CHAPTER 328 — H.F.No. 674

An act relating to commerce; providing for a program of continuing education; authorizing a continuing insurance education advisory task force; authorizing the commissioner of insurance to promulgate rules to implement the program; requiring certain disclosures on credit insurance policies and application; providing license and renewal fees for agents; increasing fees for insurance companies; regulating self-insurance plans and pools; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 60A.02, subdivision 7; 60A.03, subdivision 5; 60A.17, subdivision 1 and by adding a subdivision; 60A.14, subdivision 1; 60A.198, subdivision 3; 60A.23, subdivision 8; 82.22, subdivision 13; 471.982, subdivision 2; and proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 60A.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.02, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- Subd. 7. INSURANCE AGENT. An "insurance agent" is a person acting under express authority from, and an appointment pursuant to section 60A.17 by, an insurer and on its behalf to solicit insurance, or to appoint other agents to solicit insurance, or to write and countersign policies of insurance, or to collect premiums therefor within this state, or to exercise any or all these powers when so authorized by the insurer. The term "person" includes a natural person, a partnership, or a corporation.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- Subd. 5. EXAMINATION FEES AND EXPENSES. When any visitation, examination, or appraisal is made by order of the commissioner, an assistant, an actuary other than a consulting actuary appointed under subdivision 3, clause (3), an audit director, a supervisor of analysts, or a certified public accountant retained by the insurance division, the company being examined, visited or appraised, including fraternals, township mutuals and reciprocal exchanges, shall pay to the division of insurance \$130 for each day necessarily spent by that person in such activities. When the visitation, examination or appraisal is made by the principal auditor, senior auditor or rate analyst regularly employed in the division of insurance, the company being examined, visited or appraised, including fraternals, township mutuals, and reciprocal exchanges, shall pay to the division \$80 for each day necessarily occupied by that person in such activities. When the visitation, examination, or appraisal is made, or engaged in, by any other person regularly employed in the division of insurance, the company being examined, visited or appraised, including fraternals, township mutuals and reciprocal exchanges, shall pay to the division of insurance the sum of \$65 for each day necessarily spent by that person in such activities. In addition to the fees specified in this section, the company being examined, visited or appraised shall also pay to the division of insurance the necessary expenses of the persons

engaged in the examination, visit or appraisal the company being examined, visited, or appraised, including fraternals, township mutuals, reciprocal exchanges, nonprofit service plan corporations, health maintenance organizations, vendors of risk management services licensed under section 60A.23, or self-insurance plans or pools established under section 176.181 or 471.982, shall pay to the insurance division the necessary expenses of the persons engaged in the examination, visit, or appraisal plus the per diem salary fees of the employees of the division of insurance who are conducting or participating in the examination, visitation, or appraisal. The per diem salary fees may be based upon the approved examination fee schedules of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or otherwise determined by the commissioner. All of these fees and expenses shall must be paid into the general insurance division revolving fund. The necessary expenses of the persons engaged in the examination, visit or appraisal shall be paid by the commissioner of finance at rates prescribed for state employees.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. FEES OTHER THAN EXAMINATION FEES. In addition to the fees and charges provided for examinations, the following fees shall must be paid to the commissioner for deposit in the general fund:

- (a) by township mutual fire insurance companies:
- (1) for filing certificate of incorporation \$25 and amendments thereto, \$10;
- (2) for filing annual statements, \$15;
- (3) for each annual certificate of authority, \$15;
- (4) for filing bylaws \$25 and amendments thereto, \$10.
- (b) by other domestic and foreign companies including fraternals and reciprocal exchanges:
 - (1) for filing certified copy of certificate of articles of incorporation, \$50;
 - (2) for filing annual statement, \$30;
- (3) for filing certified copy of amendment to certificate or articles of incorporation, \$50;
 - (4) for filing bylaws, \$25 or amendments thereto, \$10;
 - (5) for each company's certificate of authority, \$30 \$40, annually.
 - (c) the following general fees apply:
- (1) for each certificate, including certified copy of certificate of authority, renewal, valuation of life policies, corporate condition or qualification, \$5;

