

Sec. 2. The town board of any town named in section 1 may levy annually a tax ~~not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the property in that~~ town for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of bridges on town roads which the town board determines does not meet the requirements of the strength of bridges and the adequate width of bridges as required by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 165.03 and 165.04. The tax levy authorized herein is in addition to the tax levy authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 164.04.

Sec. 5. REPEALER.

Laws 1941, chapter 451, section 1; Laws 1961, chapter 119, section 1; Laws 1971, chapters 168; 356, section 2; and Laws 1977, chapter 246, are repealed.

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 5 are effective for property taxes levied in 1994, payable in 1995, and thereafter.

Presented to the governor April 22, 1994

Signed by the governor April 25, 1994, 1:06 p.m.

CHAPTER 506—S.F.No. 1912

An act relating to insurance; accident and health; permitting short-term coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 62A.65, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 62A.65, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. SHORT-TERM COVERAGE. (a) For purposes of this section, "short-term coverage" means an individual health plan that:

(1) is issued to provide coverage for a period of 185 days or less, except that the health plan may permit coverage to continue until the end of a period of hospitalization for a condition for which the covered person was hospitalized on the day that coverage would otherwise have ended;

(2) is nonrenewable, provided that the health carrier may provide coverage for one or more subsequent periods that satisfy clause (1), if the total of the periods of coverage do not exceed a total of 185 days out of any 365-day period, plus any additional days covered as a result of hospitalization on the day that a period of coverage would otherwise have ended;

(3) does not cover any preexisting conditions, including ones that originated

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during a previous identical policy or contract with the same health carrier where coverage was continuous between the previous and the current policy or contract; and

(4) is available with an immediate effective date without underwriting upon receipt of a completed application indicating eligibility under the health carrier's eligibility requirements, provided that coverage that includes optional benefits may be offered on a basis that does not meet this requirement.

(b) Short-term coverage is not subject to subdivisions 2 and 5. Short-term coverage may exclude as a preexisting condition any injury, illness, or condition for which the covered person had medical treatment, symptoms, or any manifestations before the effective date of the coverage, but dependent children born or placed for adoption during the policy period must not be subject to this provision.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, and section 62A.021, a health carrier may combine short-term coverage with its most commonly sold individual qualified plan, as defined in section 62E.02, other than short-term coverage, for purposes of complying with the loss ratio requirement.

(d) The 185 day coverage limitation provided in paragraph (a) applies to the total number of days of short-term coverage that covers a person, regardless of the number of policies, contracts, or health carriers that provide the coverage. A written application for short-term coverage must ask the applicant whether the applicant has been covered by short-term coverage by any health carrier within the 365 days immediately preceding the effective date of the coverage being applied for. Short-term coverage issued in violation of the 185-day limitation is valid until the end of its term and does not lose its status as short-term coverage, in spite of the violation. A health carrier that knowingly issues short-term coverage in violation of the 185-day limitation is subject to the administrative penalties otherwise available to the commissioner of commerce or the commissioner of health, as appropriate.

(e) Time spent under short-term coverage counts as time spent under a pre-existing condition limitation for purposes of group or individual health plans, other than short-term coverage, subsequently issued to that person, or to cover that person, by any health carrier, if the person maintains continuous coverage as defined in section 62L.02. Short-term coverage is a health plan and is qualifying coverage as defined in section 62L.02. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a health carrier is not required under any circumstances to provide a person covered by short-term coverage the right to obtain coverage on a guaranteed issue basis under another health plan offered by the health carrier, as a result of the person's enrollment in short-term coverage.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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Presented to the governor April 22, 1994

Signed by the governor April 25, 1994, 12:01 p.m.

CHAPTER 507—S.F.No. 1744

An act relating to the city of Lakefield; allowing the city of Lakefield to expand its public utilities commission to five members.

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

Section 1. UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY BE EXPANDED TO FIVE.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 412.341, the city of Lakefield may expand its public utilities commission from three to five members and one of the five may also be a member of the Lakefield city council. If expanded, the first term of the holder of the fourth seat is two years and the first term of the holder of the fifth seat is one year. Thereafter, the terms of the holders of the fourth and fifth seats are three years.

Presented to the governor April 22, 1994

Signed by the governor April 25, 1994, 12:05 p.m.

CHAPTER 508—H.F.No. 2124

An act relating to retirement; state university and state community college individual retirement account plans; clarifying various plan provisions; providing for plan coverage for technical college teachers; providing for an optional election of plan coverage for certain state university and community college teachers; mandating the preparation of plan recodification legislation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 353.27, subdivision 7a; 354.05, subdivision 2a; 354.42, subdivision 7; 354B.01, by adding a subdivision; 354B.015; and 354B.02, subdivision 2, and by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, sections 352.04, subdivision 9; 354A.011, subdivision 27; 354B.02, subdivision 1; and 354B.05, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 354B; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 354C.

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

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