- November 15, 1976.
C. 39 (1976)

Bicycle Bill

* H.F. 920 (Kahn, Williamson, McCarron,
Pehler, Dean)

S.F. 1757 (Hughes, Fitzsimons)

Requires commissioner of public safety to establish state system for voluntary bicycle registration. Requires commissioner to study and report to 1977 legislature on bicycling problems and recommendations for state-wide mandatory bicycle registration. Allows local units to designate bicycle lanes. Requires replacement of bicycle lanes destroyed by road construction. Requires commissioner of natural resources to develop statewide bicycle trail system. Requires local unit to pay state two-thirds of state cost of bicycle lane construction. Appropriation: \$493,000.
C. 199 (1976)

BWCA; Mineland Reclamation

(See Environmental Protection p. 33)

DNR License and Fee Increases; Zumbro River
Canoe Route; Water Permits; Deer Habitat Program
(See Natural Resources/Game and Fish, p. 65)

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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 spouse of member of PERA police and fire fund with 20 years service may qualify for optional annuity. Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 102 (1975)

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 to conduct study of retirement programs in cities of first class and report to legislature during 1976 session. Effective: July 1, 1975.

C. 306 (1975)

Retirement Benefits

- H.F. 2112 (Moe, Patton, Parish, Beauchamp, Biersdorf)
- * S.F. 2014 (Chenoweth, Stokowski, Ogdahl)

Provides benefit increases for certain persons who began receiving permanent disability benefit or retirement annuity prior to July 1, 1973 and were affected by change from a "career average" to a "high five years average" formula. Those persons not receiving Social Security will receive increases in annual payments of \$4.50 for each full year of allowable service and \$9.00 for each year which has elapsed since retirement. (Example: 20 years service, 5 years since retirement began -- $(20 \times \$4.50) + (5 \times \$9.00) = \$135$ ANNUAL INCREASE.) Appropriation: \$21,000,000 for nine major retirement funds. Effective: July 1, 1976, with provision that benefits be paid by November 1, 1976, retroactive to July 1, 1976.

C. 326 (1976)

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Proportionate Annuities for Minneapolis Retirement Fund

- * H.F. 2155 (Knoll, Sarna, Fudro, Carlson, A., Enebo)
- S.F. 1808 (Stokowski, Gearty, Ogdahl)

Establishes proportionate annuity system for members of Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund. Employees who have not served 10 years before retirement will now be able to receive pension based on number of years served. Previously, these individuals could not become members of fund. Bill also allows resident aliens to become members of fund. Immigration status previously prevented membership in Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund.

C. 130 (1976)

TRA Funds

- * H.F. 2230 (Patton, Sabo, Knoll, Dean, Parish)
- S.F. 2075 (Stokowski, Gearty, Hansen, M.)

Teacher retirement funds in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth allowed to make bylaw amendments of administrative nature without legislative or local government approval. Minneapolis teachers retirement fund authorized to grant major benefit increase for all retired teachers. St. Paul teachers retirement fund authorized to make administrative changes and minor benefit increases. Duluth teachers retirement fund authorized to accept repayment of refunds with 6% interest charge. Effective: Immediately.

C. 238 (1976)

Public Officials--Public Meetings

- * H.F. 153 (Prah, 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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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State University Bargaining Agreements

H.F. 2662 (Enebo, Smith, Erickson, Swanson, Searle)

* S.F. 2560 (Hanson, C., Davies)

Authorizes state university board to implement bargaining agreements negotiated with inter-faculty organization/MEA and Minnesota state university association of administrative and service faculty. Allows board to suspend or modify rules promulgated under Chapter 15 which are deemed inconsistent with provisions of collective bargaining contract. Effective: Immediately.

C. 229 (1976)

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 totalling 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 (1975)

Teacher Contracts

(See Education p. 23)

Public Employee Fair Share Challenges

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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 (1975)

Senior Citizens--Free College Tuition

* H.F. 257 (St. Onge, Fugina, Erickson, Patton, Kroening)

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

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institution of higher education in Minnesota when space is available after all tuition-paying students have been accommodated. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 219 (1975)

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 policy-holders. Effective: Aug. 1, 1975.