- (2) for each copy of paper on file in the commissioner's office 50 cents per page, and \$2.50 for certifying the same;
- (3) for license to procure insurance in unadmitted foreign companies, \$10 \$40;
- (4) for receiving and forwarding each notice, proof of loss, summons, complaint or other process served upon the commissioner of insurance, as attorney for service of process upon any non-resident agent or insurance company, including reciprocal exchanges, \$5 \$15, which amount shall must be paid by the party serving the same notice and may be taxed as other costs in the action;
- (5) for valuing the policies of life insurance companies, one cent per one thousand dollars of insurance so valued. The commissioner may, in lieu of a valuation of the policies of any foreign life insurance company admitted, or applying for admission, to do business in this state, accept a certificate of valuation from the company's own actuary or from the commissioner of insurance of the state or territory in which the company is domiciled;
- (6) for receiving and filing certificates of policies by the company's actuary, or by the commissioner of insurance of any other state or territory, \$50;
- (7) for issuing a <u>an initial</u> license to <u>an individual agent</u>, \$15 \$20, for <u>issuing an initial agent's license to a partnership or corporation</u>, \$50, and for issuing an amended or duplicate license, \$3 \$25;
- (8) for an application, examination, or re-examination for one class of license, \$15 and an additional \$15 for an application, examination, or re-examination for the second class of license;
- (9) for each appointment of an agent filed with the commissioner, a domestic insurer shall remit \$5 annually and all other insurers shall remit \$3 annually;
- (10) for renewing an individual agent's license, \$20, and for renewing a license issued to a corporation or partnership, \$50;
 - (11) for issuing and renewing a surplus lines agent's license, \$500.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. LICENSE. (a) REQUIREMENT. No person shall act or assume to act as an insurance agent in the solicitation or procurement of applications for insurance, nor in the sale of insurance or policies of insurance, nor in any manner aid as an insurance agent in the negotiation of insurance by or with an insurer, including resident agents or reciprocal or interinsurance exchanges and fraternal beneficiary associations, until that person shall obtain obtains from the commissioner a license therefor. The license shall must specifically set forth the name of the person so authorized to act as agent and the

class or classes of insurance for which that person is authorized to solicit or countersign policies. An insurance agent may qualify for a license in the following classes: (1) life and health; and (2) property and casualty.

No insurer shall appoint or reappoint any natural person, partnership, or corporation to act as an insurance agent on its behalf until that natural person, partnership, or corporation obtains a license as an insurance agent.

(b) PARTNERSHIPS AND CORPORATIONS. A license issued to a partnership or corporation shall must be solely in the name of the entity to which it is issued; provided, that each partner, director, officer, stockholder, or employee of the licensed entity who is personally engaged in the solicitation or negotiation of a policy of insurance on behalf of the licensed entity shall be personally licensed as an insurance agent.

Upon request by the commissioner, each partnership and corporation licensed as an insurance agent shall provide the commissioner with a list of the names of each partner, director, officer, stockholder, and employee who is required to hold a valid insurance agent's license.

- (c) TRANSITION. (1) Any agent who is qualified for life or accident and health as of June 1, 1981 shall be deemed to have is qualified for a life and health license under Laws 1981, chapter 307 and been is appointed by an insurer which has submitted a written requisition for a license for that agent as of June 1, 1981.
- (2) Any agent who is qualified for one or more lines of insurance, excluding life or accident and health and farm property liability as of June 1, 1981 shall be deemed to have is qualified for a property and casualty license under Laws 1981, chapter 307 and been is appointed by any insurer which has submitted a written requisition for a license for that agent as of June 1, 1981.
- Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.17, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- Subd. 1d. RENEWAL FEE. Each agent licensed pursuant to this section shall annually pay in accordance with the procedure adopted by the commissioner a renewal fee as prescribed by section 60A.14, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (10).
 - Sec. 6. [60A.1701] CONTINUING INSURANCE EDUCATION.
- <u>Subdivision 1.</u> **DEFINITION.** For the purposes of this section, "course" means a course, program of instruction, or seminar of continuing insurance education.
- Subd. 2. APPLICABILITY. This section applies to all natural persons licensed by this state to sell classes of insurance for which licensing examinations are required.
 - Subd. 3. EXEMPTIONS. This section does not apply to:

