

Upon request, the court may, in its discretion, stay further proceedings for not more than 60 days pending further efforts of the department to obtain voluntary compliance.

Sec. 7. [363.117] WITHDRAWAL FROM A LOCAL COMMISSION.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or ordinance to the contrary, a person who has filed a charge with a local commission may bring a civil action as provided in section 363.14 at the following times:

(a) Within 45 days after the local commission has determined that there is no probable cause to credit the allegations contained in the charge; or

(b) After 45 days from the filing of the charge if a hearing has not been held or if the local commission has not entered into a conciliation agreement to which the charging party is a signator. The charging party shall notify the local commission of his intention to bring a civil action, which shall be commenced within 90 days of giving the notice.

A charging party bringing a civil action shall mail by registered or certified mail a copy of the summons and complaint to the local commission and upon their receipt the local commission shall terminate all proceedings before the local commission relating to the charge. No charge shall be filed or reinstated with the local commission after a civil action relating to the same unfair discriminatory practice has been brought unless the civil action has been dismissed without prejudice.

Sec. 8. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 363.04, Subdivision 3, is repealed.

Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 29, 1981

CHAPTER 331 — S.F.No. 1212

An act relating to municipalities; discontinuance of unprofitable municipal liquor stores; restricting expenditure of public funds for liquor store operation; publication of operating statement and balance sheet; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 340.353, by adding a subdivision; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 426 and 471.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 340.353, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. REFERENDUM IN CERTAIN CITIES. In any city in which the report of the operations of a municipal liquor store has shown a net loss in any two of three consecutive years, or has shown that no contribution to other municipal funds has been made from the net income of the operation in any two of three consecutive years, the city council shall, not more than 45 days prior to the end of the fiscal year following the three-year period, hold a public hearing on the question of whether the city shall continue to operate a municipal liquor store. Two weeks notice, written in clear and easily understandable language, of the hearing shall be printed in the city's official newspaper. Following the hearing the city council may on its own motion or shall upon petition of five percent or more of the registered voters of the city, submit to the voters at a general or special municipal election the question of whether the city shall continue or discontinue municipal liquor store operations by a date which the city council shall designate. The date designated by the city council shall not be more than 30 months following the date of the election.

Sec. 2. [426.20] APPROPRIATIONS TO MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE PROHIBITED.

No city owning and operating a municipal liquor store shall appropriate any funds to, or authorize the expenditure of any funds under its control for, the operation of the municipal liquor store unless the city council has first held a public hearing on the proposed transfer. Exceptions to the provisions of this section shall include funds for capital improvements, bonding costs and construction and repairs which can be amortized and paid from funds generated by the operation of the liquor store.

Sec. 3. [471.6985] FINANCIAL STATEMENT PUBLICATION; MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE.

Any city operating a municipal liquor store shall publish a balance sheet using generally accepted accounting procedures and a statement of operations of the liquor store within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year in the official newspaper of the city. The statement shall be headlined, in a type size no smaller than 18 point: "Analysis of(city)..... municipal liquor store operations for(year)...." and shall be written in clear and easily understandable language. It shall contain the following information: total sales, cost of sales, gross profit, profit as percent of sales, operating expenses, operating income, contributions to and from other funds, capital outlay, interest paid and debt retired. The form and style of the statement shall be prescribed by the state auditor. Non-operating expenses may not be extracted on the reporting form prior to determination of net profits for reporting purposes only. Administra-

tive expenses charged to the liquor store by the city must be actual operating expenses and not used for any other public purpose prior to the determination of net profits. The publication requirements of this section shall be in addition to any publication or posting requirements for financial reports contained in sections 471.697 and 471.698.

Approved May 29, 1981

CHAPTER 332 — S.F.No. 1265

An act relating to the Ramsey-Washington Metro watershed district; permitting deferral of special assessments in certain cases of hardship.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **RAMSEY-WASHINGTON METRO WATERSHED DISTRICT.**

The Ramsey-Washington Metro watershed district board of managers may defer assessments against homestead property for the Battle Creek restoration project for persons 65 years or older or handicapped persons for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. The deferrals shall be administered in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 435.193 to 435.195.

Sec. 2. **LOCAL APPROVAL; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, Subdivision 3, by the board of managers of the Ramsey-Washington Metro watershed district.

Approved May 29, 1981

CHAPTER 333 — H.F.No. 79

An act relating to commerce; providing for the regulation and licensing of precious metal dealers; establishing identification procedures and recording requirements; prohibiting certain transactions; providing for criminal and civil penalties; providing remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 609.53, Subdivision 4, and by adding subdivisions; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 325F.

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