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Don Harrison, Channel 9 News



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# School Aid 1979

Ch. 334 HF0223 — Eken SF0315 — Merriam

Provides \$1.97 billion to aid local school districts.

## Article I — Foundation Aid (\$1.3 billion)

- increases the per pupil aid from \$1,155 to \$1,182 for 1979-80 and \$1,265 for 1980-81.
- provides for a basic mill rate of 23 mills (1980-81 school year) and 21 mills (1981-82 school year). For 1979-80, the rate is 27 mills.
- gives districts the option of levying .05 additional state-equalized mill for 1980-81 and one additional mill for 1981-82. (A mill is a \$1 tax on each \$1,000 assessed value.)
- provides \$1.8 million for sparsity aid for 1979-80 for small isolated school districts.
- provides for four-year averaging to aid school districts with declining enrollments.
- provides that all growing districts are eligible for fast-growth aid. Currently, districts with growth between zero and two percent are not eligible.
- replaces the four-year averaging to aid school districts with declining enrollments.
- provides state aid for grandfathered levies in districts with total property values below \$24,000 per pupil unit.
- guarantees \$600 per pupil unit to districts which don't receive foundation aid, minus what they get from the agricultural tax credit; non-agricultural, agricultural, and taconite homestead credits; and attached machinery aid.
- provides that the state pay for categorical aids, rather than recapturing those aids from high wealth districts, but only for districts with 950 or fewer actual pupil units.

## Article II — Transportation Aid (\$181.7 million)

- authorizes the payment of transportation aids based on a new formula using regression analysis to predict costs and determine aids.
- limits each district's loss or gain under the new formula to \$20 per pupil transported.
- provides for additional safety procedures on school buses.

## Article III — Special and Compensatory Aid (\$179.8 million)

- provides additional state aid for salaries of special education teachers by changing the formula. Allows districts to receive the greater of (a) 69 percent of salary, not to exceed \$12,000 per teacher, plus five percent of salary with no limit, (b) 70 percent of the salary with no limit.
- continues funding for one year for the pilot bilingual and Indian education programs.
- brings state into conformance with federal rules dealing with due process in special education, expires July 1, 1981.
- establishes tuition at the School for the Deaf and the Braille and Sight Saving Schools at the foundation aid formula plus \$500 beginning in 1979-80.

## Article IV — Community and Adult Education (\$8.9 million)

- increases state aid to school districts for operating certain community school programs. Under present law, school districts get 50 cents per capita for operating certain community school programs. This gives school districts, for 1980, the greater of: 75 cents per capita, or \$5,000, and in 1981, 75 cents per capita, or \$7,000.
- increases the amount a district can levy for community services from \$2 to \$2.50.

## Article V — Vocational Education (\$239.9 million)

- increases the AVTI foundation aid to \$2,400 per student in 1980 and establishes a new program budget formula for the second year.
- increases the AVTI tuition by seven percent for the first year of the biennium; no increase second year.
- changes the basis for AVTI tuition to a quarterly rather than a daily rate.
- repeals the post-secondary vocational discretionary levy.

## Article VI — Other Aids and Levies (\$30.7 million)

- increases the capital expenditure equalization aid guarantee level from \$75 to \$80 per pupil unit, and from \$80 to \$85 for fast-growth districts.
- appropriates \$1.35 million for a basic skills program.
- establishes a program for gifted and talented students, appropriating \$1.2 million for the biennium. Provides state aid of \$30 per gifted student to school districts which establish programs for gifted and talented.
- encourages Educational Cooperative Service Units and school boards to consider the problems of dropouts.
- increases state payment for pre-school health screening programs from \$23 per child to \$25 in 1979-80 and to \$27 in 1980-81.
- provides grants for study, evaluation and start-up costs associated with pairing.
- allows school districts to make electronic fund transfers in certain cases.

## Article VII — Council on Quality Education (\$4.96 million)

- increases the CQE from 17 to 19 members, adding a special education representative and a public member.
- increases the number of early childhood and family education programs from 22 to 36.
- targets some early childhood and family education funding to AFDC areas.

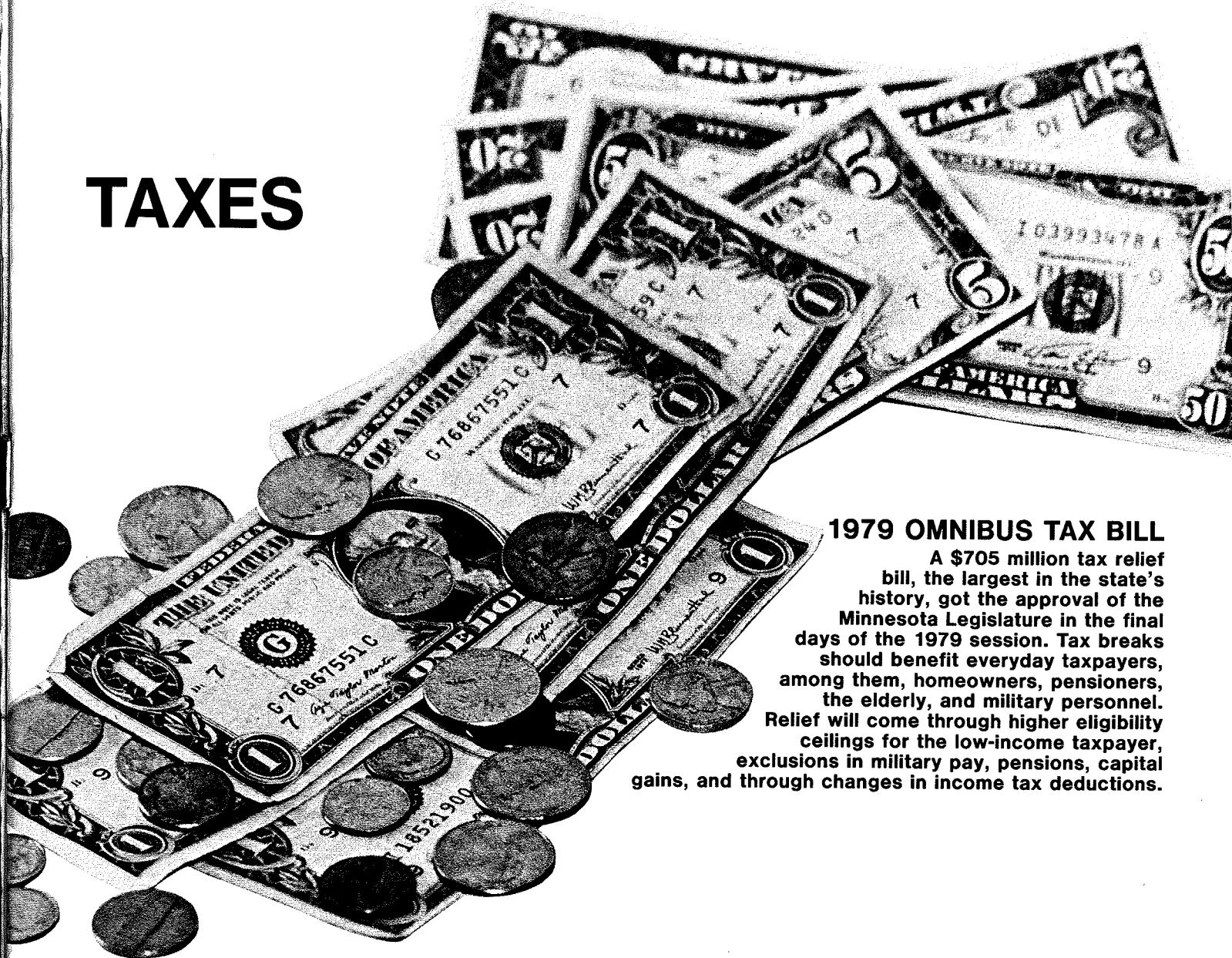
## Article VIII — Teacher Mobility (\$2.8 million)

- adds AVTI teachers to the teacher mobility provisions.
- increases the early retirement incentive from \$7,500 at age 55 to \$10,000 at age 55.
- increases the early retirement incentive in cities implementing a desegregation plan to \$15,000 at age 55.
- increases the state share of the early retirement incentive from 25 to 50 percent.
- allows teachers on extended leave or early retirement to substitute teach.
- extends the application deadline for early retirement incentive programs from May 1 to June 30.

## Article IX — Libraries (\$7.6 million)

- allows the state board to make grants to multi-county, multi-type library systems.
- reduces the minimum level of support counties have to provide in order for a regional library system to qualify for an establishment grant.
- extends the current library basic system support grant formula for 1979-80 and following years.

# TAXES



## 1979 OMNIBUS TAX BILL

A \$705 million tax relief bill, the largest in the state's history, got the approval of the Minnesota Legislature in the final days of the 1979 session. Tax breaks should benefit everyday taxpayers, among them, homeowners, pensioners, the elderly, and military personnel. Relief will come through higher eligibility ceilings for the low-income taxpayer, exclusions in military pay, pensions, capital gains, and through changes in income tax deductions.

## INCOME TAX

Sometime after July 1, take-home pay should be slightly higher because of new withholding rates that will take out less for Minnesota income taxes. Another form of income tax relief will come through an increase of the personal credit which goes from \$40 to \$55 for the 1979 tax year, \$60 for 1980, and at the full rate of inflation for future years. The new law also doubles the standard deduction maximum on state income tax returns to \$2,000 retroactive to January 1 of this year and indexes the deduction beginning in 1981.

### Low-income taxpayers

Low income taxpayers will be able to earn more income without having to pay a tax under new eligibility ceilings. Present ceilings which range from \$4,400 to \$8,900 go to \$5,500 up to \$10,000.

### Military

All active and reserve military personnel in the state will get a \$3,000 income exclusion from state taxes and a \$5,000 exclusion for personnel serving outside the state. The law also repeals the \$140 National Guard credit.

### Pensioners

The first \$10,000 (now \$7,200) of annual pensions are free of state income taxes. However, any gross income over \$17,000 (now \$13,000) begins to cut into the \$10,000. Pensioners also won't have to include their Social Security or railroad retirement income in figuring their tax on pensions as they do under current law.

### Homeowners over age 55

These homeowners won't have to pay a capital gains tax for sale of a home up to \$100,000, effective for homes owners who sell after December 31, 1978. This is a one-time exclusion.

## Miscellaneous

Other income tax changes include: doubling the political contribution credit to \$50 for a single taxpayer and \$100 for married couples; allowing a deduction for out-of-state losses; extending the deposit period for Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) to the due date of the federal return; reducing the 17-percent top income tax bracket for income of \$40,000 and more to 16 percent, effective 1979; excluding gains and losses resulting from divorce; and, allowing certain credits for income taxes taxpayers paid to a province or a territory of Canada, certain gasoline and fuel taxes, renewable energy source expenses, and pollution control expenditures. Benefiting from these changes are homeowners, renters, farmers, and railroads.

## PROPERTY TAX

The next largest area of direct relief after income taxes is property taxes.

### Homeowners/renters

Beginning with homeowner taxes, payable next year, the state will pay 50 percent (now 45) of the tax bill, to a maximum of \$550 (now \$325). The following year, the payment, through the homestead credit law, will rise to 55 percent with a \$600 maximum.

The tax bill eliminates the limited market value system over a two-year period, following a Tax Court decision declaring it unconstitutional. To help offset the higher values brought about by the court decision, the new legislation revises the classification system which helps to determine the assessed value of property. Percentages for figuring the assessed value of homes, farms and seasonal-recreational property will go down.

Maximum refunds under the circuit breaker system, which

uses a homeowner's property tax and household income as a base, go to \$1,000. Present maximum for homeowners under age 65 is \$800 and for renters under age 65 is \$475. Seniors presently get a \$800 maximum credit.

Renters will get another type of relief from the new legislation. The percentage of "rent constituting property taxes" for property tax refund purposes rises from the current 22 percent to 23 percent.

Indirect assistance to property owners will come from an increase in the state's share of welfare costs and in municipal and county aids. The state will increase its share for the cost of general assistance grants, its share of Aid to Families with dependent children (AFDC), and the state share of supplemental security income. All counties, except Hennepin, Ramsey, and St. Louis, will receive an increase in state aid.

### Farmers

The agricultural mill rate credit for farm homesteads, which the state pays, will increase from 15 to 17 mills, effective for 1980 taxes payable in 1981. Acreage eligible for agricultural homestead will go from the present 160 acres to 240 acres and the acreage will no longer have to be next to the dwelling unit.

Owners of certain wetlands will not have to pay property taxes on those wetlands and will be able to receive a property tax credit. The new law also reimburses the local taxing district for lost revenue.

### Railroads

The state, following passage of a federal law, will take the five percent gross earnings tax off railroads. The tax has been in effect since the 1880's. The new law replaces gross earnings with a property tax.

### Other Tax Legislation

The new legislation also eliminates inheritance and gift taxes and replaces them with an estate tax, saving taxpayers \$16 million. There was one change in the state sales tax, an elimination of the tax on sewer and water charges.

# 1978 Minnesota income tax forms and instructions

1978 MINNESOTA Property Tax Refund Return

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1978 MINNESOTA Income Tax Refund Return





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### new laws

The 1979 session of the Minnesota Legislature met for the first time on Tuesday, Jan. 2 and adjourned on Wednesday, May 23, after passing 345 bills. Five of these the governor vetoed; 340 of them became law.

On Thursday, May 24, the Legislature convened in a special session to work on final versions of the appropriations, energy, and workers compensation bills. In this review of new laws of 1979, topics span the alphabet from "Agriculture" to "Workers Compensation."

Local bills, those that affect specific areas in the state, are on the pages following the "Special Session" section. You may find your city, township, or county among those that had legislative needs this session.

### Agricultural and business loan regulations (see Banking)

#### Agricultural land preservation

Ch. 315 HF1091—Kalis SF1015—Wegener

Creates a state public policy to insure preservation of agricultural lands; sets up a joint legislative committee on agricultural land preservation, which will expire on June 30, 1982.

Effective: day following final enactment

#### Drainage tiles

Ch. 294 HF0772—Kvam SF0940—Penny

Allows private landowners to install drainage tiles in the highway right-of-way when the course of natural drainage runs to a highway.

Effective: day following final enactment

#### Farm Security Program

Ch. 236 HF0406—Fjoslien SF0420—Nichols

Raises the maximum net worth limit for family farm security loan applicants from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and requires the applicant to submit a report of net worth annually

if worth exceeds \$135,000 (now \$100,000). Allows guarantees to purchasers of the mortgage an original lender executes.

Effective: Aug. 1

#### Field corn testing fees

Ch. 068 HF0768—Ludeman  
SF0394—Strand

Changes certain fees and expenses; eliminates certain bonding requirements; adopts certain federal food regulations; revises anti-freeze registration procedures.

Effective: Aug. 1

#### Minnesota food products identification

Ch. 036 HF0373—G. Anderson  
SF0395—Strand

Establishes a logo to identify Minnesota food products.

Effective: Aug. 1

#### Pipelines (see Energy)

#### Plastic well casings

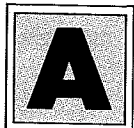
Ch. 312 HF0686—Corbid SF1238—Hanson

Allows additional counties in the state to use plastic well casings.

Effective: day following final enactment

#### Shade tree disease control (see Local/Metropolitan Government)





## ppropriations

### Bonding building bill

Ch. 338 HF1605—Norton

Authorizes the issuance of \$74.5 million in bonds to finance a number of state building projects.

Effective: July 1

### Claims against the state

Ch. 340 HF1578—McCarron  
SF1548—Menning

Appropriates \$145,384 for the payment of claims against the state; includes claims for everything from a lost pair of shoes at the Stillwater prison to road repairs.

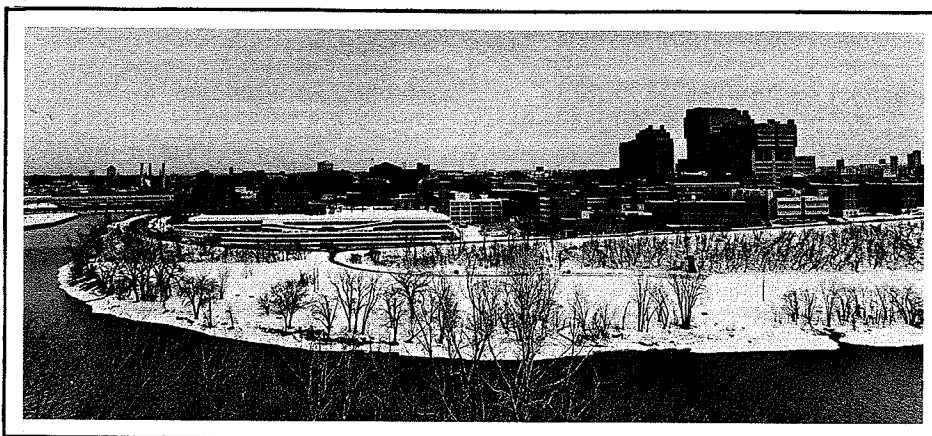
Effective: day following final enactment

### Claims against the state — interim

Ch. 223 HF1037—McCarron  
SF1041—Menning

Appropriates \$49,509 from the general fund to persons with claims against the state; \$9,820 is for general claims, \$39,770 is for late veterans' bonuses.