- (a) persons soliciting or selling solely on behalf of companies organized and operating according to chapter 67A; or
- (b) persons holding life and health, or property and casualty licenses who, by February 28 of each year, certify to the commissioner in writing that they will sell only credit life, credit health, and credit property insurance, during that year and do in fact so limit their sale of insurance.
- Subd. 4. CONTINUING INSURANCE EDUCATION ADVISORY TASK FORCE. The commissioner of insurance may appoint a continuing insurance education advisory task force consisting of 13 members. All members must be residents of Minnesota. Three members must neither be employed by an insurance company nor licensed as an insurance agent. These three members are not eligible to be chairperson and are compensated according to section 15.059, subdivision 6. Each of the other ten members must be actively engaged in some activity in the insurance industry in this state and have a principal office located in this state. These ten members serve without compensation, but are paid reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the same amount and in the same manner as state employees. Three of these ten members must be employed in capacities other than as licensed agents by insurance companies authorized to do business in this state. The remaining seven members must be licensed insurance agents actively engaged in the solicitation and sale of insurance and currently subject to continuing education requirements. Membership on the advisory task force must represent, to the extent possible, the various phases of the insurance industry and especially the several classes of insurance.

The commissioner shall appoint the members of the task force. Before making appointments to the advisory task force, the commissioner shall solicit nominations from the several professional organizations representing persons selling insurance in this state and from the organizations representing companies authorized to do business in this state.

- Subd. 5. POWERS OF THE ADVISORY TASK FORCE. (a) Applications for accreditation of each course must be submitted to the commissioner on forms prescribed by the commissioner and must be accompanied by a fee of not more than \$10 payable to the state of Minnesota for deposit in the general fund. If the advisory task force is created, it shall make recommendations to the commissioner regarding the accreditation of courses sponsored by institutions, both public and private, which satisfy the criteria established by this section, the number of credit hours to be assigned to the courses, and rules which may be promulgated by the commissioner. The advisory task force shall seek out and encourage the presentation of courses.
- (b) If the advisory task force is created, it shall make recommendations and provide subsequent evaluations to the commissioner regarding procedures for reporting compliance with the minimum education requirement.

- <u>Subd.</u> <u>6.</u> POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER. (a) <u>The commission-er shall make the final determination as to accreditation and assignment of credit hours for courses.</u>
- (b) The commissioner shall adopt procedures for reporting compliance with the minimum education requirement. These procedures are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14.
- (c) The commissioner shall promulgate rules according to chapter 14 to carry out the purposes of this section.
- Subd. 7. CRITERIA FOR COURSE ACCREDITATION. (a) The commissioner may accredit a course only to the extent it is designed to impart substantive and procedural knowledge of the insurance field. The burden of demonstrating that the course satisfies this requirement is on the individual or organization seeking accreditation. The commissioner shall approve any educational program approved by Minnesota Continuing Legal Education relating to the insurance field.
 - (b) The commissioner may not accredit a course:
 - (1) that is designed to prepare students for a license examination;
- (2) in mechanical office or business skills, including typing, speedreading, use of calculators, or other machines or equipment;
- (3) in sales promotion, including meetings held in conjunction with the general business of the licensed agent; or
 - (4) in motivation, salesmanship, psychology, or time management.
- Subject to this section shall complete annually a minimum of 20 credit hours of courses accredited by the commissioner. Any person teaching or lecturing at an accredited course qualifies for 1-1/2 times the number of credit hours that would be granted to a person completing the accredited course. Credit hours over 20 earned in any one year may be carried forward for the following two years. The commissioner may recognize accredited courses completed in 1983, 1984, or 1985 for the minimum education requirement for 1985.
- Subd. 9. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS. (a) The commissioner may grant a waiver or an extension of time up to 90 days to complete the minimum education requirement to an individual upon a showing of good cause. It is the licensed person's responsibility to request a waiver or extension on a form prescribed by the commissioner. As of the day the licensed person properly files a request for a waiver or extension, the license remains in effect until the commissioner may approve a waiver or extension subject to any reasonable conditions. The person's license remains in effect during the compliance period