C. 323 (1975)

Senior Citizen Dental Care

H.F. 1011 (Clark, McCarron, Norton, Ulland, St. Onge)

* S.F. 1097 (Tennessen, Bang, Moe)

Authorizes commissioner of public welfare to establish two pilot programs to provide dental care to senior citizens--one in metro area and one outside metro area. Eligibility for program includes those not eligible to receive dental services or reimbursement for dental services under any other program, who do not have coverage for dental services from an insurance company, are retired and 62 or over and have incomes of less than \$3,900 if single or \$4,875 if married. Participant pays 20% of dental bill. Appropriation: \$400,000 for biennium. Effective: July 1, 1976.

C. 305 (1976)

Alternatives to Nursing Home Care

H.F. 2236 (Volk, Carlson, L., Rice, Dahl, Heinritz)

* S.F. 2175 (Olson, A., Kirchner, Keefe, S.)

Authorizes the commissioner of public welfare to establish an experimental program of home care for elderly and physically disabled who are eligible for placement in nursing homes. Individual care plan must be established. Grants limited to no more than half of regional average medical assistance (medicaid) reimbursement rate for nursing homes. Allows costs of health care services provided in patient's home by public health nurses to be paid by medical assistance. Effective: July 1, 1977.

C. 312 (1976)

Senior Companion Program

H.F. 1950 (Kelly, R., Clawson, Swanson, Kroening, McCarron)

* S.F. 1644 (Chenoweth, Kirchner, Moe)

Establishes senior companion program to employ low income persons aged 60 or over to provide supportive person-to-person assistance primarily to handicapped

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adults and elderly people living in their own homes. Services may also be provided to such persons living in group homes, nursing homes, private homes or other public or private institutions or agencies. Senior companions compensated for no more than 20 hours per week. Grants made by Minnesota board on aging on a 90% state, 10% local basis. Appropriation: \$100,000. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 323 (1976)

Nutrition for Elderly
(See Health and Welfare p. 45)

Meals on Wheels
(See Taxes p. 80)

Senior Citizen Tax Credit
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Senior Citizens Tax Freeze
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Castastrophic Health Insurance
(See Health and Welfare p. 48)

Housing Finance Agency
(See Housing p. 51)

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Long-Term Care Policy
(See Nursing Homes p. 67)

Delayed Payment of Special Assessment
(See Taxes p. 82)

Inheritance Tax Bill
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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.

Household Income	% of Income To Be Paid As Tax	Maximum Credit
\$ 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
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.

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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: January 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), 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 nonfarm income up to \$15,000 if nonfarm income does not exceed \$15,000; if \$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.

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.

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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.

	Income
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 dependents	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, 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 Koochiching 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.

C. 437 (1975)

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 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 December 31, 1979.
C. 226 (1975)

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 December 31, 1974.
C. 349 (1975)

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

Meals on Wheels

- H.F. 616 (Stanton Begich, Menning, Erickson,
Kalis)
* 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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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 delinquent taxes owed 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 (1975)

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 (1975)

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.
C. 339 (1975)

Fiscal Disparities

- H.F. 2407 (McCarron, McEachern, Vanasek,
Dahl, Clawson)
* S.F. 2078 (Purfeerst, Renneke, Conzemius)

Makes fiscal disparities more workable by using preceding year's assessed valuation and mill rates in computation of valuation. Effective for taxes payable in 1977.
C. 191 (1976)

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Delayed Payment of Special Assessments

- * H.F. 374 (McCarron, Kvam, Novak, Tomlinson, Kahn)
S.F. 1219 (Milton, Merriam)

In 1974, counties and municipalities were given the power to defer payment of special assessments on any homesteaded property owned by person 65 years of age or older. New law requires local units of government to notify senior citizens that proposed improvements can be deferred. Effective: Immediately.
C. 195 (1976)

Beer Tax

- H.F. 2325 (Brinkman, Eckstein, Sieloff, Adams, S., Sarna)
* S.F. 1997 (Schrom, Gearty, Jensen)

Increases tax credit on beer produced and sold in Minnesota. Credit to be \$2 per barrel on first 75,000 barrels. Effective: July 1, 1976.
C. 189 (1976)

Inheritance Tax Bill

- H.F. 1349 (Vanasek, Schulz, Birnstihl, Haugerud, Jopp) (not companion)
* S.F. 633 (Purfeerst, Blatz, Perpich, A.J.)