Effective: day following final enactment



### Highway development funds

Ch. 103 HF1519—Norton

Appropriates \$33.5 million for the trunk highway fund.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Non-bonding building bill

Ch. 339 HF1606—Norton

Appropriates \$2.3 million for repairs and improvements to state buildings.

Effective: July 1

### Omnibus Department of Transportation appropriations bill

HF1563—Norton SF1540—Moe Special Session: HF1\*

Appropriates \$946 million to fund the state highway and other transportation programs for the biennium.

Effective: July 1 (see p. 24)

### Omnibus education appropriations bill

Ch. 335 HF1526—Norton

Appropriates \$800.3 million for the biennium to the state education system, including the department of education, aids to

libraries, higher education coordinating board, state universities, community colleges, and the University of Minnesota.

Effective: July 1

### Omnibus health, welfare and corrections appropriations bill

Ch. 336 HF1518—Norton

Provides \$1,277 million in funds for the Department of Public Welfare, Department of Economic Security, Department of Corrections, Department of Health, the corrections ombudsman, and health related boards.

Effective: July 1

### Omnibus semi-state appropriations bill

Ch. 337 HF1552—Norton SF1504—Moe

Appropriates \$19.9 million for funding various semi-state agencies for the next two years.

Effective: July 1

### Omnibus state departments appropriations bill

Ch. 333 HF1553—Norton SF1510—Moe

Appropriates \$665.6 million to fund the Legislature, judicial system, governor's office, and most state agencies, departments, boards and commissions.

Effective: July 1

## B anking

### Bank reports—publication

Ch. 098 HF0713—Searle  
SF1046—Bernhagen

Allows banks to publish financial reports in the closest town or municipality.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Bank drive-in teller windows

Vetoed HF0573—Blatz SF1476—Bang

Allows banks to establish one drive-in teller window between 150 and 1,500 feet of the bank or detached facility.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Business and agricultural loans

Ch. 023 SF0254—Frederick

Clarifies interest regulations on business and agricultural loans.

Effective: the day following final enactment

### Credit cards — interest rates

Ch. 101 HF0859—Heinitz  
SF0913—Tennessen

Requires banks to give their customers the option of either a free bank credit card with 18 percent interest, or a \$15 fee and 12 percent interest.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Credit union membership

#### — spouses

Ch. 106 HF0311—Simoneau  
SF0255—Kleinbaum

Allows the surviving spouse of a regularly qualified member of a credit union to become a member.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Detached banking facility — metropolitan airports

Ch. 220 HF0988—Swanson  
SF1182—Sikorski

Authorizes a detached banking facility at major airports the metropolitan airports commission operates.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Detached facilities

#### — certificates of authorization

Ch. 064 HF0116—Ewald SF0904—Bang

Extends the period of time from 12 to 18 months for the activation of detached facilities after issuance of certificates of authorization.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Financial institutions

#### — examinations

Ch. 229 HF1377—D. Johnson  
SF1453—Bang

Provides for state examination of state financial institutions at least once a year if the federal agencies don't examine them annually.

Effective: July 1

### Premium finance companies

Ch. 261 HF0877—Kelly SF1339—Bang

Allows insurance premium finance companies to charge interest at the usury rate. Currently these companies have a limitation to a maximum rate below the usury level.

Effective: day following final enactment

### State banks — leasing of property

Ch. 321 HF0248—Wieser SF0320—Sikorski

Allows state banks to lease property under certain conditions.

Effective: July 1

# C ommerce and consumer affairs

## Bulk transfers

### — payment of creditors

Ch. 052 HF0742—Dempsey  
SF0052—Davies

Provides for the application of proceeds of every bulk transfer (except those made by sale at auction) by the transferee to known creditors.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Corporation laws

Ch. 093 HF0731—Casserly  
SF0660—Davies

Alters the quorum requirements for corporation meetings; permits loans and other transactions with officers and employees; empowers corporations to engage in certain transactions.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Employment agencies

### — management consultant firms

Ch. 005 HF0203—Forsythe SF0187—Knoll

Exempts management consultant and management search firms from regulation as employment agencies.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Franchising — Department of Commerce/miscellaneous changes

Ch. 144 HF1313—Olsen  
SF1327—Tennessee

Sets a time limit on requests for hearings on franchises; eliminates certain real estate license examination requirements; transfers certain powers relating to collection agencies; makes a variety of changes in the administrative duties of the Department of Commerce.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Gas stations

### — services to handicapped

Ch. 160 HF0642—Berkelman  
SF0751—Solon

Requires all gas stations, which offer both self-service and full service, to provide an attendant to dispense gas at the self-service pump, at the self-service price, into cars with handicap license plates.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Home solicitation sales law

### — exemptions

Ch. 128 HF0757—Simoneau  
SF0928—Willet

Exempts the sale of a motor vehicle from the home solicitation sales law when the buyer makes the offer to purchase at a place other than the buyer's place of residence.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Liquor license — more than one

Ch. 249 HF1502—Brinkman SF1025—Bang

Permits persons to hold more than one on-sale liquor license.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Professional corporations

Ch. 021 HF0343—Jude SF0198—Davies

Specifies professions that are able to organize under the Professional Corporations Act. Permits the merger or consolidation of a professional corporation with any other corporation where the surviving, or new corporation, is professional.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Regulation of securities

Ch. 228 HF1364—Olsen SF1343—Solon

Exempts blue chip securities from certain state regulations and filing requirements.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Seasonal equipment — storage

Ch. 178 HF0505—Eloff SF0427—Ashbach

Eliminates state regulation for the seasonal storage of boats, snowmobiles, trailers, motorcycles and accessory equipment.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Small business assistance center

Ch. 246 HF0996—Pehler SF0787—Staples

Creates a business assistance center within the Department of Economic Development to help beginning businessmen get started.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Small business loans for pollution control

Ch. 147 HF0183—Jacobs SF1274—Willet

Authorizes the pollution control agency to assist small businesses in processing applications for federal loans for water pollution control facilities.

Effective: Aug. 1

## State contracts

### — small business awards

Ch. 283 HF0913—Biersdorf  
SF0929—Peterson

Increases state procurement from small businesses; increases the amount of money currently set aside for small businesses from 10 percent to 20 percent; 15 percent of this amount will go to businesses the economically disadvantaged own.

Effective: Sections 1 and 2 are effective Oct. 1, 1979; Section 3 is effective July 1, 1979

## Usury law

Ch. 276 HF0360—Brinkman  
SF0634—Tennessee

Permanently exempts from the usury rate all loans of \$100,000 or more.

Effective: Aug. 1

# C rime/ corrections

## Arson reporting/immunity

Ch. 226 HF1324—Drew SF1484—Dieterich

Provides immunity to insurance companies that report information relating to fire losses; allows authorized persons to request information on fire losses from insurance companies; requires insurance companies to report suspected arson.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Complaints against peace officers

Ch. 117 HF1379—Paviak  
SF1376—McCutcheon

Authorizes the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (POST) to receive complaints, require investigations, and hold revocation hearings on violations against a statute or rule the board has power to enforce.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Constables — licensing exemptions (see Occupations — Licensing/ Regulation)

## Controlled substances

Ch. 157 HF0606—Clawson  
SF0837—Merriam

Changes the definition of marijuana to include any species of genus Cannabis; adds phencyclidine and forms of it to Schedule II — Controlled Substances.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Correctional facilities — name changes

Ch. 102 HF0969—Minne SF1150—Kirchner

Designates state institutions, under the corrections commissioner's control, as state correctional facilities; changes statute references to the warden or superintendent of a correctional facility to the chief executive officer of the facility; authorizes detention of any person trespassing on the correctional facility grounds, any person who attempts to introduce contraband, or any person who assaults or attempts to assault an officer or employee of the facility.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Crime victim reparations

Ch. 173 HF1245—Crandall SF1306—Davies

Relates to crime victims' reparations and the state's subrogation rights; allows the state to use a record of a claim in bringing subrogation actions and provides that the state's right of subrogation shall not limit the claimant's right to bring a cause of action to recover damages other than economic loss.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Criminal procedure rules

Ch. 233 HF1028—Peterson  
SF0130—Davies

Brings Minnesota statutes into conformity with the Rules of Criminal Procedure; eliminates certain statutory provisions the rules supersede.

Effective: Aug. 1



## **Inmates — vocational training**

Ch. 129 HF0998\*—Laidig SF0667\*—Knutson

Provides for vocational training for inmates of state correctional facilities and creates a centralized fiscal control to replace the present three revolving funds for prison industries.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Littering from motor vehicles**

### **— penalties**

Ch. 235 HF0258\*—Welch  
SF0303\*—Wegener

Provides a civil penalty on the owner of a motor vehicle if a person in that vehicle litters.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Obscene movies prohibited at outdoor theaters**

Ch. 290 HF0013\*—Sherwood  
SF0162\*—Menning

Prohibits drive-in theater owners from showing obscene movies; defines obscene movies; provides a misdemeanor penalty for owners showing obscene movies; provides for a prison sentence of not less than 20 days, not more than one year, and a fine of not more than \$1,000, for anyone who violates this law within two years of a past conviction.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Obtaining or retaining a child/violation of court order**

Ch. 263 HF1238\*—Byrne SF1370\*—Sikorski

Relates to the crime of child stealing; provides that a person who takes, and fails to return, a child under 18 when knowing he/she obtained the child in violation of a court order granting another person custody may be subject to certain terms of imprisonment, or a fine, or both.

Effective: day following final enactment

## **Omnibus Crime Act of 1979**

Ch. 258 HF0555\*—Crandall  
SF0492\*—Hanson

Makes several changes in Minnesota's crime laws relating to parole and supervised release, crime accomplices and the use of dangerous weapons, degrees of assault, kidnapping, definitions of criminal sexual conduct, dollar amounts for felony theft, arson criteria, vandalism, window peeping, authority of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, county venue.

Effective: Sections 1-24 and Section 25, subdivision 1 are effective Aug. 1; Section 25, subdivision 2 is effective the day following final enactment

## **Peace officer immunity — domestic assault**

Ch. 204 HF0099\*—Nelson  
SF0705\*—McCutcheon

Provides immunity from liability for peace officers who make good faith domestic assault arrests.

Effective: day following final enactment

## **Possession of controlled substances at a school**

Vetoed HF1529—Voss SF0607\*—Merriam

Doubles the penalty for possession of a controlled substance for any person, over the age of 18, who has a controlled substance in his/her possession while on a school premises; would provide for a therapeutic research program using marijuana.

## **Prostitution/promoting prostitution**

Ch. 255 HF0123\*—Nelson SF0670\*—Sikorski

Rewrites the prostitution statute; redefines prostitution as including sexual contact in addition to sexual penetration; includes promoting prostitution as an offense along with soliciting and inducing prostitution; provides penalties for pimping in relation to the age of those involved; equalizes penalties for the patron and prostitute.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Receiving stolen property**

Ch. 232 HF1233\*—Pavlak SF0118\*—Davies

Makes changes in the laws relating to stolen property by adding "possessing" and "transferring" to the crime of receiving, buying, or concealing stolen property; raises the property value for felony theft from \$100 to \$150.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Reenactments of crimes — commercial limitations**

Ch. 234 HF1022\*—Byrne  
SF0186\*—Chmielewski

Provides that if a person charged with a crime sells a reenactment of the crime through means of a book, movie, newspaper, or magazine article, proceeds the charged person would receive would go to the Crime Victims Reparations Board. The board will reimburse any damages in the crime from the proceeds, and the remainder would go to the accused person.

Effective: day following final enactment

## **Schoolbus passing law penalty**

Ch. 308 HF0317\*—Wenzel  
SF1016\*—Wegener

Allows a law enforcement officer to arrest, within two hours, a driver who violates the schoolbus passing law, even if the driver did not commit the offense in the presence of the officer; provides a penalty of not more than \$100 for the vehicle owner. (The owner would not receive a fine if someone had stolen the vehicle.)

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Security guards — discharge of a firearm**

Ch. 196 HF1064\*—Lehto  
SF0363\*—McCutcheon

Provides definitions of "security guard" and requires the guard to report each discharge of a firearm, other than for training purposes, to the chief of police or the county sheriff, if there is no local chief of police.

Effective: Aug. 1

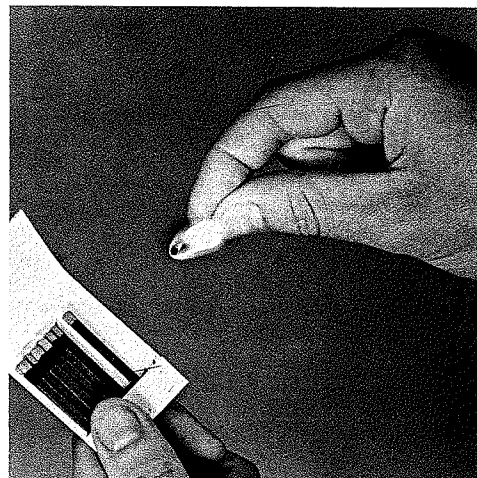
## **Telephone communication with offenders**

Ch. 063 HF0691\*—Pavlak  
SF0728\*—McCutcheon

Authorizes a supervising peace officer to order a telephone company to cut telephone service to certain offenders, so the officer can control communication options.

Effective: Aug. 1

Arson reporting Ch. 226



**Athletic leaves of absence for university employees**

Ch. 208 HF0313'—Simoneau  
SF1379—Schaff

Reimburses university systems for expenses due to employee athletic leaves of absence.

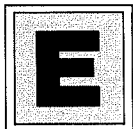
Effective: for leaves granted and occurring on or after July 1, 1979

**AVTI program review**

Ch. 179 HF0419—Nelson  
SF0830'—Dieterich

Abbreviates the process of AVTI program review by the board of vocational education; requires board approval/disapproval within 45 days of the AVTI director's submission of the proposal.

Effective: Aug. 1



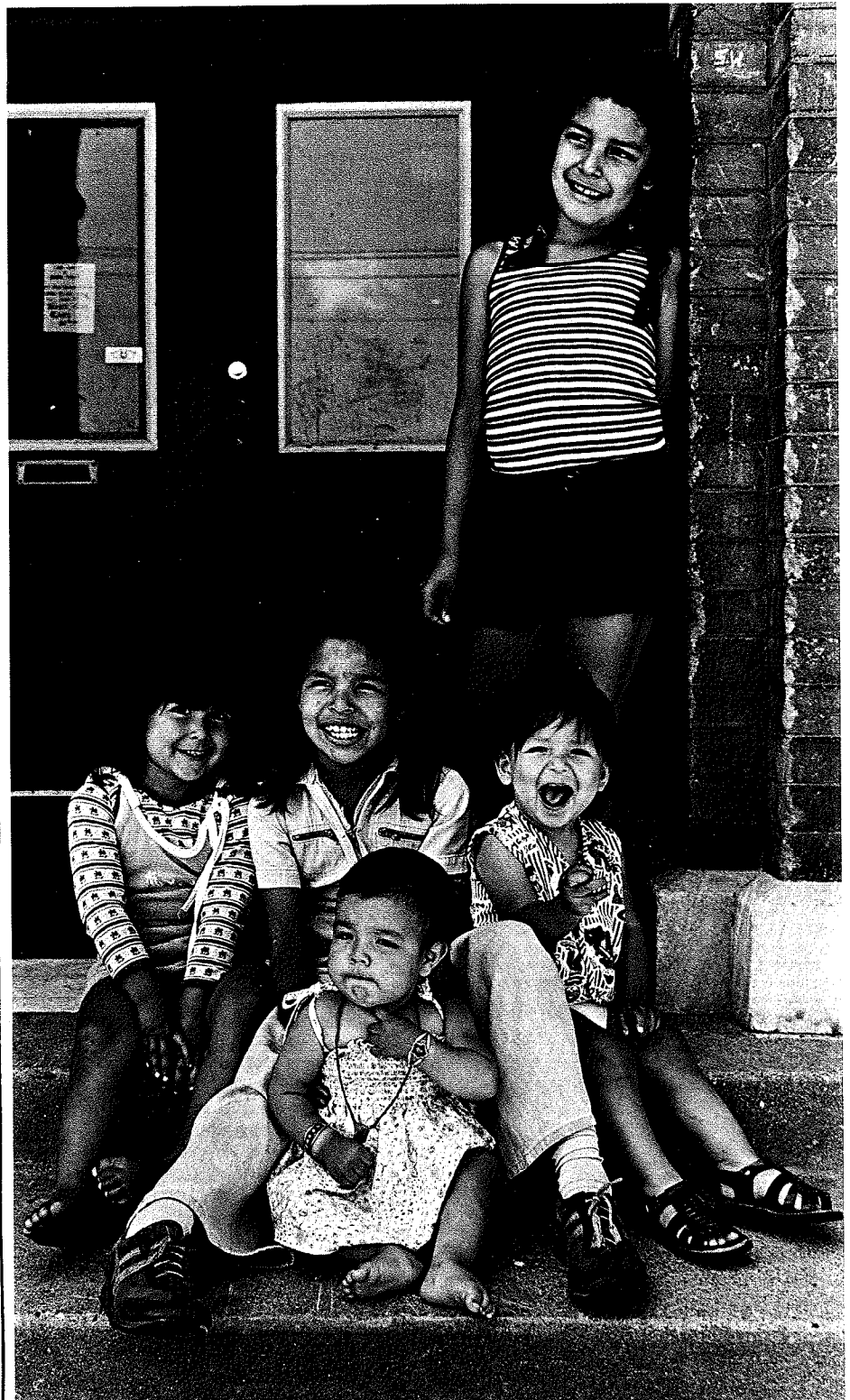
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**American Indian child  
— change in definition**

Ch. 219 HF0936'—Berglin SF1049—Spear

Expands the definition of "American Indian child" to include any child who is eligible for enrollment in a federally recognized tribe; provides for membership on the American Indian language and culture education advisory task force.