determined by the commissioner. If the licensed person fails to comply with any reasonable conditions imposed by the commissioner, the commissioner shall terminate the license. If the request for a waiver or extension is denied by the commissioner, the licensed person shall have 30 days within which to satisfy the minimum education requirement involved in the request for a waiver or extension. If the minimum education requirement is not satisfied within the compliance period, the commissioner shall terminate the person's license.

- (b) Upon application on a form prescribed by the commissioner, the commissioner may grant a waiver of the minimum education requirement to a group or class of licensed persons upon a showing of good cause.
- Subd. 10. REPORTING. (a) After completing the minimum education requirement, each person subject to this section shall file or cause to be filed a compliance report annually in accordance with the procedures adopted by the commissioner.
- (b) Each compliance report must be accompanied by an annual continuing education fee of \$5 payable to the state of Minnesota for deposit in the general fund.
- (c) An institution offering an accredited course shall comply with the procedure for reporting compliance adopted by the commissioner.
- (d) If a person subject to this section completes a nonaccredited course, he may submit a written report to the advisory committee accompanied by a fee of not more than \$10 payable to the state of Minnesota for deposit in the general fund. This report must be accompanied by proof satisfactory to the commissioner that the person has completed the minimum education requirement for the annual period during which the nonaccredited course was completed. Upon the recommendation of the advisory committee that the course satisfies the criteria for course accreditation, the commissioner may approve the nonaccredited course and shall so inform the person. If the nonaccredited course is approved by the commissioner, it may be used to satisfy the minimum education requirement for the person's next annual compliance period.
- Subd. 11. ENFORCEMENT. If a person subject to this section fails to complete the minimum education or reporting requirement or to pay the prescribed fees for any annual period, no license may be renewed or continued in force for that person for any class of insurance until the person has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the commissioner that all requirements of this section have been complied with or that a waiver or extension has been obtained.

If a person subject to this section fails to file a compliance request or a request for a waiver or extension with the commissioner within 30 days of the date on which the person is required to report, the commissioner may issue an order summarily suspending that person's license. The order is effective upon service on the person by first class mail at his last known address on file with the

- commissioner. A person whose license has been summarily suspended under this subdivision may, within 15 days of the date of the order, request a hearing to be conducted according to the provisions of chapter 14. The hearing must be held within 15 days of the commissioner's receipt of the request, but the person may agree to an extension. The summary suspension remains in effect pending the outcome of the hearing.
- Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.198, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING LICENSE. A person licensed as a resident agent in this state pursuant to other law may obtain a surplus lines license by doing the following:
- (a) Filing an application in the form and with the information the commissioner may reasonably require to determine the ability of the applicant to act in accordance with sections 60A.195 to 60A.209;
 - (b) Maintaining a resident agent license in this state;
- (c) Delivering to the commissioner a financial guarantee bond from a surety acceptable to the commissioner for the greater of the following:
 - (1) \$5,000; or
- (2) The largest semiannual surplus lines premium tax liability incurred by him in the immediately preceding five years; and
- (d) Agreeing to file with the commissioner no later than February 15 and August 15 annually, a sworn statement of the charges for insurance procured or placed and the amounts returned on the insurance canceled under the license for the preceding six month period ending December 31 and June 30 respectively, and at the time of the filing of this statement, paying the commissioner a tax on premiums equal to three percent of the total written premiums less cancellations; and
- (e) annually paying a fee as prescribed by section 60A.14, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (11).
- Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.23, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- Subd. 8. SELF INSURANCE PLAN ADMINISTRATORS; VENDORS OF RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES. (1) SCOPE. This subdivision applies to any vendor of risk management services and to any entity which administers, for compensation, a self insurance plan. This subdivision shall not apply (a) to an insurance company authorized to transact insurance in this state, as defined by section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clauses (4) and (5); (b) to a service plan corporation, as defined by section 62C.02, subdivision 6; (c) to a health maintenance organization, as defined by section 62D.02, subdivision 4; (d) to an

employer directly operating a self insurance plan for its employees' benefits of (e) to a nonprofit insurance trust administered and operated for the benefit of employer participants and established prior to January 1, 1979.