Increases allowable exemptions for widows from \$30,000 to \$60,000; for widowers from \$6,000 to \$60,000; for minor or dependent children from \$15,000 to \$30,000. Increases homestead exemption for surviving spouse or minor or dependent children from \$30,000 to \$45,000 and grants exemption of \$10,000 to renters in lieu of homestead exemptions. Allows surviving spouse to take marital exemption of 50% (up to \$250,000) of property going to spouse in lieu of all other inheritance and homestead exemptions. If tax is over \$5,000, allows taxpayer to pay in five equal installments over five-year period at 8% interest. Allows two-year deferment for paying taxes in hardship cases. Effective for those who die after June 30, 1976.
C. 320 (1976)

Tax Deductions for Private School Expenses

- H.F. 675 (Osthoff, Faricy, Sieloff, Biersdorf, Sarna)
* S.F. 570 (O'Neill, Gearty, Dunn)

Increases income tax deduction for tuition, textbook and transportation expense paid as follows: for each dependent in grades K to 12 from \$200 for each dependent to \$500; for each dependent in grades K to 6 and \$700 for each dependent in grades 7 to 12. Prior to enactment of this bill, textbook expense was not deductible at all. Effective: taxable years commencing after December 21, 1974.
C. 37 (1976)

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Taconite Aids/AVTI Levy

- * H.F. 1977 (Graba, Johnson, D., Savelkoul, Fugina, Begich)
S.F. 1840 (Anderson, Sillers, Hughes)

Clarifies taconite aid payments for school districts. Corrects problems in AVTI debt service funding. Changes requirements for receiving community school program aids.
C. 18 (1976)

Senior Citizen/Disabled Tax Relief

- * H.F. 617 (Brinkman, Pehler, Biersdorf, Arlandson, Wigley)
S.F. 574 (Kleinbaum, Gearty, Larson)

Extends special disabled person's property tax classification to persons receiving aid under federal railroad retirement act. Effective for taxes payable in 1977. Allows senior citizens and disabled who live in tax-exempt apartments or nursing homes to file for circuit breaker. Seniors to receive greater of old senior citizen credit or circuit breaker credit. Effective for 1975.
C. 245 (1976)

Equalization of Costs for Hennepin County Medical Center

(See Local Government p. 59)

St. Paul School District Bond Authorization (See Metropolitan and Urban Affairs p. 63)

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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.
- 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 inter-state highways in metro area which comply with federal standards.
- establishment of commission to study Minnesota highway department.

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-- 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 department.)

July 1, 1975:

(All other sections - MTC taxing provisions effective for taxes levied in 1975 and thereafter.)

C. 203 (1975)

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 (1975)

Bridge Funding

* H.F. 2144 (Lemke, Patton, Voss, Carlson, R., Stanton)

S.F. 1995 (Laufenberger, Ogdahl, Olson, H.)

Creates Minnesota state transportation fund, appropriates \$25 million to fund and authorizes sale of \$25 million in bonds to be deposited in fund for bridge construction and reconstruction. Further specifies that \$50 million be allocated in the following manner:

Trunk Highway System	\$25,000,000
County Highway Systems	\$13,500,000
Municipal Street Systems	\$ 4,000,000
Township Road Systems	\$ 7, 500,000

Effective: Appropriation and bond authorization July 1 1976. Remainder of the bill -- Immediately.
C. 339 (1976)

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 (1975)

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Motorcycle Regulations

* H.F. 272 (McEachern, Voss, Schreiber, Jude)
S.F. 331 (Laufenburger, Brown, Olhoff)

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 (1975)

Personalized License Plates

* H.F. 982 (Kelly, R., Osthoff, Neisen, Vanasek, Menning)
S.F. 1110 (Ashbach, Laufenburger, Frederick)

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 (1975)

Scenic License Plates

* H.F. 2489 (Schreiber, Fudro, Beauchamp, Sieben, H., Wigley)
S.F. 2398 (Chmielewski)

Authorizes annual permit for refuse compactor vehicle to exceed normal weight restrictions. Appropriates \$290,000 from highway user tax distribution fund for manufacture of graphic design license plates, and authorizes fee of up to 25¢ for issuance of these new scenic license plates. Effective: Immediately.
C. 343 (1976)

Car Pooling State Employees

* H.F. 1382 (Fugina, Adams, L., Sarna, Osthoff, Munger)
S.F. 1673 (North)