Effective: Aug. 1



### Board membership/state university and community colleges

Ch. 317 HF1454—Ainley SF0486—Hughes

Removes the prohibition of two state university board members from residing in the same county; requires one state university board member, other than the student or recent graduate member, to reside in each congressional district and two to be graduates of a Minnesota state university. Community colleges: increases board membership from seven to nine members; requires one member, other than the student or recent graduate member, to reside in each congressional district; requires two members to be graduates of a Minnesota community college.

Effective: July 1, 1983

### Educational Cooperative Service Units — non-public school participation

Ch. 195 SF0333—Merriam

Encourages non-public school participation in ECSU to the extent the law allows. Current state law "permits" such participation, but says nothing about encouraging.

Effective: Section 7 is effective May 15, 1979; all other sections are effective Aug. 1

### Kindergarten/minimum days

Ch. 162 HF0728—L. Carlson  
SF0754—Humphrey

Allows kindergartens to count the 10 days they use for parent/teacher conferences or teachers' workshops in the required 175 days of school to qualify for foundation aid. (At present, all grade levels have a limit of five days).

Effective: Aug. 1

### Military access to schools

Ch. 295 HF0852—H. Sieben

Prohibits public school boards from denying U.S. or state military recruiters reasonable access to public schools for recruitment.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Omnibus school aids

Ch. 334 HF0223—Eken SF0315—Merriam

Provides \$1.97 billion aid to local school districts in the state. (see p. 2)

### Pairing of school districts — statewide

Ch. 211 HF0487—McEachern  
SF0163—Wegener

Authorizes school districts to discontinue certain grades and provide instruction through contract in other districts; provides for calculation of aids, levies and tuition agreements.

Effective: the day following final enactment, but no grade or portion of a grade shall be discontinued prior to the 1979-80 school year.

### Schools/selling buildings

Ch. 110 HF0993—Dempsey  
SF0719—Jensen

Allows school boards to sell buildings, that secondary or post-secondary pupils construct, to the highest bidder at a public auction, rather than by advertising for bids.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Scholarship and grants-in-aid award increases

Ch. 238 HF0381—Farley SF0435—Penny

Increases maximum awards for scholarships and grants-in-aid; changes the eligibility for certain financial assistance; increases bonding authority of the Higher Education Coordinating Board; requires classification of certain application data as private; increases the eligibility for a tuition subsidy for a post-secondary vocational-technical school.

Effective: day following final enactment

### School employee TB examinations

Ch. 292 HF0145—L. Carlson  
SF0259—Nelson

Requires school and day care center employees to demonstrate freedom from tuberculosis only as often as the Commissioner of Health prescribes, rather than every year.

Effective: Aug. 1; expires July 1, 1983

### Set aside programs/ small business/U of M

Ch. 086 HF0845—Osthoff  
SF0935—Peterson

Requires the University of Minnesota Board of Regents to set aside and attempt to award, to small businesses, 20 percent of the procurement contracts, which the University pays out of legislatively apportioned funds annually. Requires the board to award 15 percent of the set aside contracts to small businesses socially and economically disadvantaged persons own and operate, except if those businesses cannot perform the contracts.

Effective: for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1979

### Supervisory files — expungement

Ch. 139 HF0305—Heap SF0334—Merriam

Extends to principals and other supervisory employees the remedy of expungement proceedings to challenge personal file data they think to be false or substantially inaccurate. Presently, only teachers can request expungement of certain material.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Textbook substitutes

Ch. 034 HF0270—Pehler SF0338—Sieloff

Expands the definition of "textbook" for purposes of the nonpupil aid program by adding "book substitute" used as a "text substitute".

Effective: Aug. 1



### Omnibus energy bill

HF0990—Dean SF1236—Anderson Special session: SF2

Makes several changes in the laws relating to energy. (see page 24)

### Pipelines

Ch. 194 HF0376—G. Anderson  
SF0332—Setzepfandt

Limits negotiation and acquisition of easements for pipelines; requires public meetings and information books for affected landowners; requires minimum depth of cover on cultivated land; authorizes adoption of local ordinances to protect public roads and drainage facilities; authorizes counties to adopt ordinances to establish pipeline construction standards; requires pipeline companies to pay inspection fees; provide for a county inspector; limits liability for certain unintentional damage to pipelines; provides for reversion of certain easements and recording of survey points; imposes duties on the environmental quality board and certain county boards; provides for enforcement by injunctive relief; imposes civil and criminal penalties.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Utilization of diseased trees

Ch. 299 HF1206—Sviggum SF1427—Engler

Encourages municipalities to maximize use of diseased trees.

Effective: Aug. 1

# **E**nvironment and natural resources

## **Conservation easements for cities**

Ch. 159 HF0627—Forsythe SF0792—Bang

Authorizes cities to acquire conservation easements. Present law allows only non-profit charitable corporations and the commissioner of natural resources to acquire conservation easements.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Dam repair and reconstruction monies**

Ch. 300 HF1241—Lehto SF1109—Willet

Reduces required local match for dam repair and reconstruction grants, authorizes loans for local share of project costs and authorizes the sale of bonds for a loan program.

Effective: day following final enactment

## **Flood plain management**

Ch. 253 HF1326—Corbid SF1243—Hanson

Limits the rule-making power of the DNR commissioner in regard to flood plain management; authorizes counties within southern Minnesota River basin area II to levy additional tax for flood control, improved water quality and erosion and sediment control.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Ginseng harvest and sale regulation**

Ch. 094 HF0771—Svigum  
SF0708—Frederick

Provides for the regulation of the sale and harvest of ginseng.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Littering from a motor vehicle — penalties (see Crime/Corrections)**

## **Pipelines (see Energy)**

## **Protecting state badgers**

Ch. 267 HF0511—Sherwood  
SF0709—Olson

Removes badgers from the unprotected animals list and allows the Department of Natural Resources to set a badger season based upon population estimates within the state.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Sewage treatment construction grants**

Ch. 285 HF1111—Stadum SF1465—Willet

Authorizes water pollution control fund grants for certain wastewater treatment projects.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Small timber sales**

Ch. 078 HF0865—Elloff SF0466—Lessard

Provides for the use of certain tax-forfeited lands and regulates the terms of small timber sales. Raises the maximum appraised valuation of timber at private sales from \$750 to \$1,500 and minimum sales from \$100 to \$200.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Taconite/semi-taconite companies — powers of eminent domain**

Ch. 145 HF0031—Begich  
SF0398—Johnson

Withdraws the right to exercise eminent domain from taconite and semi-taconite companies; authorizes granting of licenses, permits and leases of state-owned land.

Effective: day following final enactment

## **Wetlands — public waters**

Ch. 199 HF1178—G. Anderson  
SF0808—Nichols

Redefines public waters, defines wetlands, provides for new proceedings in determining which are or are not public waters and wetlands.

Effective: Aug. 1

## **Wild rice processor's license — elimination**

Ch. 104 HF0899—Sherwood  
SF0988—Willet

Eliminates the requirement for a wild rice processor's license.

Effective: Aug. 1







## General interest/ miscellaneous

### Bingo — exempting the filing requirements

Ch. 188 HF1093\*—Reding SF1316—Sieloff

Deletes the requirement that bingo operations file under the Charitable Solicitations Act.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Bingo — raising the compensation for workers

Ch. 166 HF0976\*—Jacobs  
SF1460—Chmielewski

Raises the compensation to bingo workers from \$12 to \$20.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Prearranged funeral plans — deposit of funds

Ch. 149 HF0220\*—Greenfield  
SF0227—Laufenburger

Allows persons holding money in trust for prearranged funeral plans to deposit that money in a credit union. Present law allows deposits of this type in a banking institution, or savings, building and loan association only; clarifies borrowing limitations.

Effective: day following final enactment



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## Health and welfare

### Community Social Services Act

Ch. 324 HF0368\*—McCarron  
SF1135—Lewis

Establishes a formula for allocating state and federal funds to counties for the administration and provision of community social services.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Comprehensive Health Association

Ch. 272 HF1246—Swanson  
SF1191\*—Sikorski

Provides for changes in the operation and funding of the comprehensive health association.

Effective: day following final enactment

### County boards may act as human services boards

Ch. 118 HF1300—Hokanson  
SF1436\*—Knutson

Deletes population requirements for county establishment of human services boards and permits the county board of any county to assume the responsibilities of a human services board.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Day Care facilities in residential zones

Ch. 042 HF0396\*—Berglin SF0568—Staples

Alters the conditions for consideration of a day care facility as a single family residential use of property for zoning purposes.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Fees for public laboratory services

Ch. 049 HF0523\*—Crandall  
SF0666—Knutson

Sets a fee of \$1.50 for the handling of specimens (including reporting, postage, specimen kit preparation, and overhead costs) the Department of Health receives for analysis; provides for exemptions.

Effective: July 1, 1979

### General assistance eligibility — American Indians

Ch. 250 HF1325—Nelson SF1026\*—Lewis

Excludes federal land payments members of Indian tribes receive from eligibility for general assistance; excludes educational grants and loans for income when determining the assistance grants under AFDC.

Effective: Aug. 1

### General assistance — eliminating the notarizing requirement

Ch. 237 HF1479—Niehaus SF0432\*—Olhoff

Eliminates the notarizing requirement for general assistance applications; provides that the oath of the application is sufficient.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Health facilities planning

Ch. 323 HF0260\*—L. Carlson  
SF0477—Staples

Requires certificates of need for the construction, or modification, of health care facilities and services and health care maintenance organizations.

Effective: Aug. 1

### HMO's — experimental projects/waive requirements

Ch. 268 HF0150—L. Carlson  
SF0856\*—Staples

Permits health maintenance organizations to apply for approval of "experimental and demonstration projects, designed to expand health maintenance organization enrollment to new geographic areas or new population groups, otherwise ineligible to obtain health maintenance coverage."

Effective: the day following final enactment



### Life support transportation services

Ch. 316 HF0155—Swanson  
SF0202\*—Nelson

Provides for several types of life support transportation services, removing non-emergency ambulance service under the law; involves health systems agencies in the licensing process; establishes standards for different levels of service; provides factors



for use in making licensing recommendations; allows nursing homes to use their own vehicles and receive reimbursement for transporting the elderly for recreational and other types of needs.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Mandatory reports of neglect and sexual abuse of children

Ch. 143 HF1308—Greenfield  
SF1310\*—Spear

Makes changes in the law requiring reports of neglect and sexual abuse of children; adds to the definition for reporting neglect "or failure to protect a child from conditions or actions which imminently and seriously endanger the children's physical and mental health when reasonably able to do so".

Effective: Aug. 1

### Private health benefits — welfare recipients

Ch. 174 HF1251\*—Wynia SF1440—Spear

Prohibits denial or reduction of benefits under private health care plans for welfare recipients; provides subrogation rights to counties to recover costs of services.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Sliding fee for child care services

Ch. 307 HF0272\*—Norton SF0266—Spear

Requires the Commissioner of Public Welfare to make grants to counties for the purpose of reducing the cost of day care according to a sliding fee schedule for child care service charges.

Effective: Aug. 1

# Housing

## Cooperative apartment associations

Ch. 033 HF0259—Kahn SF0400—Strand

Sets the requirement for the minimum number of directors to govern a cooperative apartment association at three directors.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Graduated mortgage payments

Ch. 239 HF1404—Heinitz  
SF0436—Benedict

Permits graduated mortgage payments; spells out maximum percents for repayments of principal and interest.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Home loan interest rates — index

Ch. 279 HF0564—Voss SF0624—Sikorski

Provides a new interest index for conventional home loans; regulates private mortgage insurance and related provisions.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Home loan interest rates — expiration date

Ch. 048 HF0486—Adams  
SF0159—Kleinbaum

Removes the expiration date from the law authorizing flexible rates on conventional home loan mortgages.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Housing Finance Agency — bonding authority (see Government Operations)

## Housing redevelopment authorities

Ch. 051 HF0843—Eken SF0867—Moe

Allows a county or municipality to join, or cooperate, with a neighborhood housing redevelopment authority to carry out a federal-leased, existing housing assistance payments program.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Housing rehabilitation loan and grant programs

Ch. 180 HF1271—Ellingson  
SF1193—Luther

Expands housing and rehabilitation loan and grant programs; permits members of the city council of a city to serve as commissioners of the housing and redevelopment authority in and for that city.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Industrial Revenue Bonds — exclusions

Ch. 306 HF0261—Schreiber  
SF0859—Humphrey

Prohibits the use of Minnesota Industrial Revenue Bonds for the purpose of single dwelling residential housing; permits cities to sell revenue bonds for housing under uniform state guidelines; "grandfathers" in cities which have existing legislation, but will come under provisions of the act Jan. 1, 1980.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Mobile park tenant's rights

Ch. 264 HF1309—Voss SF1280—Merriam

Relates to mobile homes: requires park owners to inform tenants of their rights and responsibilities; requires park rules be reasonable and fair; sets forth reasons for eviction; guarantees right of access to park; prevents retaliatory rent increases and evictions because a tenant attempts to enforce his/her rights.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Reverse mortgage

Ch. 265 HF0106—Casserly  
SF0027—Kirchner

Authorizes lenders to make reverse mortgage loans, using a first lien upon the principal residence of the borrower as security.

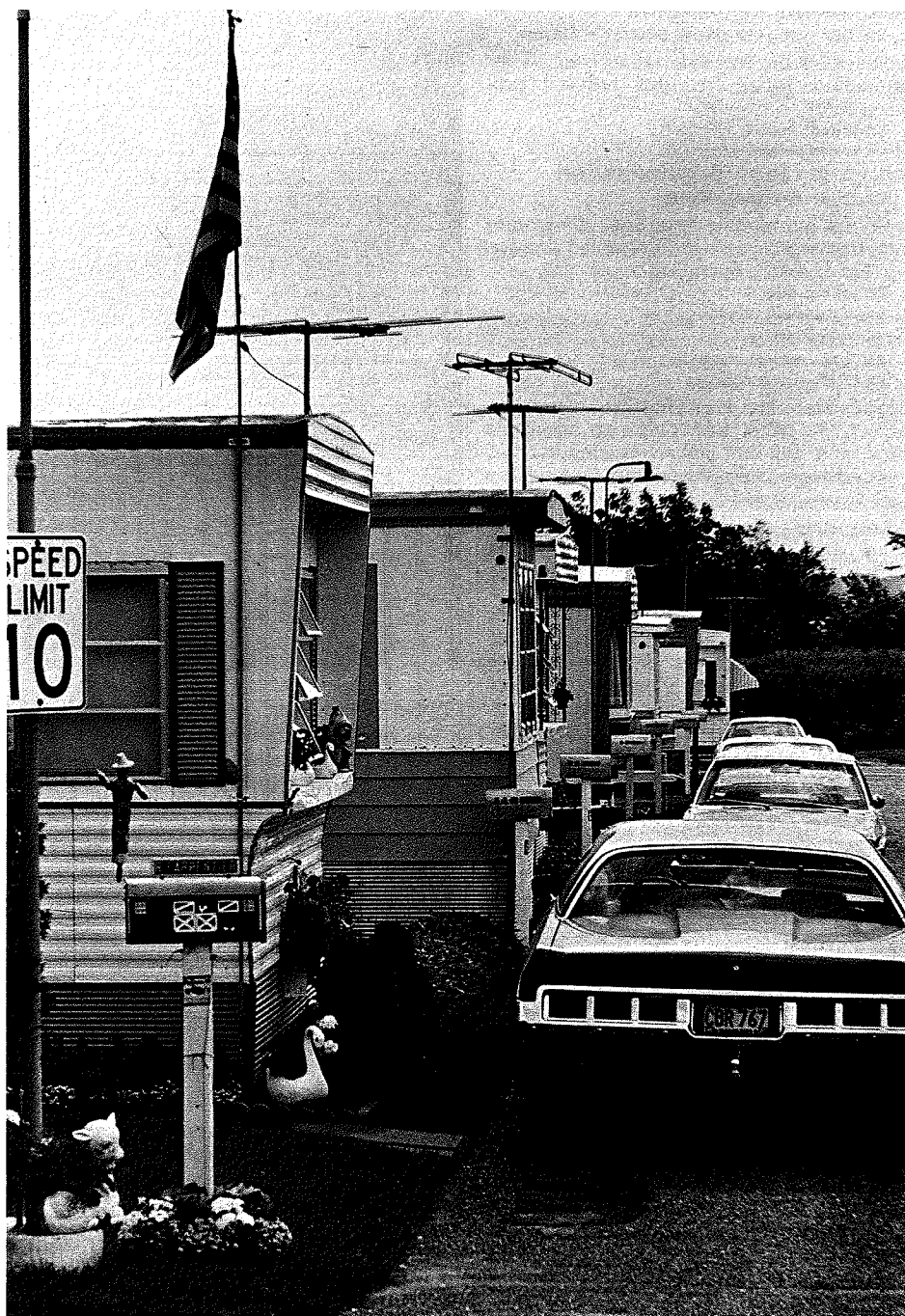
Effective: Sections 3 and 4 are effective for taxable years after Dec. 31, 1979; all others are effective Jan. 1, 1980

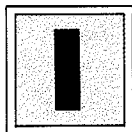
## Substandard housing — tax deduction

Ch. 311 HF0633—Tomlinson  
SF1022—Dieterich

Extends the expiration date of December 31, 1979, to December 31, 1981, for the law denying tax deductions relating to substandard housing.