- (2) **DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this subdivision the following terms have the meanings given them.
- (a) "Administering a self insurance plan" means (i) processing, reviewing or paying claims, (ii) establishing or operating funds and accounts, or (iii) otherwise providing necessary administrative services in connection with the operation of a self insurance plan.
- (b) "Employer" means an employer, as defined by section 62E.02, subdivision 2.
- (c) "Entity" means any association, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, trust, or other business entity engaged in or transacting business in this state.
- (d) "Self insurance plan" means a plan providing life, medical or hospital care, accident, sickness or disability insurance, as an employee fringe benefit, or a plan providing liability coverage for any other risk or hazard, which is not directly insured or provided by a licensed insurer, service plan corporation, or health maintenance organization.
- (e) "Vendor of risk management services" means an entity providing for compensation actuarial, financial management, accounting, legal or other services for the purpose of designing and establishing a self insurance plan for an employer.
- (3) LICENSE. No vendor of risk management services or entity administering a self insurance plan may transact such this business in this state unless it is licensed to do so by the commissioner. An applicant for a license shall state in writing the type of activities it seeks authorization to engage in and the type of services it seeks authorization to provide. The license shall be granted only when the commissioner is satisfied that the entity possesses the necessary organization, background, expertise, and financial integrity to supply the services sought to be offered. The commissioner may issue a license subject to restrictions or limitations upon the authorization, including the type of services which may be supplied or the activities which may be engaged in. The license fee shall be \$100. All licenses are for a period of two years.
- (4) REGULATORY RESTRICTIONS; POWERS OF THE COMMIS-SIONER. To assure that self insurance plans are financially solvent, are administered in a fair and equitable fashion, and are processing claims and paying benefits in a prompt, fair, and honest manner, vendors of risk management services and entities administering self insurance plans are subject to the supervision and examination by the commissioner. Vendors of risk management

services, entities administering self insurance plans, and self insurance plans established or operated by them are subject to the trade practice requirements of sections 72A.19 to 72A.30.

- (5) RULE MAKING AUTHORITY. To carry out the purposes of this subdivision, the commissioner may promulgate administrative rules, including emergency rules, pursuant to sections 14.01 to 14.70. These rules may:
- (a) Establish reporting requirements for administrators of self insurance plans;
- (b) Establish standards and guidelines to assure the adequacy of financing, reinsuring, and administration of self insurance plans;
- (c) Establish bonding requirements or other provisions assuring the financial integrity of entities administering self insurance plans; or
- (d) Establish other reasonable requirements to further the purposes of this subdivision.
- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 82.22, subdivision 13, is amended to read:
- Subd. 13. CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) After July 1, 1978, all real estate salespersons not subject to or who have completed the educational requirements contained in subdivision 6 and all real estate brokers shall be required to successfully complete 45 hours of real estate education, either as a student or a lecturer, in courses of study approved by the commissioner, within three years after their annual renewal date.
- (b) For the purposes of administration, the commissioner shall classify by lot, the real estate brokers and salespersons subject to (a) above, in three classifications of substantially equal size. The first class shall complete 15 hours of approved real estate study between July 1, 1978 and June 30, 1979 inclusive. The second class shall complete 30 hours of approved real estate study between the dates of July 1, 1978 and June 30, 1980 inclusive. The third class shall complete 45 hours of approved real estate study between the dates of July 1, 1978 and June 30, 1981. After the first period, each class shall complete the prescribed educational requirements during successive three year periods.
- (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules defining the standards for course and instructor approval, and may adopt rules for the proper administration of this subdivision.
- (d) Any program approved by Minnesota Continuing Legal Education shall be approved by the commissioner of securities and real estate for continuing education for real estate brokers if the program or any part thereof relates to real estate.

- Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 471.982, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2: The commissioner of insurance is authorized to promulgate administrative rules, including emergency rules pursuant to sections 14.01 to 14.70. These rules may provide standards or guidelines governing the formation, operation, administration, dissolution of self insurance pools, and other reasonable requirements to further the purpose of this section and shall at a minimum require the following:
- (a) All participants in the pool are jointly and severally liable for all claims and expenses of the pool;
- (b) Each pool shall contract with a service company licensed by the commissioner to provide or contract for all administrative services required by the pool. No vendor of risk management services or entity administering a self insurance plan under this section may transact such business in this state unless it is licensed to do so by the commissioner. An applicant for a license shall state in writing the type of activities it seeks authorization to engage in and the type of services it seeks authorization to provide. The license shall be granted only when the commissioner is satisfied that the entity possesses the necessary organization, background, expertise, and financial integrity to supply the services sought to be offered. The commissioner may issue a license subject to restrictions or limitations upon the authorization, including the type of services which may be supplied or the activities which may be engaged in. The license fee shall be \$100. All licenses shall be for a period of two years pursuant to section 60A.23, subdivision 8;
- (c) The service company has sole responsibility for the settlement of all claims against the pool or its members for which the pool may provide indemnification;
- (d) A minimum premium volume for each pool shall be established. The minimum premium volume may differ because of the kinds of coverage provided, and the limits of liability for the coverage;
- (e) All premiums or other assessments due to the pool from members shall be payable prior to the period for which coverage is being provided, or at equal intervals throughout the period;
- (f) Premiums shall either be established by an actuary approved by the commissioner or shall be premiums filed by a licensed rate service organization with reductions permitted solely for administrative or premium tax savings;
- (g) The commissioner may require each pool to purchase excess insurance above certain limits and in a particular form. The limits or form of the excess insurance may differ based on the kinds of coverage offered by a pool, the limits of liability of the coverage, and the revenues available to pool members for the payment of premiums or assessments;

- (h) Each pool shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant;
- (i) Limitations on the payment of dividends to pool members may be established as necessary to assure the solvency of the pool;
- (j) No participant may withdraw from a pool for a period of at least three years after its initial entry into the pool;
- (k) The amount of any liabilities in excess of assets shall be assessed to members of the pool within 30 days after a deficiency is identified and shall be payable by the member within 90 days;
- (1) The investment policies of the pool shall be governed by the laws governing investments by cities pursuant to section 475.66;
- (m) Pools shall be subject to the standards of unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices established in chapter 72A;
- (n) Other requirements that are necessary to protect the solvency of the pool, the rights and privileges of claimants against the pool, and citizens of the members of the pool shall be included in the rules.

Sec. 11. APPROPRIATIONS: COMPLEMENT INCREASE.

There is appropriated from the general fund to the department of commerce for its insurance division the sum of \$30,000 for fiscal year 1984 and \$30,000 for fiscal year 1985.

The approved complement of the insurance division of the department of commerce is increased by one.

Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATES.

Sections 1; 2; 6, subdivisions 1 to 7; 7; 8; and 10; are effective the day following final enactment. Sections 3 and 5, are effective July 1, 1983. Section 6, subdivisions 8 and 9, are effective January 1, 1985. Sections 4 and 6, subdivisions 10 and 11, are effective January 1, 1986.

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CHAPTER 329 — H.F.No. 722

An act relating to cable communications; authorizing cable communications companies to use public roads for certain purposes; defining terms; requiring access by cable communications companies; providing residences with freedom of choice of cable communications services; imposing conditions of access; limiting certain actions of property owners; allowing appeal; specifying the measure of damages under a subsequent condemnation; specifying certain prohibitions; authorizing cable communications companies to use existing utility easements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 222.37, subdivision 1; and 238.02, subdivision 1; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 238.