

CHAPTER 768—S. F. No. 744

An act relating to the issuance of a check without sufficient funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 620.41.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 620.41, is amended to read:

620.41 Issuance of check for labor without sufficient funds. Every person, firm, or corporation who shall issue any check, draft, or order upon a bank or other depository for the payment of money in payment of wages to any laborer or employee without having sufficient funds in, or credit in, such bank or other depository for the payment of such check, draft, or order in full upon its presentation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. *Every person, firm, or corporation who shall issue any check, draft, or order upon a bank or other depository for the payment of money for any purpose other than in payment of wages to any laborer or employee without having sufficient funds in, or credit in, such bank or other depository for the payment of such check, draft or order in full upon its presentation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, unless within ten days after the issuer shall have received written notice of dishonor, he shall deposit with the bank or other depository, or pay or tender to the party in possession of such check, draft, or order sufficient money to constitute payment in full.*

The provisions of this act shall not apply to a check, draft, or order dated subsequent to the date of issue.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 769—S. F. No. 766

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An act relating to research studies conducted by the state board of health and other agencies, and providing for the confidential character of such studies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. [144.053] **Research studies confidential.**

[Subdivision 1.] All information, records of interviews, written reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other data procured by the state board of health, in connection with studies

conducted by the state board of health, or carried on by the said board jointly with other persons, agencies or organizations, or procured by such other persons, agencies or organizations, for the purpose of reducing the morbidity or mortality from any cause or condition of health shall be confidential and shall be used solely for the purposes of medical or scientific research.

[Subd. 2.] Such information, records, reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other data shall not be admissible as evidence in any action of any kind in any court or before any other tribunal, board, agency or person. Such information, records, reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other data shall not be exhibited nor their contents disclosed in any way in whole or in part, by any officer or representative of the state board of health, nor by any other person, except as may be necessary for the purpose of furthering the research project to which they relate. No person participating in such research project shall disclose, in any manner, the information so obtained except in strict conformity with such research project. No officer or employee of said board shall interview any patient named in any such report, nor a relative of any such patient, unless the consent of the attending physician and surgeon is first obtained.

[Subd. 3.] The furnishing of such information to the state board of health or its authorized representative, or to any other cooperating agency in such research project, shall not subject any person, hospital, sanitarium, rest home, nursing home or other person or agency furnishing such information, to any action for damages or other relief.

[Subd. 4.] Any disclosure other than is provided for in this act, is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and punishable as such.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 770—S. F. No. 858

An act relating to court reporters; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 486.01.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 486.01, is amended to read:

486.01 **Appointment, duties, bond.** Each judge, by duplicate orders filed with the clerk and county auditor of the several counties of his district, may appoint a competent