Effective: for tax years commencing after Dec. 31, 1975; expires after taxable year ending Dec. 31, 1981





## Insurance

### Absentee beneficiaries

Ch. 054 HF0545—Norton SF0122—Davies

Allows insurance policy beneficiaries of missing persons to receive advance payments, provided there is evidence the missing person is no longer alive.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Auto insurance benefits

Ch. 057 HF0413—Voss SF0057—Davies

Provides for the coordination of benefits for automobile losses; requires reduced premium rates.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Auto insurance discrimination

Ch. 215 HF0546—Wynia

Prohibits automobile insurance companies from denying insurance to disabled persons capable of safely operating a car.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Fire insurance

Ch. 175 HF1256—Wynia  
SF1288—Laufenburger

Repeals state law requiring fire insurers to inspect, describe, and place an insurable value on a building before insuring it.

Effective: day following final enactment

### No-fault insurance — compensation for unemployment benefits

Ch. 221 HF1018—Kelly  
SF1477—Chenoweth

Provides compensation for all reasonable transportation expenses in traveling to receive covered medical benefits; provides compensation for unemployment benefits under no-fault insurance if the injured person would lose his/her benefits due to the injury. Current law permits compensation only for loss of wages.

Effective: day following final enactment

### No-fault insurance exceptions

Ch. 190 HF0977—Voss SF0059—Davies

Makes a number of changes in the no-fault law; clarifies language relating to leased vehicles; modifies indemnification rights of no-fault insurers paying first party benefits; provides penalties for failure to provide security on motorcycles and motor vehicles; other provisions.

Effective: Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 are effective day following final enactment; other sections are effective July 1, 1979

### Redlining home insurance

Ch. 207 HF0227—Casserly  
SF0636—Tennessee

Prescribes disclosure and filing requirements for insurers; prevents redlining, an insurer's practice of refusing to insure homes because of age or location of the structure.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Removal of certain insurance licensing and regulatory controls

Ch. 141 HF0536—Rose SF0623—Davies

Removes the state licensing and examination requirements of insurance appraisers.

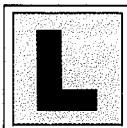
Effective: Aug. 1

### Signatures for insurance policies

Ch. 115 HF1165—Brinkman  
SF1040—Davies

Allows insurance companies to use a facsimile signature on policies.

Effective: day following final enactment



## Labor



### Child labor law — restraining orders

Ch. 202 SF1328—Laufenburger

Authorizes the commissioner of labor and industry to seek restraining orders against certain violators of child labor laws.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Labor disputes — vehicular traffic

Ch. 331 HF1392—Enebo SF1485—Hanson

Makes it a misdemeanor for any person operating a motor vehicle who fails to bring the vehicle to a full stop at the entrance to, or exit from, a place of business where there is a labor dispute in progress.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Labor — master and apprentice

Ch. 130 HF1011—Heap SF0562—Dieterich

Identifies the ex-officio member of the advisory council, authorizes equal opportunity in employment standards; provides for reciprocity recognition of certain programs, changes the terms of apprenticeship, changes the range in apprenticeship committee membership.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Mandatory retirement prohibited

Ch. 040 HF0157—Enebo SF0265—Spear

Brings the state mandatory retirement law into conformity with federal law. Prohibits mandatory retirement prior to age 70, with certain exceptions.

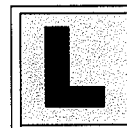
Effective: the day following final enactment, except Sec. 6 which is effective July 1, 1982 for employees under contract of unlimited tenure at an institution defined in the Federal Higher Education Act of 1965

### Minimum wage raise

Ch. 281 HF0699—Byrne SF0352—Vega

Increases the minimum wage and makes future increases for adult employees automatic at the same rate as the federal minimum wage. Raises the present minimum wage of \$2.30 per hour for persons over 18 to \$2.90 per hour beginning January 1, 1980; \$3.10 per hour beginning January 1, 1981; and \$3.35 per hour beginning January 1, 1982. Minimum wages for persons under 18 will go from the current \$2.07 per hour to \$2.61 beginning January 1, 1980; \$2.79 per hour beginning January 1, 1981; and \$3.02 per hour beginning January 1, 1982.

Effective: dates in bill (see above)



## Legal/judiciary

### Adopted children — inheritance

Ch. 011 HF0089—Faricy SF0081—Sieloff

Provides that an adopted child may inherit from a natural parent in certain cases.

Effective: August 1, 1979

### Adoptive parents/certain rights

Ch. 138 HF1119—Kaley SF1158—Brataas

Requires that adoptive parents and the adopted child be party to certain proceedings that relate to terminating adoptions; prohibits the presumption that favors biological parents in such proceedings.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Antenuptial contracts

Ch. 067 HF0610—Crandall SF0729—Sieloff

Sets out requirements and the effect of antenuptial contracts.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Attorneys

#### — authority to bind clients

Ch. 012 HF0142—Crandall SF0138—Sieloff

Allows attorneys to satisfy money judgments and acknowledge satisfactions of judgment within six years after judgment.

Effective: the day following final enactment

### Bonds — postage costs

Ch. 002 HF0125—Reding SF0231—Nelson

Requires claimants who file notice of action on a bond to pay postage costs.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Claims: restitution programs

Ch. 260 HF0792—McCarron  
SF1098—Sikorski

Requires the Legislature to hear and determine claims arising out of various restitution programs.

Effective: day following final enactment



### **Conveyances/joint tenancy between spouses**

Ch. 123 HF0318—Wenzel  
SF0153—Wegener

Provides for the conveyance of real estate and limits the severance of joint tenancy interests; permits certain contracts and conveyances between husband and wife.

Effective: Aug. 1

### **Domestic abuse/judicial intervention**

Ch. 214 HF0521—Clark SF0214—Lewis

Authorizes judicial intervention to provide protection from domestic abuse.

Effective: the day following final enactment

### **Filing of tax liens**

Ch. 037 HF0332—M. Sieben  
SF0051—Davies

Implements the federal uniform lien registration act; broadens language that now applies to tax liens so that it covers all federal liens.

Effective: Jan. 1, 1980

### **Form for self-proved will**

Ch. 240 SF0450—Sieloff

Clarifies the form for a self-proved will.

Effective: Aug. 1

### **Hospitalization and commitment act/hearing appeals**

Ch. 172 HF1227—Jude SF1362—Gearty

Adds a time limit for district court hearing of appeals under the Minnesota hospitalization and commitment act.

Effective: Aug. 1

### **Inheritance by illegitimate offspring — witness requirements**

Ch. 161 HF0656—Kroening  
SF1030—Davies

Eliminates the requirement that those witnessing the written declaration by a father of an illegitimate child, that he is the father of the child, have to "attest" to that in writing.

Effective: for estates of decedents dying after the date of final enactment

### **Interest rates / verdicts and judgments**

Ch. 105 HF0677—Faricy SF1220—Dieterich

Provides for a flexible interest rate on verdicts and judgments, for the recovery of money, which are pending on appeal; provides for the court administrator to determine the rate, each December, for the upcoming year.

Effective: applies to the balance of verdicts and judgments remaining unpaid after Jan. 1, 1980

### **Jury commissioners — drivers' license lists**

Ch. 218 HF0912—Sherwood  
SF1249—Lessard

Directs the Department of Public Safety, upon request, to provide driver's license lists to jury commissioners. The lists would be only a supplementary source for the selection of jurors.

Effective: day following final enactment

### **Land registration — flexible procedure**

Ch. 013 HF0228—Cassery  
SF0203—J. Keefe

Provides a flexible procedure for registering land.

Effective: the day following final enactment

### **Municipal courts**

Ch. 041 HF0330—M. Sieben  
SF0176—Davies

Eliminates erroneous and ambiguous references to municipal courts outside Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

Effective: Aug. 1

### **Newspapers**

#### **— fees for legal notices**

Ch. 252 HF1234—Dean SF1099—Peterson

Raises the fees for publishing legal notices.

Effective: Aug. 1

### **No fault divorce**

Ch. 259 HF0643—Faricy SF1222—Davies

Makes certain changes to the existing no fault divorce law: provides for procedures and remedies in actions for divorce and legal separation; requires personal service in a dissolution; provides for the court's findings in an uncontested dissolution; provides mutual restraining orders pending a dissolution; provides additional relevant factors for making custody determinations and awarding maintenance; permits retroactive modification of support and maintenance orders for inability to pay.

Effective: day following final enactment

### **Probate court/tort jurisdiction**

Ch. 132 HF1226—Jude SF1363—Gearty

Eliminates the provision in current law that bars probate courts from having jurisdiction of tort actions.

Effective: Aug. 1

### **Recovery of personal property**

Ch. 018 HF0416—Ellingson  
SF0179—Luther

Provides for replevin (recovery) of personal property after a hearing; specifies procedures.

Effective: Aug. 1

### **Revisors bill**

Ch. 050 HF0638—Jude SF0925—Dieterich

Corrects erroneous, ambiguous, omitted and obsolete references and text; eliminating duplicate, redundant, conflicting and superseded provisions.

Effective: Aug. 1

### **State assignment certificates**

Ch. 019 HF0303—Jaros SF0416—Solon

Authorizes and validates state assignment certificates the state issued prior to January 1, 1972.

Effective: day following final enactment

### **Supplementary proceedings orders**

Ch. 053 HF0744—Dempsey  
SF0063—Davies

Allows courts, in proceedings supplementary to execution, to issue orders where the judgment was originally docketed (now limited to the district court in the district of debtor's residence).

Effective: Aug. 1

### **Validation of foreclosure sales**

Ch. 133 HF1235—Jude SF1230—Dieterich

Updates the law regarding the validation of mortgage foreclosure sales by advertisement against defects of record.

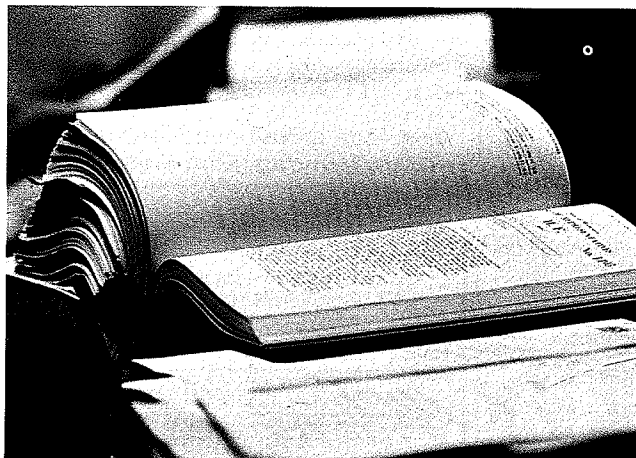
Effective: day following final enactment

### **Management of trusts**

Ch. 137 HF1473—Ellingson  
SF0721—Luther

Provides for the replacement of trustees; establishes guidelines for compensation of personal representatives; provides that cost considerations are a factor in the removal of trustees and personal representatives.

Effective: Aug. 1



## **P**eople

### youth

**Child labor law**  
— restraining orders (see Labor)

**Dance halls — juvenile restrictions**

Vetoed HF0813'—Novak  
SF0716—Stokowski

Would remove restrictions on public dance halls relating to juveniles.

**Juvenile corrections**  
(see Crime/Corrections)

### handicapped

**Emergency vehicles**  
— senior citizen/handicapped crossings (see Transportation)

**Fines for those abusing handicapped parking privileges**

Ch. 277 HF0451'—Berkelman  
SF0561—Hughes

Provides a penalty for parking in a designated handicapped parking space when the vehicle is not in use for transporting the handicapped; allows out-of-state residents with equivalent handicapped certificates to park in designated spots in Minnesota.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Handicapped logos on license plates**

Ch. 225 HF1101'—Kelly  
SF1500—Chmielewski

Makes certain corrective changes in the laws relating to the issuance of license plates for the handicapped.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Gas stations — services to handicapped (see Commerce)**

**Parking privileges for those transporting the handicapped (see Transportation)**



### human rights

**Human rights — discriminatory practices — investigations**

Ch. 156 HF0594'—Weaver  
SF0552—Anderson

Requires the commissioner of human rights to follow certain procedures in an investigation of allegations of unfair discriminatory practices.

Effective: day following final enactment

### minorities

**American Indian child — change in definition (see Education)**

**American Indian — statutes**

Ch. 243 HF1323—Drew  
SF0712'—Chmielewski

Substitutes the language "American Indian" in place of "native American" in Minnesota Statutes.

Effective: Aug. 1

**General assistance eligibility (see Health/Welfare)**

### seniors

**Emergency vehicles — senior citizen/handicapped crossings (see Transportation)**

**Mandatory retirement prohibited (see Labor)**

**Nursing homes — notification of rate increases**

Ch. 035 HF0295'—Berkelman  
SF0418—Solon

Requires a thirty day notice of rate increase to private paying residents of nursing homes.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1979

**Pets in nursing homes**

Ch. 038 HF0231—Kelly SF0307'—Merriam

Permits nursing homes and certain other institutional care facilities to keep pets on the premises, if the facility follows certain rules as to the care, type and maintenance of the pet.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Senior citizens organizations — sales tax exemptions**

Ch. 191 HF0021—Faricy SF0182'—Sieloff

Exempts any senior citizen association of groups from the state sales tax; defines senior citizen as a person age 55 or older. Present law limits the sales tax exemption to the group itself.

Effective: for sales made after the day following final enactment

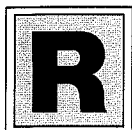
## veterans

### Work force representation for veterans

Ch. 245 HF0709—McDonald  
SF0765—Chmielewski

Adds veterans to the list of protected groups, for the purpose of the statewide affirmative action program.

Effective: day following final enactment



## recreation parks/game & fish

### Afton State Park — eminent domain

Ch. 170 HF1126—M. Sieben

Authorizes the acquisition of certain lands for Afton State Park by eminent domain.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Commercial fishing — licensing and regulation

Ch. 242 HF0631—Dean SF0681—Peterson

Provides for the licensing and regulation of commercial fishing in inland waters and provides contracts for the removal of rough fish.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Exporting leeches - spearing rough fish

Ch. 070 HF0847—Reding  
SF0218—Peterson

Authorizes exporting of leeches; provides time periods for possession of certain equipment used to take certain fish.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Game and fish laws — miscellaneous changes

Ch. 298 HF1198—Fjoslien  
SF1292—Peterson

Deletes the requirement that a person must get a license to take beaver before the third day of the opening of the season for that year; prohibits possession of a firearm or poison arrow while a person is hunting big game with a bow and arrow; provides that the owner of a dog, which pursues or kills deer, moose or domestic livestock, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor; provides time periods for possession of certain equipment usable in taking certain fish.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Game and fish law violations

Ch. 247 HF0910—M. Nelsen  
SF0799—Lessard

Reduces the penalty for minor game and fish violations. Present state law provides for revocation, for three years, of game and fish licenses, for a person who violates any game and fish law. This law provides the three year revocation for violations the statutes define as gross misdemeanors.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Land transfer — Historical Society/Redwood County

Ch. 030 HF0481—Esau SF0530—Jensen

Authorizes the State Historical Society to exchange non-historical state owned property for privately owned historical land in Redwood County.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Memorial Hardwood Forest

Ch. 248 HF0675—Redalen SF0874—Engler

Directs the sale or exchange of certain tillable parcels within Memorial Hardwood Forests.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Parks and recreation funding

Ch. 301 HF1253—Casserly  
SF1032—Anderson

Authorizes the issuance of \$48 million in bonds for the acquisition of parks, trails and wildlife areas in the state.

Effective: Section II is effective July 1, 1979; other sections are effective Aug. 1

### Resident hunting license exceptions

Ch. 066 HF0384—Crandall SF0525—Knoll

Authorizes resident deer or bear licenses for certain non-resident minors.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Rough fish/minnows definition

Ch. 244 HF0732—Sherwood  
SF0732—Willet

Removes perch from the definition of rough fish and minnows.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Seasonal equipment — storage (see Commerce)

### Snowmobiles — exemption from registration

Ch. 241 SF0600—Olson

Exempts track racing snowmobiles from registration requirements.

Effective: Aug. 1

### State historical sites — management (see Government Operations)

### State park boundaries

Ch. 320 HF0235—Battaglia  
SF0350—Johnson

Deletes certain lands from Split Rock Lighthouse State Park and Judge C. R. Magney State Park, adds land to the boundaries of Split Rock Lighthouse State Park and Afton State Park; expands the boundaries of Lake Bemidji State Park.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Trap, skeet and shooting ranges — noise levels

Ch. 304 HF0051—Reding SF0188—Schmitz

Exempts shooting ranges from noise standards of the Pollution Control Agency.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Traps — unauthorized tampering

Ch. 073 HF0592—Reding SF0737—Lessard

Makes it illegal for anyone to tamper with an unauthorized trap (except for the trapper, landowner, or leasee); violation is a misdemeanor; increases non-resident fees for hunting racoon from \$50 to \$100.