Authorizes commissioner of administration to establish and operate an employee transportation program utilizing commuter vans with capacity of between 7 and 16 passengers. Vans to be purchased or leased for use by state employees. Use of the vans to be limited to areas not having adequate public transportation. Program to be implemented in metro area and in one other region of state, and to be evaluated after first year. Van pooling provisions expire on June 30, 1979. Appropriation: \$100,000. Effective: Immediately.
C. 233 (1976)

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Prohibiting Sale and Use of Unsafe Tires

- * H.F. 1104 (Novak, Jude, Voss, Nelson, Sieben, H.)
S.F. 1140 (Keefe, S., Frederick, Arnold)

Authorizes commissioner of public safety to promulgate rules and regulations setting safe operating conditions of tires for use on passenger automobiles. Prohibits sale of passenger motor vehicles with unsafe tires except to a motor vehicle dealer. Prohibits use of motor vehicles with unsafe tires and makes it a petty misdemeanor to either sell or use passenger motor vehicles with unsafe tires. Effective: August 1, 1976.
C. 35 (1976)

Rail Service Improvement Act

- * H.F. 1876 (Stanton, Menning, Sabo, Mann Biersdorf)
S.F. 1971 (Moe, Fitzsimons, Laufenburger)

Creates state rail services improvement account into which all state and federal monies for rail service improvement to be deposited. Authorizes state planning agency to enter into three-way contracts with shippers and railroad companies for purpose of rehabilitating rail lines in Minnesota, and appropriates \$3 million as state share for such rail rehabilitation contracts. Requires agency to determine conditions under which all or a portion of state assistance to be paid back by railroad companies. Authorizes agency to establish state rail plan and planning process as part of an overall transportation plan in order to qualify for federal funds. Appropriates \$150,000 to the agency for administration. Effective: Immediately.
C. 204 (1976)

Department of Transportation

- * H.F. 525 (Hanson, Pehler, Knickerbocker, Anderson, I., Dieterich)
S.F. 719 (Laufenburger, Brown, Conzemius)

Creates department of transportation to provide balanced transportation system including aeronautics, highways, motor carriers, public transit and railroads. Transfers to DOT functions of highway department and department of aeronautics, transportation functions of the state planning agency, and certain functions of public service commission (rate-making and certification powers are retained by public service commission). Requires adoption and monitoring of statewide multimodal transportation plan, taking into account suggestions received from regional development commissions, port authorities, metro council and other political subdivisions at public hearing; also requires development of statewide transportation priorities and expenditures based on statewide plan. Plan and priorities to be completed by July 1, 1978. Local and regional plans cannot conflict with state plan, but local governments can challenge a DOT determination that local plan is superseded by

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state plan. Appropriation: \$75,000 for initial organization of DOT and \$75,000 for study of rural transportation in Minnesota. Effective: appointment of DOT commissioner after July 1, 1976. Remainder of act effective when commissioner is appointed. Transfer of powers to DOT to take place when commissioner of DOT certifies that DOT is ready to commence operations.
C. 166 (1976)

Mud Flaps

- * S.F. 161 (Coleman, Brown, Arnold)

Requires mud flaps to be installed on all trucks, including dump trucks. Effective: January 1, 1977.
C. 136 (1976)

Environmental Impact Statements for Proposed Freeways

- H.F. 2638 (Norton, Moe, Sieben, H.)
S.F. 2486 (Coleman)

Requires highway department to prepare environmental impact statements on alternative routes for interstate freeway construction in metro area (including I-335, I-35E in Ramsey County, I-394, TH55 in Minneapolis). Effective: Immediately.
C. 317 (1976)

90 Days Driver's License Revocation (See Alcohol and Drug p. 4)

Habitual Drunken Driver Bill (See Alcohol & Drug p. 4)

Bicycle Bill (See Parks and Recreation p. 71)

Recreational Vehicle Tax Refund (See Parks and Recreation p. 71)

Alcohol Safety Programs (See Alcohol & Drug p. 3)

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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 (1975)

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Veterans Preference

- * H.F. 84 (Berglin, Tomlinson, Kostohryz,
Knickerbocker, Forsythe)
- S.F. 112 (McCutcheon, Coleman, Sillers)

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 (1975)

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- * H.F. 2225 (Begich, Vento, Kostohryz,
Fjoslien, Patton)
- S.F. 1981 (Laufenburger, Frederick,
Chmielewski)

Deadlines for payments of adjusted compensation made for Vietnam Veterans Bonus extended to, on, or before December 31, 1976. Effective: Immediately.
C. 237 (1976)

