vehicle, or for a leased motor vehicle the lessee of the vehicle, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

- (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if (1) a person other than the owner or lessee was operating the vehicle at the time the violation occurred, or (2) the owner presents written evidence that the motor vehicle had been reported to a law enforcement agency as stolen at the time of the violation.
- (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a lessor of a motor vehicle if the lessor keeps a record of the name and address of the lessee.
- (d) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit or limit the prosecution of a motor vehicle operator for violating subdivision 5.
- (e) A violation under paragraph (a) does not constitute grounds for revocation or suspension of the owner's or lessee's driver's license.

# Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 and 2 are effective August 1, 1993, for violations that occur on or after that date.

Presented to the governor May 17, 1993

Signed by the governor May 20, 1993, 3:21 p.m.

### CHAPTER 305-S.F.No. 918

An act relating to civil actions; providing that the statute of limitations in section 541.051 governs materials incorporated into an improvement to real property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 336.2-725.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 336.2-725, is amended to read:

#### 336.2-725 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IN CONTRACTS FOR SALE.

- (1) An action for breach of any contract for sale must be commenced within four years after the cause of action has accrued. By the original agreement the parties may reduce the period of limitation to not less than one year but may not extend it.
- (2) A cause of action accrues when the breach occurs, regardless of the aggrieved party's lack of knowledge of the breach. A breach of warranty occurs when tender of delivery is made, except that where a warranty explicitly extends to future performance of the goods and discovery of the breach must await the time of such performance the cause of action accrues when the breach is or should have been discovered.

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- (3) Where an action commenced within the time limited by subsection (1) is so terminated as to leave available a remedy by another action for the same breach such other action may be commenced after the expiration of the time limited and within six months after the termination of the first action unless the termination resulted from voluntary discontinuance or from dismissal for failure or neglect to prosecute.
- (4) This section does not alter the law on tolling of the statute of limitations, nor does it apply to causes of action which have accrued before this chapter becomes effective.

The <u>limitations in</u> this section does <u>do</u> not apply to actions for the breach of any contract for sale of a grain storage structure <u>or other goods</u> that <u>is are incorporated into</u> an improvement to real property, except equipment and <u>machinery</u>. These actions are subject only to the statute of limitations set forth in section 541.051.

This section does not apply to claims against sellers of goods for damages to property caused by the goods where the property that is damaged is not the goods and the sale is not a sale between parties who are each merchants in goods of the kind.

### Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day after final enactment and applies to all claims commenced on or after that date. For causes of action arising before the effective date of section 1 that would have been permitted under Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 336.2-725, but barred by the limitation in Minnesota Statutes, section 541.051, the limitation under section 1 does not bar the claim if it is commenced before January 1, 1994.

Presented to the governor May 17, 1993

Signed by the governor May 19, 1993, 4:37 p.m.

## CHAPTER 306—S.F.No. 981

An act relating to human services; clarifying and changing license evaluation requirements and certain restrictions on businesses providing certain adult foster care services; changing the billing cycle and collection retention for certain human services programs; modifying conditions for the Minnesota family investment plan; changing the name of the hearing impaired services act and the council for the hearing impaired; changing requirements for child protection training and clarifying maltreatment reporting; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 245A.04, subdivision 6; 256.019; 256.025, subdivision 3; 256.033, subdivision 1; 256.034, subdivision 1; 256.0361, subdivision 1; 256C.21; 256C.22; 256C.23, subdivisions 2, 3, and by adding a subdivision; 256C.24; 256C.25, subdivision 1; 256C.26;

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