Effective: Section 1 is effective March 1, 1980; section 2 is effective the day following final enactment

### Trespassing on farmland

Ch. 291 HF0060—Weiser  
SF0930—Purfeerst

Changes the definition of agricultural land to include plowed or tilled fields, standing crops or their residues, or lands within a maintained fence used to enclose domestic livestock; prohibits persons from entering agricultural land for the purpose of hunting game, snowmobiling, or operating any motorized vehicle; allows a hunter to retrieve (on foot) a wounded game animal from unposted agricultural land, without the owner's permission, if the hunter leaves as soon as possible; eliminates free public access to a 66-foot wide strip of land along lakes and streams.

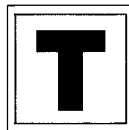
Effective: Aug. 1

### Wild turkey hunting licenses

Ch. 122 HF0282—Stowell  
SF0452—Laufenburger

Establishes a procedure for selecting applicants for wild turkey hunting licenses and establishes a wild turkey hunting season.

Effective: Aug. 1



## Taxes

### Excise tax lower on sparkling wines

Ch. 297 HF1167—Biersdorf  
SF0894—Kleinbaum

Lowers the excise tax on sparkling wines from \$3.08 per gallon to \$1.50 per gallon, until July 1, 1981.

Effective: July 1, 1979

### Income tax refund — published lists

Ch. 014 HF0315—Pehler SF0039—Olhoff

Authorizes the commissioner of revenue to publish lists of persons having unclaimed income tax or property tax refunds.

Effective: Section 1 is effective July 1, 1979; other sections are effective Aug. 1

### Liquor/beer tax refund

Ch. 148 HF0214—Kaley SF1038—Brataas

Allows for a refund of excise tax retailers paid if liquor subsequently becomes unfit for human consumption and a government agency orders its destruction.

Effective: for all agency orders dated after Dec. 31, 1977

### Omnibus Tax Bill

Ch. 303 HF1495—H. Sieben  
SF1567—McCutcheon

(see p. 3)



## Resolutions

### — amendments

#### Amtrak: Northcoast Hiawatha route

RS002 HF0472—Pehler  
SF0520—Kleinbaum

Urges the President, Congress and the Secretary of Transportation to retain the Northcoast Hiawatha in the National Amtrak Transportation System.

#### District of

##### Columbia — representation

RS001 HF0003—Wynia SF0007—Lewis

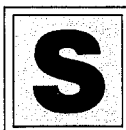
Ratifies a proposed U.S. constitutional amendment giving the residents of the District of Columbia the right to representation in the U.S. Congress.

#### Statute of

##### limitations for Nazi crimes

RS003 HF1244—Rothenberg  
SF1435—Sieloff

Memorializes the Federal Republic of Germany to repeal the statute of limitations for Nazi crimes.



## Stadium

#### Stadium — liquor tax repeal

Ch. 026 HF0001—Faricy  
SF0020—Chenoweth

Repeals the two-percent liquor tax for the proposed dome stadium.

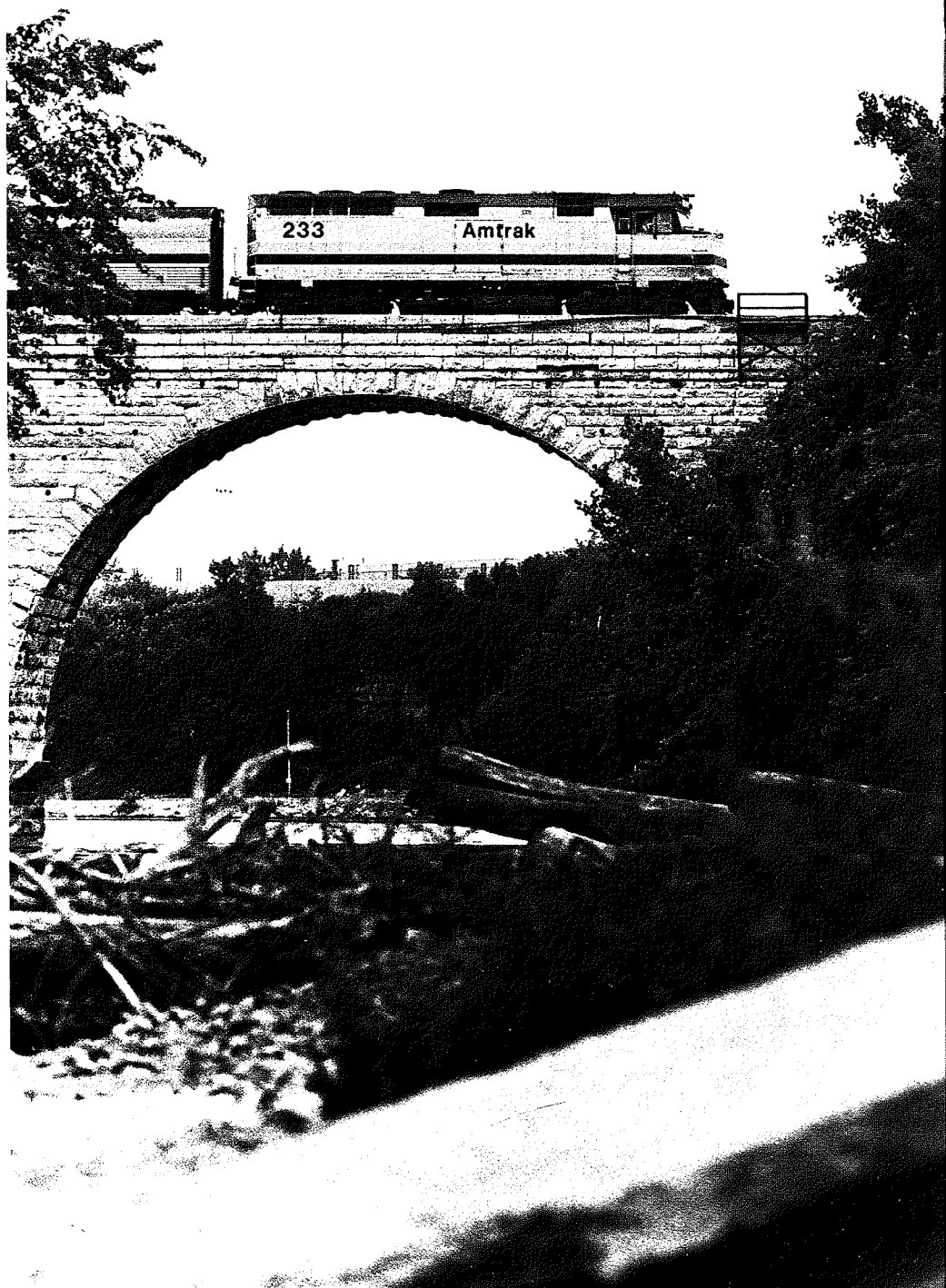
Effective: Aug. 1

#### Stadium — new financing

Ch. 203 HF0561—Patton SF1351—S. Keefe

Provides for the financing of a \$55 million metropolitan stadium and allows the metropolitan sports facility commission to make a revised determination of the site; provides that the city where the stadium will go will pay for the construction bonds and operating deficits with local sales taxes on hotel and motel rooms, liquor by-the-drink, or both.

Effective: Aug. 1





## Repeal of obsolete references to tax on money and credits

Ch. 091 HF0460—Tomlinson  
SF0144—Davies

Repeals the old money and credit references in Minnesota Statutes. (The state has not collected the money and credits tax for a number of years.)

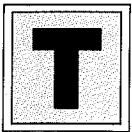
Effective: Aug. 1

## Tax increment financing

Ch. 322 HF0257—Cassery  
SF0977—Hanson

Makes several changes in the laws relating to tax increment financing, a funding tool municipalities can use to finance public redevelopment projects; regulates the formation, financing and operation of all future tax increment districts; requires the governing body of the municipality to approve all districts; requires all districts to have a tax increment financing plan; other provisions.

Effective: Aug. 1



## Transportation

### Airport zoning boards — representation

Ch. 302 HF1329—Lehto SF1212—Wegener

Provides representation for affected communities on airport zoning boards; changes the representation on joint airport zoning boards for cities of the first class; other provisions.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Bridges — bonding for repairs

Ch. 280 HF0597—Patton  
SF0664—Laufenburger

Allows the sale of Minnesota state transportation bonds for the repair of bridges; designates \$52 million to the Department of Transportation for disbursement in the form of grants for construction and reconstruction of key bridges in the state.

Effective: July 1, 1979

### Driver education vehicles — identification plates

Vetoed HF0520—Patton  
SF0498—Setzepfandt

Would allow the use of removable plates or placards for driver education vehicles; would authorize temporary procedures for transfer of a motor vehicle carrier permit where the health of the transferor impairs his ability to operate under the permit.

### Emergency vehicles — senior citizens/handicapped crossing

Ch. 185 HF0898—Kaley SF1037—Brataas

Allows an authorized emergency vehicle to use an oscillating white light; authorizes the establishment of senior citizen and handicapped crossings.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Hay loads on public roads

Ch. 044 HF0103—D. Johnson  
SF0109—Setzepfandt

Allows the transportation of loads of hay up to 11½ feet wide on state roads.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Interstate motor vehicle carriers — registration exemption

Ch. 099 HF0715—Kalis SF0814—Penny

Exempts from registration, interstate motor vehicle carriers already registered with the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of the federal motor carrier act.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Iowa and Minnesota trunk highway connection

Ch. 017 HF0152—Erickson  
SF0207—Menning

Authorizes the commissioner of transportation to enter into an agreement with the state of Iowa for the construction and improvement of a short segment of highway within the state of Iowa to connect with a truck highway within the state of Minnesota.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Issuance of motor vehicle titles

Ch. 126 HF0519—Simoneau  
SF0509—Penny

Provides that suspension or revocation of motor vehicle certificates of title shall not affect the validity of transfers to purchases in good faith where the Department of Public Safety has not surrendered or seized the certificate.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Metropolitan Transit Commission — debts

Ch. 046 HF0186—Schreiber SF0512—Vega

Allows the MTC to borrow money on terms, notes, obligations, etc.; allows pledging of certain tax levies, revenues, etc., to pay the loans; other provisions.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Motorized bicycles — permit fees

Ch. 227 HF1353—B. Nelsen

Establishes fees for motorized bicycle operator permits; exempts motorized bicycles from seat belt requirements.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Municipal mileage increases

Ch. 167 HF0982—Kostohryz  
SF1045—Bernhagen

Increases the mileage of state-aid roads from 2,000 to 2,500; allows the Department of Transportation to grant variances from county and municipal state-aid highway rules and engineering standards; provides procedures political subdivisions can use to request a variance from DOT; provides for contested case procedures if DOT receives a written objection to a request or if DOT denies the request without a hearing.

Effective: Section 1 is effective Aug. 1; sections 2-6 are effective the day following final enactment

### Parking privileges for those transporting the handicapped

Ch. 031 HF0052—Nelson  
SF0213—S. Keefe

Allows those transporting the handicapped to park in designated handicapped spots.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Reimbursement for fighting fires on trunk highways

Ch. 108 HF0483—Jacobs SF0601—Merriam

Allows state reimbursement to local fire departments, from the trunk highway fund, for expenses for fighting fires that originate in the right-of-way and spread outside the right-of-way.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Speed zoning in school zones

Ch. 060 HF0176—Heinitz SF0361—Staples

Lowers speed limits within public or non-public school zones; provides for speed limits not lower than 15 mph (now 20 mph), and not more than 20 mph (now 15 mph) below the limit on highways with speed limits of 40 mph or more.

Effective: Aug. 1



## transportation

### Street rods — registration fees; license plates

Ch. 329 HF0810'—Fudro SF775—Olson

Allows a one-time registration payment of \$25 for registration and license plates for "street rods", any modernized motor vehicle with a manufacture date prior to 1949, or a vehicle the designer or manufacturer made to resemble such a vehicle; other provisions.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Wreckers

#### — defining "gross weight"

Ch. 213 HF0515'—Fjoslien SF0674—Engler

Defines "gross weight" of wreckers for the purpose of registration and taxation.

Effective: Aug. 1

## Utilities

### Co-op telephone rate regulation

Ch. 319 HF0218'—Fjoslien SF0372—Olhoff

Removes coop telephone associations and municipal telephone utilities from Public Service Commission (PSC) rate regulation jurisdiction; requires utilities to obtain prior approval if they elect PSC regulation; gives

the PSC power to investigate and determine cases if they receive complaints against the telephone cooperatives and municipals.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Gas distribution — cities

Ch. 140 HF0496—Reding SF0491'—Hanson

Permits municipal owned gas distribution utilities to join together and form a municipal gas agency; prohibits them from entering into retail sales; restricts the agencies only to cities which are presently operating a gas distribution system; provides for payment in lieu of taxes for any land another governmental unit has taken off the tax rolls; provides for a public hearing before formation of the agency.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Pipelines (see Energy)

## Workers compensation/unemployment compensation

### "Closely held corporations" — definition

Ch. 092 HF0917—R. Anderson  
SF0276'—Peterson

Adds a definition of "closely held corporations" to the workers compensation law; provides that an accident or health insurer cannot justify a denial of accident or health coverage to "closely held corporations" electing workers compensation coverage; defines a "closely held corporation" as one where no more than 10 people hold stocks.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Coverage for partnerships

Ch. 074 HF1157—Kalis SF1149'—Penny

Makes the law explicit that farming and business partnerships may, at their option, elect workers compensation coverage for their partners and relatives of partners, who are employees.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Podiatric treatment requirement

Ch. 107 HF0070—Kempe  
SF0579'—Chmielewski

Includes podiatric services (treatment of foot disorders) as part of workers compensation coverage.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Settlement of claims

Ch. 271 HF1351—Kaley SF1047'—Pillsbury

Allows both parties to a dispute to have counsel representing them; allows them to reach an agreement without further litigation.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Third party liability cases

Ch. 081 HF0966'—Adams SF0983—S. Keefe

Allows employers to initiate legal action against a third party responsible for an employee's injury or death.

Effective: for actions commenced after December 31, 1978

### Unemployment compensation — educational service unit employees

Ch. 024 HF0636—Ludeman  
SF0288'—Nichols

Makes certain employees of educational cooperative service units ineligible for unemployment compensation.

Effective: day following final enactment

### Unemployment compensation — family farms

Ch. 212 HF0508'—Stowell SF1513—Engler

Exempts family farm corporation shareholder's income from the contribution rate of unemployment compensation.

Effective: Aug. 1

### Unemployment compensation — housekeeping and conformity bill

Ch. 212 HF1350—Kaley  
SF1312'—Laufenburger

Provides for conformity of state unemployment regulations with federal requirements.

Effective: Sections 1, 2, 3 are effective Jan. 1, 1979; sections 5, 6 are effective Jan. 1, 1980; all other sections are effective the day following final enactment

### Unemployment compensation — seasonal businesses

Ch. 284 HF0970'—Haukoos  
SF1314—Pillsbury

Prohibits owners of seasonal businesses and their relatives from collecting unemployment benefits unless they are permanently separated from employment in that business.

Effective: for new claims filed on or after July 1, 1979

### Workers compensation

HF0946—Simoneau SF0917—S. Keefe  
Special Session: SF1

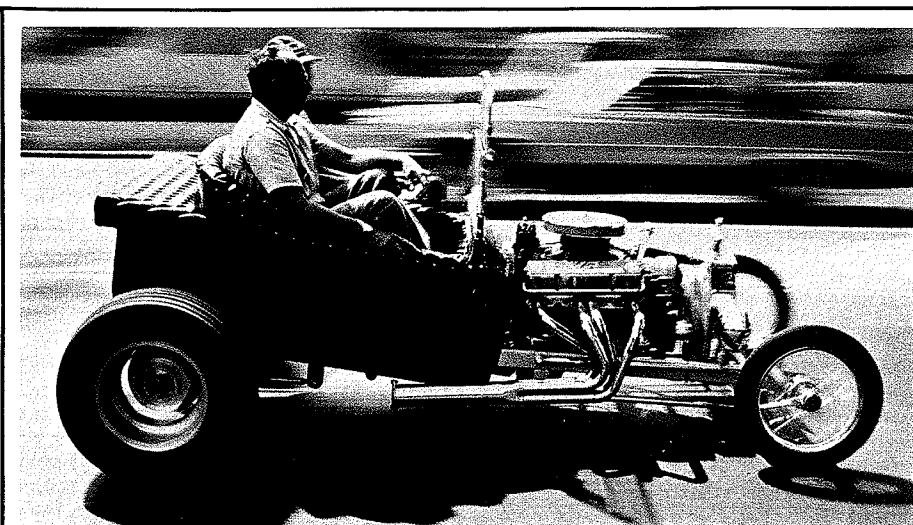
Makes several changes in the laws relating to workers compensation. (see page 23)

### Workers compensation outside of Minnesota

Ch. 015 SF0287—Davies

Prevents an employee permanently stationed outside Minnesota, whose duties include travel to other states, from filing a workers compensation claim under Minnesota law.

