<u>Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to all veterans who are on a waiting list for employment on the effective date of section 1 and veterans who have taken an examination after the effective date of section 1.</u>

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## CHAPTER 469 - S.F.No. 1469

An act relating to workers' compensation; providing coverage for certain employees of the University of Minnesota and for ambulance drivers and attendants; amending Minnesota Statutes 1983 Supplement, section 176.011, subdivision 9.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1983 Supplement, section 176.011, subdivision 9, is amended to read:
- Subd. 9. **EMPLOYEE.** "Employee" means any person who performs services for another for hire including the following:
  - (1) an alien:
  - (2) a minor;
- (3) a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, policeman, firefighter, county highway engineer, and peace officer while engaged in the enforcement of peace or in the pursuit or capture of any person charged with or suspected of crime and any person requested or commanded to aid an officer in arresting any person, or in retaking any person who has escaped from lawful custody, or in executing any legal process in which case, for purposes of calculating compensation payable under this chapter, the daily wage of the person requested or commanded to assist an officer or to execute a legal process shall be the prevailing wage for similar services where the services are performed by paid employees;
  - (4) a county assessor;
- (5) an elected or appointed official of the state, or of any county, city, town, school district or governmental subdivision in it. An officer of a political subdivision elected or appointed for a regular term of office, or to complete the unexpired portion of a regular term, shall be included only after the governing body of the political subdivision has adopted an ordinance or resolution to that effect;

- (6) an executive officer of a corporation, except an officer of a family farm corporation as defined in section 500.24, subdivision 1, clause (c), or an executive officer of a closely held corporation who is referred to in section 176.012;
- (7) a voluntary uncompensated worker, other than an inmate, rendering services in state institutions under the commissioner of public welfare and state institutions under the commissioner of corrections similar to those of officers and employees of these institutions, and whose services have been accepted or contracted for by the commissioner of public welfare or the commissioner of corrections as authorized by law, shall be employees. In the event of injury or death of the voluntary uncompensated worker, the daily wage of the worker, for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under this chapter, shall be the usual going wage paid at the time of the injury or death for similar services in institutions where the services are performed by paid employees;
- (8) a voluntary uncompensated worker engaged in peace time in the civil defense program when ordered to training or other duty by the state or any political subdivision of it, shall be an employee. The daily wage of the worker for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under this chapter, shall be the usual going wage paid at the time of the injury or death for similar services where the services are performed by paid employees;
- (9) a voluntary uncompensated worker participating in a program established by a county welfare board shall be an employee. In the event of injury or death of the voluntary uncompensated worker, the wage of the worker, for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under this chapter, shall be the usual going wage paid in the county at the time of the injury or death for similar services where the services are performed by paid employees working a normal day and week;
- (10) a voluntary uncompensated worker accepted by the commissioner of natural resources who is rendering services as a volunteer pursuant to section 84.089 shall be an employee. The daily wage of the worker for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under this chapter, shall be the usual going wage paid at the time of injury or death for similar services where the services are performed by paid employees;
- (11) a member of the military forces, as defined in section 190.05, while in state active service, as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5a. The daily wage of the member for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under this chapter shall be based on the member's usual earnings in civil life. If there is no evidence of previous occupation or earning, the trier of fact shall consider the member's earnings as a member of the military forces;
- (12) a voluntary uncompensated worker, accepted by the director of the Minnesota historical society, rendering services as a volunteer, pursuant to chapter 138, shall be an employee. The daily wage of the worker, for the

purposes of calculating compensation payable under this chapter, shall be the usual going wage paid at the time of injury or death for similar services where the services are performed by paid employees;

- (13) a voluntary uncompensated worker, other than a student, who renders services at the Minnesota School for the Deaf or the Minnesota Braille and Sight-Saving School, and whose services have been accepted or contracted for by the state board of education, as authorized by law, shall be an employee. In the event of injury or death of the voluntary uncompensated worker, the daily wage of the worker, for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under this chapter, shall be the usual going wage paid at the time of the injury or death for similar services in institutions where the services are performed by paid employees;
- (14) a voluntary uncompensated worker, other than a resident of the veterans home, who renders services at a Minnesota veterans home, and whose services have been accepted or contracted for by the commissioner of veterans affairs, as authorized by law, is an employee. In the event of injury or death of the voluntary uncompensated worker, the daily wage of the worker, for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under this chapter, shall be the usual going wage paid at the time of the injury or death for similar services in institutions where the services are performed by paid employees;
- (15) a worker who renders in-home attendant care services to a physically handicapped person, and who is paid directly by the commissioner of public welfare for these services, shall be an employee of the state within the meaning of this subdivision, but for no other purpose; and
- (16) those students enrolled in and regularly attending the medical school of the University of Minnesota, whether in the graduate school program or the post-graduate program, as provided in section 147.20, notwithstanding that the students shall not be considered employees for any other purpose. In the event of the student's injury or death, the weekly wage of the student for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under chapter 176, shall be the annualized educational stipend awarded to the student, divided by 52 weeks. The institution in which the student is enrolled shall be considered the "employer" for the limited purpose of determining responsibility for paying benefits payable under chapter 176;
- (17) <u>a faculty member of the University of Minnesota employed for the current academic year is also an employee for the period between that academic year and the succeeding academic year if:</u>
- (a) the faculty member has a contract or reasonable assurance of a contract from the University of Minnesota for the succeeding academic year; and

- (b) the personal injury for which compensation is sought arises out of and in the course of activities related to the faculty member's employment by the University of Minnesota; and
- (18) a worker who performs volunteer ambulance driver or attendant services is an employee of the political subdivision, nonprofit hospital, nonprofit corporation, or other entity for which the worker performs the services. The daily wage of the worker for the purpose of calculating compensation payable under this chapter is the usual going wage paid at the time of injury or death for similar services if the services are performed by paid employees.

In the event it is difficult to determine the daily wage as provided in this subdivision, then the trier of fact may determine the wage upon which the compensation is payable.

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#### CHAPTER 470 — S.F.No. 1498

An act relating to occupations and professions; clarifying jurisdiction over installment of power limited circuits.

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

### Section 1. INSTALLATION OF POWER LIMITED CIRCUITS.

A person who installs Class II or Class III signaling circuits, power-limited fire protective signaling circuits, or outside wiring for alarm systems, as covered by articles 725, 760, and 800 of the National Electrical Code as approved by the United States of America Standards Institute in effect on January 1, 1984, shall not be required to obtain a license under section 326.242, provided that proof is provided to the board of electricity that a bond and insurance in the amounts required under section 326.242, subdivision 6, have been obtained. The exemption provided by this section does not include installation of wiring in hazardous locations as covered by Article 500 of the National Electrical Code. Nothing in this act shall exempt installations from inspections as defined in section 326.244.

Sec. 2. REPEALER.

Section 1 is repealed effective July 1, 1985.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE,

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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