

(1) the issuer's principal place of business is not in this state or in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin;

(2) at least 50 percent of the issuer's full-time employees are not located in this state or in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin; or

(3) at least 80 percent of the net proceeds of the offering are not going to be used in connection with the operations of the issuer in this state or in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin.

Subd. 7. **SUITABILITY.** The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, require investors in a particular offering to meet suitability standards relating to annual gross income, net worth, or other factors to determine the suitability of the investment for the investor.

Subd. 8. **FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.** The issuer shall deliver to investors on an annual basis financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Subd. 9. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** A registration statement under this section becomes effective when the commissioner so orders.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 19, 1997

Signed by the governor May 20, 1997, 10:22 a.m.

CHAPTER 198—H.F.No. 704

An act relating to utilities; exempting large electric power generating plant from certificate of need proceeding when selected by public utilities commission from a bidding process to select resources to meet utility's projected energy demand; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 216B.2422, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 216B.2422, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. BIDDING; EXEMPTION FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCEEDING. (a) A utility may select resources to meet its projected energy demand through a bidding process approved or established by the commission. A utility shall use the environmental cost estimates determined under subdivision 3 in evaluating bids submitted in a process established under this subdivision.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if an electric power generating plant, as described in section 216B.2421, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), is selected in a

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bidding process approved or established by the commission, a certificate of need proceeding under section 216B.243 is not required.

(c) A certificate of need proceeding is also not required for an electric power generating plant that has been selected in a bidding process approved or established by the commission, or such other selection process approved by the commission, to satisfy, in whole or in part, the wind power mandate of section 216B.2423 or the biomass mandate of section 216B.2424.

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CHAPTER 199—H.F.No. 257

An act relating to health; establishing licensing requirements for the provision of ambulance service; relocating provisions related to emergency medical services; appropriating money; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 144.801; 144.802; 144.803; 144.804; and 144.806.

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Section 1. [144E.001] DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. SCOPE. For the purposes of sections 144E.001 to 144E.52, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. AMBULANCE. "Ambulance" means any vehicle designed or intended for and actually used in providing ambulance service to ill or injured persons or expectant mothers.

Subd. 3. AMBULANCE SERVICE. "Ambulance service" means transportation and treatment which is rendered or offered to be rendered preliminary to or during transportation to, from, or between health care facilities for ill or injured persons or expectant mothers. The term includes all transportation involving the use of a stretcher, unless the person to be transported is not likely to require medical treatment during the course of transport.

Subd. 4. BASE OF OPERATIONS. "Base of operations" means the address at which the physical plant housing ambulances, related equipment, and personnel is located.

Subd. 5. BOARD. "Board" means the emergency medical services regulatory board.

Subd. 6. FIRST RESPONDER. "First responder" means an individual who is registered by the board to perform, at a minimum, basic emergency skills before the arrival

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