Effective: July 1, 1979



# SPECIAL SESSION

"... Now, Therefore, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby summon you, members of the Legislature, to convene in Extra Session on Thursday, May 24, 1979, at 9:00 in the morning on that day at the Capitol in Saint Paul, Minnesota." *Journal of the House*

When time brought the 1979 session to a close, Tuesday, May 22, three major bills remained among those that would carry over to the second half of the biennium in 1980. After meeting with legislative leaders, on Wednesday, May 23, the governor proclaimed a special session. On Thursday, May 24, the Legislature convened, completed work on, and passed, energy and workers compensation legislation and the appropriations bill for transportation, and adjourned the first special session since 1971.

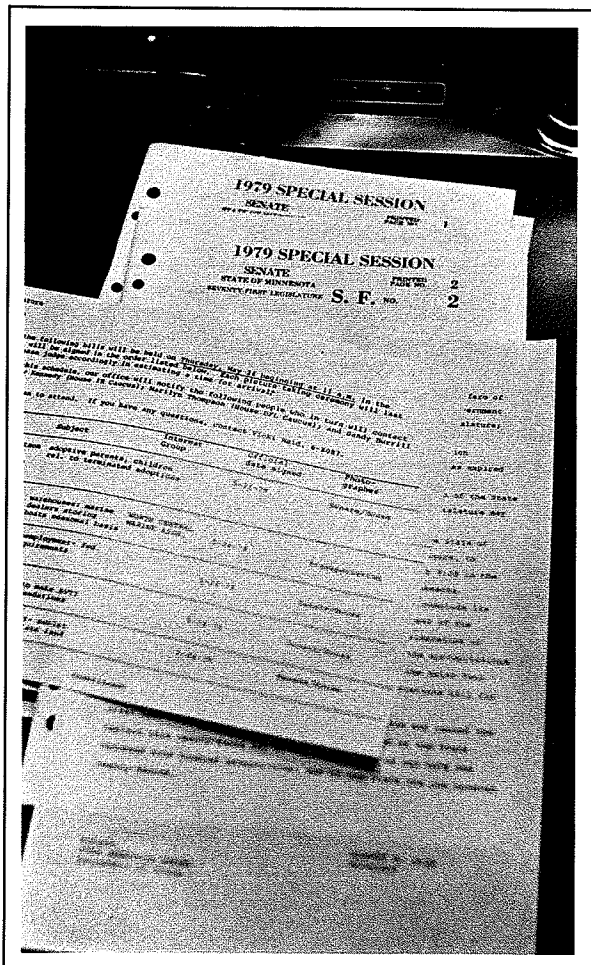
## Workers Compensation

SPECIAL SESSION: Ch. 003 SF0001-S. Keefe

Makes several changes in the laws relating to workers compensation.

Major provisions:

- establishes and modifies procedures and requirements in the workers compensation rate-making process; permits rates lower than the approved rates and disallows certain inclusions in premium calculation.
- provides a formal procedure the commissioner of insurance will follow in the rate-making process.
- provides for automatic adjustment of rates to reflect legislative benefit changes.
- creates a mandatory reinsurance association whose members will include all workers compensation insurers and self-insurers; requires that the association be liable for all payments over \$300,000 or \$100,000 at the members' option arising from a single occurrence, beginning October 1, 1979; indexes these amounts to rises in the state average weekly wage.
- increases the number of Workers Compensation Appeals Court judges from three to five and permits no more than two to be laymen.
- permits concurrent payment of temporary partial, temporary total or permanent total benefits with permanent total

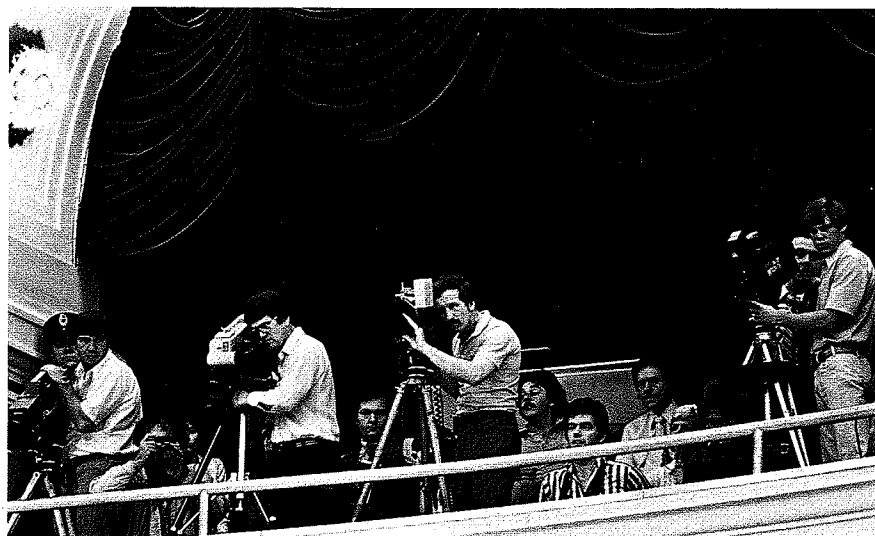


benefits with permanent partial benefits, but requires payment of permanent partial in 25 percent installments each month after the first, until return to work, when the injured worker would receive the remaining payments.

- provides comprehensive procedures for rehabilitation under workers compensation.
- provides a 25 percent incentive bonus for injured workers who go through a retraining program.
- eliminates the so-called "double-dipping," which permits some injured workers to draw the basic benefit and then the same amount while retraining for another job.
- creates a state reopened case fund which will assume liability for all new claims filed after seven years, and all new reopenings of old claims seven years after the injury or three years after the last

benefit payment, whichever is later.

- empowers the commissioner of labor to identify excessive charges for particular medical services and to establish reasonable charges in such cases.
- creates a study commission to examine the feasibility of creating a state competitive workers compensation fund which will report to the legislature by Jan. 1, 1981.



## Omnibus Department of Transportation Appropriations Bill

**SPECIAL SESSION Ch. 001 HF0001-Norton**

Appropriates \$946 million to fund state and other transportation programs for the next two years:

- provides for improvements to access roads to Stillwater State Prison and Thistledeu Corrections Camp.
- provides for legislative review of requests to expend federal money.
- provides for encouragement, coordination and safety regulation of programs concerning special transportation service.
- modifies the rail service improvement program and the rail user loan guarantee program; authorizes acquisition of certain rail lines.
- permits state payment of interest adjustments on guaranteed loans to rail users.

Appropriations include:

- \$8.4 million for policy and planning (\$110,000 for bicycle trailing planning and programming);
- \$793.7 million for highway operations;
- \$48.3 million for public transportation operations;
- \$18.5 million for aeronautics operations;
- \$46.3 million for technical support services;
- \$30 million for general support.

## Omnibus Energy Bill

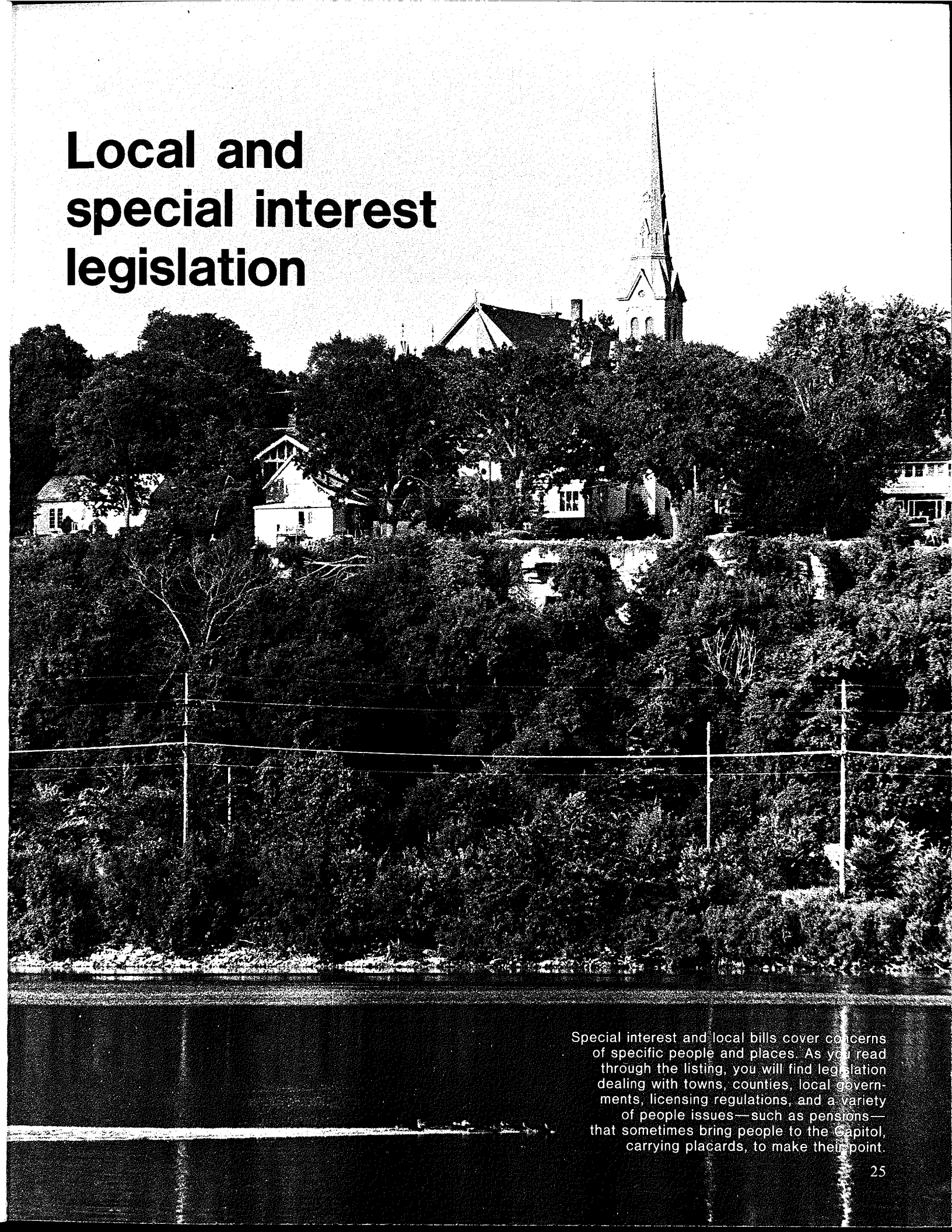
**SPECIAL SESSION: Ch. 002 SF0002-Anderson**

Makes various changes in the laws relating to energy, appropriating \$13.75 million for energy related matters.

- clarifies the procedures for declaring an energy emergency.
- prescribes the powers of the governor and executive council in an emergency.
- provides for the issuance of temporary rules by the director of the energy agency.
- prescribes additional elements of the energy allocation and conservation plan.
- provides for earth sheltered construction zoning variances.
- prohibits local governments from banning earth sheltered construction.
- requires certain building energy reports and audits.
- requires the energy agency to disseminate information on the potential hazards of energy conservation techniques.
- provides for an adult and post-secondary energy education plan.
- changes energy conservation standards for existing residential buildings.
- limits the time for application of certain variances.
- provides a method for determining certain efficiencies for air conditioners.
- provides \$10 million to local governments; school districts to cover the costs of energy audits.
- provides \$200,000 to the University of Minnesota for maximum audits.
- requires notice to the Minnesota Energy Agency of the proposed discontinuance of certain municipal steam heat systems.
- authorizes a weatherization program for low-income persons; appropriating \$3 million.



# Local and special interest legislation

A black and white photograph of a hillside. At the top of the hill, a church with a tall, pointed steeple is visible. Below the church, several houses are nestled among trees. The hillside is covered in dense vegetation. In the foreground, there is a body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, which reflects the sky. A fence or barrier runs across the middle ground, separating the water from the hillside.

Special interest and local bills cover concerns of specific people and places. As you read through the listing, you will find legislation dealing with towns, counties, local governments, licensing regulations, and a variety of people issues—such as pensions—that sometimes bring people to the Capitol, carrying placards, to make their point.



## Elections

**Election judges — allowing state employees**  
Vetoed HF0430—L. Carlson  
SF0828—Setzepfandt

Would allow employees of the state or its political subdivisions to serve as election judges.

**Election judges — compensation**  
Ch. 061 HF0162—McEachern  
SF0384—Wegener

Provides additional compensation for election judges who travel to pick up election supplies or deliver ballots; authorizes town boards to fix the compensation of town election judges.  
Effective: day following final enactment

**Election recounts**  
Ch. 090 HF0948—McCarron  
SF0484—Schaff

Allows for automatic recounts in local elections upon the request of the losing candidate and under certain circumstances; provides for payment of costs associated with recounts.  
Effective: day following final enactment

**Election recounts — conditions**  
Ch. 058 HF0540—Osthoff  
SF0061—Davies

Further prescribes conditions for automatic recounts in certain election contests.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Electronic voting tabulation**  
Ch. 062 HF0704—Swanson  
SF0493—Benedict

Provides for the tabulation and announcement of votes cast on electronic voting systems.  
Effective: July 1

**Ethics in government**  
Ch. 059 HF0374—Osthoff  
SF0340—S. Keefe

Clarifies campaign report filing dates, define administrative action for ethics in government, and provides for the registration of political committees and political funds; excludes persons presenting legislative claims from the definition of "lobbyist" under certain conditions; defines candidate to include candidates for certain judicial offices and excludes those candidates from reporting under the Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Official identification of ballots**  
Ch. 029 HF0385—Minne  
SF0072—Davies

Provides for the official identification of ballots.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Presidential electors — increasing the compensation**  
Ch. 251 HF1096—Clawson  
SF1074—Anderson

Increases the compensation for presidential electors from \$10 to \$35 per day.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Voting rights for those under guardianship**  
Ch. 043 HF0250—Searle  
SF0322—J. Keefe

Relates to reports by probate judges to election officials of persons under guardianship; provides that a petition for guardianship be treated as a petition for conservatorship; provides for the transfer of guardianship to conservatorship.

Effective: day following final enactment

## Government operations

**Bills/corrective changes**  
Ch. 289 HF1593—Faricy  
SF1553—Davies

Makes certain corrective changes to legislative enactments.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Housing Finance Agency — bonding authority**  
Ch. 327 HF0724—Kroening  
SF1139—Knoll

Increases the bonding authority of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency from the current \$900 million to \$1,550 million; appropriates money for rehabilitation grants and loans to families and persons of low income, urban and non-urban Indian programs, and the home ownership assistance fund, etc.

Effective: Aug. 1 (except sections 10 and 11 which are effective the day following final enactment.)

**Investment Advisory Council**  
Ch. 187 HF1065—Enebo  
SF1507—Chenoweth

Clarifies and amends language in state statutes regarding the Investment Advisory Council.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Metropolitan Transit Commission (see Transportation)**

**Minnesota Statutes — grammar and punctuation**  
Ch. 008 HF0392—Jude  
SF0067—Davies

Relates to the interpretation of laws, grammar, and punctuation in the statutes; deletes language which provides that punctuation of a law shall not control the Legislature's intent.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Peacetime emergency**  
Ch. 065 HF0299—Hoberg  
SF0741—Strand

Authorizes the governor to declare a peacetime emergency under certain conditions prior to federal declaration; clarifies the term "civil defense".

Effective: Aug. 1

**Public data privacy**  
Ch. 328 HF0738—Stoa

Makes government records open to the public unless state or federal law classifies them otherwise; classifies certain data; provides for temporary classification of data; other provisions.

Effective: Sections 1-6 effective July 1, 1979; Sections 7-23 effective Jan. 1, 1980

**Public lands — transfer titles**  
Ch. 142 HF1024—Sherwood  
SF0905—Willet

Authorizes the transfer of titles of lands of the state and local units of government; specifies powers and duties of the land exchange board, the commissioner of natural resources, and local units of government in relation to title transfers.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Public Service Commission — conflicts of interest**  
Ch. 206 HF0222—Jude  
SF1250—Luther

Requires public service commissioners to report to the ethical practices board, before April 15 each year, any interest they have in a business or industry regulated by the commission.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Revisor of Statutes — indexing**  
Ch. 056 HF0778—Hokanson  
SF0606—Gearty

Changes requirements for indexing and filing bills, laws and resolutions by the Revisor of Statutes; requires the revisor to issue a bill-drafting manual; clarifies who can submit drafting requests; makes technical changes relating to printing and distributing state Statutes; authorizes the revisor to sell type from old editions of the statutes.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Special acts relating to the Constitution**  
Ch. 176 HF0743—Dempsey  
SF0117—Davies

Requires local approval for special acts that pass in accordance with the Constitution, Article XII, Section 2, in certain cases.

Effective: Aug. 1

**State auditor (see Local/Metropolitan Government)**

**State finance — annual reports**  
Ch. 314 HF1084—Moe  
SF1107—Ashbach

Requires the commissioner of finance to prepare an annual financial report on state funds in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Effective: Aug. 1

**State historical sites management**  
Ch. 125 HF0395—Clawson  
SF0635—Anderson

Authorizes the State Historical Society to contract with counties and municipalities for the management of state historical sites.

Effective: Aug. 1

**War Records Commission**  
Ch. 032 HF0127—Clawson  
SF0569—Staples

Deletes from Minnesota Statutes a reference to the War Records Commission which has been obsolete since 1925.

Effective: August 1, 1979

## Local bills cities/towns

**Ashby: bonds**  
Ch. 004 HF0010—Fjoslien  
SF0092—Olhoff

Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds for a fire hall administrative building and a fire truck.

Effective: upon approval of the Ashby City Council.

**Austin: license for alcohol**  
Ch. 007 HF0048—Reding  
SF0087—Nelson

Allows the City of Austin to issue a

license to an existing license holder to cater liquor in the city arena.

Effective: upon approval of the town board"

**Bemidji: bonds**  
Ch. 028 HF0493—Ainley  
SF0598—Willett

Authorizes Bemidji to sell and issue \$685,000 in bonds authorized by electors of the city at the Nov. 7, 1978 election.

Effective: upon approval by resolution of the city council"

**Benson/Howard Lake — bonds**  
Ch. 136 HF1433—D. Anderson  
SF1400—Strand

Authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds for the acquisition and installation of equipment for hospital and medical clinic purposes for the City of Benson, and the City of Howard Lake for a library and community center.

Effective: upon approval of the respective city councils"

**Chisholm: volunteer firefighters**  
Ch. 047 HF0297—Minne  
SF0408—Perpich

Exempts volunteer firefighters from civil service commission jurisdiction.

Effective: upon approval of the Chisholm City Council"

**Currie — land transfer**  
Ch. 077 HF1436—Esau  
SF1391—Jensen

Authorizes the City of Currie to sell certain lands to any private individual, group or corporation.

Effective: upon approval of the Currie City Council"

**Duluth — city sales tax**  
Ch. 114 HF0878—Berkelman  
SF0947—Solon

Extends the one percent food and beverage sales tax in the City of Duluth to Dec. 31, 1980.

Effective: upon approval of the Duluth City Council"

**Duluth — malt liquor sales for restaurants with wine license**  
Ch. 200 HF1113—Jaros  
SF0843—J. Ulland

Permits the sale of intoxicating malt liquor, brewed and bottled outside the United States, by restaurants who have wine licenses in the City of Duluth.

Effective: upon approval of the Duluth governing body"

**Duluth — Spirit Mountain Authority**  
Ch. 270 HF1494—Lehto  
SF1002—Solon

Allows the sale of permanent residential housing, including condominiums, located within the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area which were there before Jan. 1, 1979; gives the Spirit Mountain Authority the first opportunity to purchase the housing; stipulates that a private party cannot alter the housing in appearance without the consent of the Spirit Mountain Authority.

Effective: upon approval of the Duluth governing body"

**Duluth — Spirit Mountain Recreation Area**  
Ch. 087 HF1279—Berkelman  
SF1245—Solon

Provides for the management of the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area.

Effective: upon approval of the Duluth governing body"

**Duluth Transit Authority**  
Ch. 169 HF1063—Lehto  
SF1073—J. Ulland

Increases the number of directors on the Duluth Transit Authority and permits representation of the City of Superior, Wisconsin.

Effective: upon approval of the Duluth governing body"

**Duluth: bonds for a municipal steam utility plant**  
Ch. 113 HF0971—Munger  
SF0923—Solon

Authorizes the issuance of bonds in connection with the municipal steam utility plant; authorizes the governing body to transfer money from the steam division account of the public utility fund to the general fund; authorizes Duluth to delegate the power to make certain purchases for the municipal steam utility to a private management organization.

Effective: upon approval of the Duluth governing body"

**Ely — district court term**  
Ch. 039 HF0503—Battaglia  
SF0603—Johnson

Removes the necessity of holding district court in Ely because of the extreme cost; authorizes terms of court in places other than Duluth, Hibbing, or Virginia.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Faribault — nature center**  
Ch. 177 HF0128—Luknic  
SF0233—Purfeerst

Authorizes the subletting of acres the state leases for agricultural purposes; authorizes the Faribault Nature Center to use the revenue from the crops for maintenance expenses.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Fergus Falls/Clay County — transfer of lands**  
Ch. 134 HF1268—Asness  
SF1143—Olhoff

Authorizes the conveyance of state lands in Ottertail County to the city of Fergus Falls for the purpose of constructing new roadways. Directs the conveyance of certain lands in Clay County.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Forest Lake — levy limitation**  
Ch. 286 HF1236—Laidig  
SF1227—Sikorski

Exempts the town of Forest Lake from certain tax levy limitations.

Effective: upon approval of the Forest Lake town board"

**Ham Lake — subdivision regulations**  
Ch. 165 HF0921—Weaver  
SF0963—Anderson

Extends the scope of subdivision regulations authorizing Ham Lake to adopt subdivision within its corporate boundaries.

Effective: upon approval of the Ham Lake City Council"

**Hastings/Ely: conveyance of land**  
Ch. 119 HF0191—H. Sieben  
SF0368—Vega

Allows the City of Hastings to acquire certain lands which were part of the former campus of the Hastings State Hospital; allows the city of Ely to acquire certain lands which were part of Vermillion Community College.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Laketown township**  
Ch. 274 HF1430—McDonald  
SF1425—Schmitz

Removes Laketown township from the Lake Minnetonka conservation district for tax purposes.

Effective: upon approval of the town board of Laketown"

**Leota detached banking facility**  
Ch. 182 HF0340—B. Anderson  
SF0267—Menning

Authorizes establishment of a detached banking facility in the town of Leota in Nobles County.

Effective: upon approval of the town board"

**McGregor — bonds**  
Ch. 230 HF1444—M. Nelsen  
SF1393—Rued

Authorizes the issuance of bonds, not to exceed \$125,000 for the acquisition of a municipal fire hall and community center for the City of McGregor.

Effective: upon approval of the McGregor City Council"

**Medicine Lake — transit service subsidy**  
Ch. 266 HF0265—Heinitz  
SF0481—Humphrey

Appropriates \$205,000 for subsidies for Medicine Lake transit service under certain conditions.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Moorhead — housing finance program**  
Ch. 231 HF0024—Hoberg  
SF0026—Sillers

Provides low and moderate income family housing financing; sets bonding limit at \$20 million.

Effective: upon approval of the Moorhead City Council"

**Richfield: issuance of bonds**  
Ch. 001 HF0237—Swanson  
SF0225—Kirchner

Authorizes the issuance of bonds for a golf course; authorizes the pledge of certain revenues as security.

Effective: upon approval of the Richfield City Council"

**South International Falls — leasing municipal buildings**  
Ch. 027 HF0640—I. Anderson  
SF0298—Lessard

Authorizes South International Falls to lease municipal buildings to a private non-profit corporation.

Effective: upon approval of the South International Falls City Council"

**Spring Lake Park/Hermantown/Waseca — liquor license**  
Ch. 325 HF0444—McCarron  
SF0546—Schaff

Allows Spring Lake Park, Hermantown, and Waseca to issue an on-sale liquor license to certain clubs which have been in existence less than

15 years, but which hold a charter from a national organization in existence for 15 years or more.

Effective: upon approval of the governing body of the respective cities"

**St. Cloud — tax on lodging**  
Ch. 197 HF0442—Pehler  
SF0529—Kleinbaum

Authorizes St. Cloud to issue a tax of up to three percent on the gross receipt from the furnishing of certain lodging.

Effective: upon approval of the St. Cloud City Council"

**St. Cloud — transfer of land**  
HF0623—Patton  
SF1036—Kleinbaum

Authorizes the conveyance of state land to the City of St. Cloud for the purpose of building a fire station.

Effective: day following final enactment

**St. Cloud/Bloomington/St. Paul — liquor licensing**  
Ch. 305 HF0351—Patton  
SF0521—Kleinbaum

Authorizes the sale of liquor at the municipal Sports Complex in St. Cloud except when certain athletic contests are taking place; authorizes the City of Bloomington to issue one liquor license; authorizes the City of St. Paul to issue one on-sale wine license to a vendor within one-half mile of St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota (presently it is illegal to sell liquor within one-half mile of the campus); authorizes a wine license for the Cricket theater in Minneapolis.

Effective: Sections 1 and 2 are effective upon approval of the respective city councils"; section 6 is effective the day following final enactment; all others are effective Aug. 1, 1979.

**St. Paul — franchise fees for utilities**  
Ch. 189 HF1386—Wynia  
SF1211—Dieterich

Provides that the City of St. Paul shall not collect from a public utility a franchise fee from the sale of gas or electricity to residential customers, greater than an amount equal to the corresponding percentage of the public utility's gross operating revenue from 1980-1985.

Effective: upon approval of the St. Paul City Council", section 1 shall not become effective before Jan. 1, 1980

**St. Paul Port Authority — South St. Paul**  
Ch. 269 HF1170—Pavlaik  
SF0926—McCutcheon

Authorizes the St. Paul Port Authority to invest its funds in commercial paper of prime quality in the same manner the state board of investment may invest money not currently needed; authorizes the City of St. Paul to exercise the powers of a statutory city in the purchase of certain equipment.

Effective: upon approval of the respective governing bodies"

**St. Paul — Gillette State Hospital disposition**  
Ch. 025 HF0246—Waldorf  
SF0327—Chenoweth

Authorizes the disposition of Gillette State Hospital's property, building

and grounds to the City of St. Paul for public or government use; requires the city to turn over the state any profits resulting from the sale for private development.

**Effective:** upon approval of the governing body of the City of St. Paul

#### Virginia: street improvement funds

Ch. 045 HF0167—Elioff  
SF0294—Perpich

Allows a specified portion of a street in Virginia to be eligible, until July 1, 1980, for state improvement funds.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

## Local bills counties

#### Anoka County Board of Commissioners

Ch. 155 HF0568—McCarron  
SF0605—Merriam

Authorizes the Anoka County Board of Commissioners to assume the powers and duties of a human services board.

**Effective:** upon approval of the Board of Commissioners of Anoka County

#### Anoka County — increase in commissioners

Ch. 112 HF0780—McCarron  
SF0871—Schaaf

Allows Anoka County to increase the number of commissioners to seven for the 1982 election.

**Effective:** upon approval of the Anoka County Board

#### Anoka County — shared services with Anoka State Hospital

Ch. 309 HF0588—Weaver  
SF0755—Anderson

Allows the County of Anoka to enter into shared services agreements with Anoka State Hospital for community mental health services.

**Effective:** sections 1 and 2 are effective upon approval of the board on Anoka County Commissioners; other sections are effective Aug. 1

#### Beltrami County — land sale

Ch. 135 HF1411—I. Anderson  
SF1313—Willett

Authorizes the sale of tax forfeited land in Beltrami County; proceeds will go to the promotion of tourist, agricultural and industrial development.

**Effective:** upon approval of the Beltrami County Board

#### Blue Earth/Redwood/Kandiyohi/Renville Counties — acquisition of property

Ch. 079 HF0579—Piepho  
SF0668—A. Ueland

Authorizes Blue Earth, Redwood, Kandiyohi, and Renville Counties to enter into various agreements for acquisition of property.

**Effective:** upon approval of the boards of the respective counties

#### Blue Earth County: ditch no. 27

Ch. 075 HF0067—Wigley  
SF0040—A. Ueland

Authorizes Blue Earth County to contract for the completion of improvements, not to exceed \$250,000, to County Ditch No. 27.

**Effective:** the day following final enactment

#### Cass and Morrison Counties — fire protection services

Ch. 096 HF1417—Sherwood  
SF1392—Willett

Provides for fire protection services in various local units in Cass and Morrison Counties.

**Effective:** Jan. 1, 1978

#### Crow Wing County/City of Brainerd — airport improvement bonds

Ch. 127 HF0659—Thiede  
SF0839—Rued

Authorizes the issuance of bonds for improvements of the jointly owned airport of Brainerd and Crow Wing County.

**Effective:** upon approval of the respective county board and city council

#### Fillmore County — blood collection

Ch. 085 HF0585—Redalen  
SF0876—Gunderson

Permits cities or towns in Fillmore County to spend money to assist blood collection.

**Effective:** Aug. 1

#### Hennepin County — chief civil deputy sheriff

Ch. 080 HF1431—Heinitz  
SF1388—Staples

Establishes an unclassified civil service position of chief civil deputy sheriff in Hennepin County.

**Effective:** upon approval of the Hennepin County governing body

#### Hennepin County court fees/Ramsey County juvenile court referees

Ch. 318 HF0513—Ellingson  
SF0528—Davies

Conforms the civil fees that Hennepin County municipal court collects with the fees the district court collects; authorizes Ramsey County juvenile court referees to hear contested trials, hearings, or motions, unless there is an objection.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

#### Hennepin County Medical Examiner

Ch. 071 HF0244—Clark  
SF0362—Davies

Provides for the appointment, compensation, and duties of the medical examiner in Hennepin County.

**Effective:** upon approval of the governing body of Hennepin County

#### Hennepin County — operation of county government

Ch. 198 HF1135—Ellingson  
SF0622—Staples

Relates to the operation of Hennepin County government, making various housekeeping changes; gives the county the authority to make major installment purchases through the use of tax anticipation certificates; sets out specifically how the county will operate the corrections facility; spec-

ifies how the county will carry out central purchases.

**Effective:** upon approval of the Hennepin County board

#### Hennepin County/park district commissioners/mill increases

Ch. 288 HF0489—Ellingson  
SF0831—Staples

Increases the taxing power of the Hennepin County park district from two-thirds of a mill to a full mill; provides for the election and selection of park commissioners.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

#### Hennepin County — self-insurance

Ch. 055 HF0181—Heinitz  
SF0346—Tennessee

Allows the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners to use county funds to insure the county against claims and losses.

**Effective:** upon approval of the Hennepin County board

#### Hennepin/Polk Counties — law library fees

Ch. 088 HF0667—Casserly  
SF0345—Tennessee

Provides that the law library board of trustees in Hennepin County set law library fees; increases fees for the Polk County law library.

**Effective:** section 1 is effective Aug. 1; section 2 is effective upon approval of the Polk County board

#### Hennepin/Ramsey Counties — municipal courts

Ch. 095 HF1338—Greenfield  
SF0980—Davies

Provides for the removal of certain actions to district court.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

#### Houston County — vacating roads

Ch. 146 HF0059—Wieser  
SF0656—Gunderson

Allows local authorities in certain towns in Houston County, when authorized by a vote of the electors, to vacate the maintenance of certain roads "upon which no maintenance or construction has been conducted for 25 years or more."

**Effective:** upon approval of the respective town boards

#### Itasca county state lands — leasing

Ch. 072 HF0408—Prah  
SF0538—Lessard

Authorizes the lease of certain state lands in Itasca County for Itasca Ski and Outing Club, Inc. use.

**Effective:** Aug. 1

#### Kittson County — conveyance of land

Ch. 116 HF1540—Corbid  
SF1288—Hanson

Authorizes the commissioner of natural resources to convey certain lands in Kittson County to the Galilee Bible Camp, under certain conditions.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

#### Kittson County — transfer of state land

Ch. 022 HF0449—Nysether  
SF0204—Hanson

Authorizes the conveyance of certain state land in Kittson County.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

#### Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Counties — changing the boundaries

Ch. 154 HF0499—G. Anderson  
SF1088—Strand

Allows the voters of Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Counties to decide, by a vote of the majority in the next general election, the boundaries between the counties.

**Effective:** Aug. 1

#### Murray/Goodhue Counties — railroad assistance

Ch. 278 HF0534—B. Anderson  
SF0619—Menning

Allows Murray and Goodhue Counties and cities and towns in those counties to participate in a federal railroad assistance program.

**Effective:** the day following final enactment

#### Olmsted County — watershed plan

Ch. 100 HF0823—Zubay  
SF0886—Brataas

Allows any town in Olmsted County to flood roads when it is necessary in order to conform to the regulations of the United States for a watershed plan.

**Effective:** upon approval of the Olmsted County board

#### Polk/Norman Counties — gravel removal tax

Ch. 273 HF1254—Stadum  
SF1218—Moe

Provides a tax of ten cents per cubic yard on gravel removed from Polk and Norman Counties.

**Effective:** upon approval of the respective county boards

#### Ramsey County board meetings

Ch. 313 HF0740—Kelly  
SF0845—Stumpf

Allows Ramsey County Board of Commissioners to meet at least twice each month at their discretion.

**Effective:** sections 1 and 2 are effective upon approval of the Ramsey County board; other sections are effective Aug. 1

#### Ottertail County — transfer land to Fergus Falls (see Cities — Fergus Falls)

#### Redwood County land to Historical Society (see Recreation/Parks)

#### St. Louis County — employees

Ch. 151 HF0279—Minne  
SF0419—Solon

Provides rights to suspended classified service employees; removes provision in present law which allows suspension for no more than 30 days.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

#### Washington County — drivers license agent

Ch. 150 HF0253—M. Sieben  
SF0448—Sikorski

Authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to appoint an agent to assist the clerk of district court in Washington County in accepting applications for drivers licenses and permits; allows the agent to retain the \$1 county fee to cover expenses the receiving, accepting, or forwarding of the applications and fees involves.

**Effective:** day following final enactment



**Washington County — liquor license**  
Ch. 084 HF0710—M. Sieben  
SF0807—Sikorski

Authorizes Washington County to issue an offsale license in Denmark township.

Effective: upon approval of the Washington County Board"

## **L**ocal/ metropolitan government

**Airport revenue certificates**  
Ch. 163 HF0819—Ludeman  
SF0884—Nichols

Allows local units of government to issue airport revenue certificates not to exceed \$10 (now \$3) for each person residing in the county or municipality; increases the limit on the rate of interest from five to 7½ percent.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Attorney's fees: town payments**  
Ch. 006 HF0290—Esau  
SF0388—Wegener

Allows any town to pay up to \$5,000 (now \$1,000) in attorney's fees without approval of the electors.

Effective: the day following final enactment



**Bus shelter franchises**  
Ch. 275 HF0087—Enebo  
SF0415—S. Keefe

Allows any city to sell franchises for bus shelters and benches on streets and highways within the city.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Consolidation procedures for local governments**  
Ch. 287 HF0853—Weaver  
SF0549—Wegener

Requires additional local participation in consolidation procedures.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Counties: funding for Memorial Day observances**  
Ch. 310 HF0624—Friedrich  
SF0882—Brataas

Allows county boards to appropriate not more than \$1,500 (now \$500) annually for aid in the observance of Memorial Day.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Deeds and conveyances**  
Ch. 009 HF0291—Fjoslien  
SF0411—Sieloff

Defines which conveyances must go to the county auditor before recording; eliminates the requirement that county recorders list judgments affecting real estate titles; eliminates payments to the county recorder for making the lists.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Flexibility for welfare board meetings**  
Ch. 186 HF0954—Nysether  
SF0893—Hanson

Provides for greater flexibility in the annual meeting times and for submission of budget estimates of the county welfare board.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Hospital boards — member's expenses**  
Ch. 210 HF0370—McEachern  
SF0412—Dunn

Allows election judges at hospital board elections to receive rates the board sets and allows such boards to set the compensation of their members and to pay members expenses and mileage.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Hospital district boards — member's contracts**  
Ch. 020 HF0201—Welker  
SF0014—Nichols

Permits contracts between hospital district boards and board members.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Housing development authorities (see Housing/Real Estate)**

**Installment purchases — second class cities**  
Ch. 003 HF0049—Reding  
SF0088—Nelson

Allows second class cities to purchase real or personal property under an installment contract.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Levy limitations in towns**  
Ch. 153 HF0389—Onnen  
SF0469—Bernhagen

Removes certain levy limitations for towns.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Local improvements and special assessments**  
Ch. 330 HF0842—Wynia  
SF0927—Stumpf

Allows local governments to acquire, construct, improve, alter, extend, operate, maintain, and promote, public malls, plazas or courtyards.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Plastic well casings (see Agriculture)**

**Range Association of Municipalities and Schools — membership**  
Ch. 124 HF0386—Minne  
SF0445—Perpich

Provides that the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools may sue, be sued, intervene and act in a civil action in which the outcome of the action will have an effect upon the interest of any of its members.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Self insurance for local governments (see Insurance)**

**Reimbursement of mistaken levy limits**  
Ch. 016 HF0409—Sherwood  
SF0389—Wegener

Requires counties to reimburse townships for certain errors the county auditor makes in recording the levy of a township.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Shade tree disease control**  
Ch. 257 HF0277—Pleasant  
SF0519—Olson

Relates to shade tree disease control; authorizes grants for municipal shade tree removal and reforestation; other provisions.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Solid waste management**  
Ch. 164 HF0882—Begich  
SF1044—Johnson

Establishes processing procedures for outstanding, unpaid charges for solid waste management.

Effective: Aug. 1

**State auditor**  
Ch. 082 HF0276—D. Carlson  
SF0236—Chmielewski

Provides for the examination of municipal records pursuant to petition; requires the signatures of twenty percent of the number of voters in the last presidential election for a petition to examine municipal records; other provisions.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Tort liability — municipality**  
Ch. 205 HF0198—Faricy  
SF0503—Sikorski

Requires any municipality to insure municipal employees against any liability claims arising out of an alleged act occurring in the performance of his/her official duties.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Town roads — cartways and bridge funds**  
Ch. 083 HF1249—Fjoslien  
SF0478—Chmielewski

Provides for the establishment of certain cartways, and authorizes the expenditure of town road and bridge funds under certain conditions.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Township mutual fire companies — indemnification**  
Ch. 152 HF0325—Brinkman  
SF0706—Schrom

Allows township mutual fire companies to indemnify their officers, agents, employees, against actions relating to their employment.

Effective: day following final enactment

## **L**ocal bills school districts

**Bertha/Hewitt school district — capital loan requirements**  
Ch. 076 HF1214—B. Nelsen  
SF1180—Wegener

Authorizes the Bertha/Hewitt school district to obtain a capital loan from the Equalization Aid Review Committee without the approval of the voters of the district.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Brownnton/Stewart and Kensington/Hoffman pairing school districts**  
Ch. 010 HF0009—Fjoslien  
SF0091—Olhoff

Allows two pairs of school districts Brownnton/Stewart and Kensington/Hoffman to enter into pairing agreements.

Effective: Upon approval of the school boards of both paired districts"

**Cambridge school district — sale of land**  
Ch. 168 HF1023—Clawson  
SF1020—Anderson

Allows the Cambridge school district to sell a parcel of land to Isanti County for construction of a new courthouse.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Golden Valley school district — consolidation**  
Ch. 069 HF1158—Olsen  
SF1110—Lewis

Provides for the consolidation of the Golden Valley school district.

Effective: upon approval of Independent School District No. 275"

**Hennepin County — land transfer to school district 281**  
Ch. 171 HF1144—Heap  
SF1119—Staples

Authorizes the conveyance of state lands in Hennepin County to Independent School District No. 281.

Effective: Aug. 1

**Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (see Local/Metropolitan Government)**

**Schools — selling buildings (see Education)**

**St. Cloud University — liquor sales**  
Ch. 193 HF0130—Pehler  
SF0228—Kleinbaum

Allows a variance in the law relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor within 1500 feet of the St. Cloud State University's administration building; allows two small businesses, which have come under the 1500 foot limitation due to campus expansion, to keep their licenses.

Effective: day following final enactment

## O ccupations — licensing/ regulation

**Architecture, Engineering,  
Land Surveying and Landscape  
Architecture Board**  
Ch. 222 HF1029—Laidig  
SF1052—Johnson

Limits certain rule making powers of the Board and extends the time limit for establishing the rules from April 1 to July 1, 1979.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

**Building movers — regulations**  
Ch. 111 HF0307—Blatz  
SF0779—Schaaf

Allows cities, counties, and the state to require a permit regulating the hours, routing, movement, parking or speed limit for building movers.

**Effective:** Aug. 1

**Constables — licensing  
exemptions**

Ch. 254 HF0107—Lehto  
SF0440—Willet

For subsequent and consecutive terms of office, exempts constables, who hold office prior to July 1, 1979, under certain conditions, from the basic licensing requirements the Board on Peace Officer Licensing and Training sets. Present law exempts them with no conditions.

**Effective:** Aug. 1

**Electricians — licensing**

Ch. 121 HF0219—Brinkman  
SF0270—Schron

Establishes an additional class of licenses for electrical installers; creates a new Class B installer's license allowing the bearer to lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment on center pivot irrigation booms on the load side of the main service on farmsteads, together with such other equipment as the State Board of Electricity may determine.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

**Fence viewers — compensation**

Ch. 089 HF0620—D. Johnson  
SF0444—Bernhagen

Provides for the compensation of fence viewers (those assessing fence-line disputes); provides the person employing the fence viewer pay \$15 per day.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

**Firefighters — grievance  
procedures**

Ch. 183 HF0607—Zubay  
SF1281—Brataas

Allows firefighters a choice of pursuing a grievance through the appropriate civil service procedures under state law or through grievance procedures a collective bargaining agreement establishes.

**Effective:** Aug. 1

**Land surveying**

Ch. 209 HF0357—Patton  
SF0342—Kleinbaum

Expands the Board of Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects from 16 to 17 members and changes the definition of "land surveying" for licensing purposes.

**Effective:** Aug 1; Section 2 expires the first Monday of Jan. 1982

**Peace officers — licensing  
part-time**

Ch. 282 HF0866—Lehto  
SF0996—Willet

Provides for licensing and training of part-time peace officers.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

**Peace officer immunity (see  
Crime/Corrections)**

**Public accountants licensing**

Ch. 326 HF0703—Rice  
SF0776—Davies

Provides for licensing of public accountants; prohibits certain practices.

**Effective:** day following final enactment; except section 7 is effective July 1, 1980

## P ensions/ retirement/ survivor benefits

**Actuarial reporting law**

Ch. 184 HF0748—Patton  
SF0771—Stokowski

Establishes a procedure to extend the period for amortization of unfunded liabilities in the event of changes in actuarial assumptions or increases in annuities and benefits.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

**Eveleth/Chisholm retirement  
fund**

Ch. 0131 HF1052—Begich  
SF1077—Johnson

Increases benefits for members of the Eveleth joint police and firefighter retirement trust fund, and the Chisholm police and firefighters relief associations.

**Effective:** upon approval of the respective governing bodies

**Judges/correctional officers  
retirement**

Ch. 296 HF0907—Reding  
SF0959—Stokowski

Transfers liabilities and assets of the County and Probate Court Judges Survivors Account to the new Judge's Retirement Fund; makes changes in mandatory retirements for correctional officers.

**Effective:** Section 1 is effective May 1, 1979; the remainder is effective on the day following final enactment

**New Hope firefighters —  
pension benefits**

Ch. 097 HF0148—L. Carlson  
SF0269—Humphrey

Amends state law relating to New Hope firefighters disability and survivor benefits; raises the maximum benefit level, retroactive to January 1, 1979.

**Effective:** upon approval of the New Hope City Council

**Pension benefits — Cottage  
Grove firefighters**

Ch. 120 HF0192—M. Sieben  
SF0502—Sikorski

Provides pension coverage for certain firefighters in the City of Cottage Grove; provides eligibility for membership to the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA).

**Effective:** upon approval of the Cottage Grove City Council

**PERA amendments**

Ch. 216 HF0747—Moe  
SF0809—Stokowski

Makes miscellaneous amendments to the public employees retirement law; includes firefighter's compensation; increases survivor benefits; and reinstates disability benefits; increases contributions and benefits of the Moorhead police and firefighters relief association.

**Effective:** Sections 1, 6, 7, 18, 21-26 are effective the day following final enactment; other sections are effective July 1, 1979

**Public safety employees —  
retirement**

Ch. 262 HF0914—Patton  
SF0958—Stokowski

Provides for continued membership in public safety employee pension funds for certain public safety employees who may not have the power of arrest with a warrant.

**Effective:** Aug. 1

**St. Paul teachers retirement**

Ch. 109 HF0863—Moe  
SF0615—Stumpf

Provides an increase for the retired employees based on retirement fund investment earnings; lowers the age for recomputation of disability benefits from 65 to 60 without any reduction for early retirement; augments benefits for teachers who leave service before they are eligible to collect their benefits.

**Effective:** day following final enactment

**TRA employer contributions  
increase**

Ch. 293 HF0746—Patton  
SF0816—Ogdahl

Increases employer contributions to the Teachers Retirement Association and teacher retirement fund associations in cities of the first class; increases the employee contribution rate to the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund; other provisions.

**Effective:** July 1, 1979

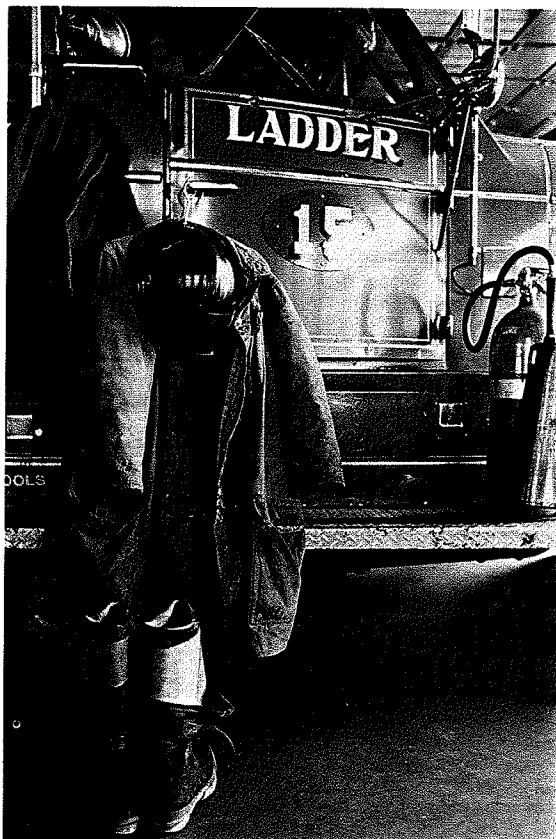
**Teachers Retirement**

**Associations — recodification**

Ch. 217 HF0749—Patton  
SF0811—Stokowski

Codification of a coordinated program for the Minneapolis and St. Paul teacher's retirement fund associations; recodifies the law governing first class city teacher's retirement fund associations.

**Effective:** July 1, 1979



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**Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association**

Ch. 201 HF0928—Reding  
SF0961—Peterson

Provides for a flexible statutory service pension maximum; provides a procedure for the recognition of a funding surplus in the calculation of the financial requirements of a relief association and the minimum obligation of a municipality; other provisions.

Effective: July 1, 1979

**Windom firefighters — annuities**

Ch. 224 HF1062—Mann  
SF1266—Olson

Authorizes the purchase of annuity contracts for retiring Windom firefighters; legalizes proceedings relating to the issuance of certain Heron Lake general obligation bonds and excludes them from net debt computation.

Effective: Section 1 is effective upon approval of the Windom City Council; section 2 is effective the day following final enactment

**Public employees**

**Achievement awards — state employees**

Ch. 192 HF0234—Reding  
SF0219—Nelson

Abolishes achievement awards for commissioners and deputy constitutional officers; modifies salary limitations on employees of certain political subdivisions.

Effective: day following final enactment

**Athletic leaves for university employees (see Government Operations)**

**State employees — certain benefits**

Ch. 332 HF1467—M. Sieben  
SF1519—Coleman

Provides for wage and fringe benefits to employees in the judicial and executive branches of state government; makes changes in public employment labor relations laws; ratifies collective bargaining agreements; creates a legislative commission on labor relations; other provisions.

Effective: Article II is effective July 1, 1979; other sections are effective Aug. 1

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## Where to get information

### Office of the Chief Clerk

(Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk)

The full membership of the House elects the Chief Clerk. He is the administrative officer and unofficial parliamentarian and is responsible for the functions of several departments within the Chief Clerk's Office.

### Front Office

One of these departments is the front desk, in the office, right next to the chamber on the second floor of the Capitol Building.

Here, people pick up the daily and weekly schedules of House committee meetings. They can get answers to their questions about proceedings in the House and other general information from employees staffing the front desk.

Copies of General Orders, the calendar for the day's House action, bills, resolutions and the *'Journal of the House'*, the official daily record of legislative action, are available.

**Room 211 (612) 296-2314**

### Index Department

A computerized index follows each bill, recording its status as it makes its way through the Legislature.

The Index Department staff also assists the public, giving people proper file numbers of bills they're interested in, authors names, committee assignments of the various bills, etc., and helping them to use the CRT (Cathode Ray Tube). This is a television-screen-like device people can use to "call up" and view index information. For example:

—Authors lists: lists, by individual representatives' names, all bills members have sponsored in the current session.

—Topical lists: all bills under a given topic, i.e., environment, taxes, education, etc. (175 topics).

—Committee lists: listing of bills in each committee.

—Statute information: list by statute number of all bills affecting a particular statute(s).

**Room 211 (612) 296-6646**

### Legislative Information Office

This office supplies the public with:

#### Session Publications: *Weekly Wrap-up*

— lists committee meetings, agendas for upcoming week, bill introductions, bills the governor has signed; summarizes committee meetings, House action. *Session* — magazine on the legislative process and people participating in the process.

**Interim publications:** *Interim* magazine; follows interim activity in the House; reviews committee activity and special studies. *This Week in the Minnesota House* — lists interim committee meeting agendas; summarizes meetings.

**Directories:** Membership Directory — lists House and Senate members and committees. Official Directory — lists members, committees, offices, employees, rules for the House and Senate. Telephone Directory — lists members and staff.

**Informational Brochures:** How a Bill Becomes a Law, *Today in the Minnesota House* (daily committee meeting agendas during the session), *Road to Minnesota Laws* (cartoon version of how a bill becomes law, for the younger set), *Joey's Visit* (coloring book for the very young), *Citizen's Participation Quiz* (includes legislative district maps), *Three Branches of Government* (wall chart showing the structure of state government).

**General Information:** Office staff

answers questions such as: Who is my representative? What district do I live in? and directs people to other information sources.

**Special Projects:** Public information display in the State Departments Building on the State Fairgrounds; Essay Contest for junior high students on "There Ought to be a Law" Media Day for the press.

**Room 8 (612) 296-2146**

### Office of Educational Services

On request from a representative, or a group leader, this office will schedule and arrange visits and seminars which highlight the work of the House and its members.

The office takes reservations for school groups (including teachers and post-secondary students) for clubs, special interest groups, out-of-state visitors and foreign guests.

For further information about this office and its services, call (612) 296-8081.

### In the Senate

Secretary of the Senate's Office and Senate Index, on second floor of the Capitol, provide the same services as the Front Office/Chief Clerk's Office and the Index Department in the House.

**Room 231 (612) 296-2887**

Senate Public Information Office, Room B-29 in the Capitol basement, provides similar services in the Senate as the House Information Office does in the House.

**(612) 296-0504**

### Committee Information

Both the House and Senate provide 24-hour telephone lines for committee meeting schedules (time, place and agenda).

**Senate line: 296-8088**

**House line: 296-9283**