

request of any person involved in an accident or upon written request of the representative of his estate, his surviving spouse, or one or more of his surviving next of kin, or a trustee appointed pursuant to section 573.02, disclose to such requester, his legal counsel or a representative of his insurer any information contained therein except the parties' version of the accident as set out in the written report filed by such parties or may disclose identity of a person involved in an accident when such identity is not otherwise known or when such person denies his presence at such accident. No such report shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, except that the department of public safety shall furnish upon the demand of any person who has, or claims to have, made such a report, or, upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the department of public safety solely to prove a compliance or a failure to comply with the requirements that such report be made to the department of public safety. Disclosing any information contained in any accident report, except as provided herein, is unlawful and a misdemeanor.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any person who has made a report pursuant to this chapter from testifying in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, as to facts within his knowledge. It is intended by this subdivision to render privileged the reports required but it is not intended to prohibit proof of the facts to which such reports relate. Legally qualified newspaper publications shall upon request to a law enforcement agency be given an oral statement covering only the time and place of the accident, the names and addresses of the parties involved, and a general statement as to how the accident happened without attempting to fix liability upon anyone, but said legally qualified newspaper publications shall not be given access to the hereinbefore mentioned confidential reports, nor shall any such statements or information so orally given be used as evidence in any court proceeding, but shall merely be used for the purpose of a proper publication of the news.

This subdivision shall supersede other state law relating to data privacy or confidentiality with regard to accident reports. When these reports are released for accident prevention purposes the identity of any involved person shall not be revealed. Data contained in these reports shall only be used for accident prevention purposes, except as otherwise provided by this subdivision. Accident reports and data contained therein which may be in the possession or control of departments or agencies other than the department of public safety shall not be discoverable under any provision of law or rule of court.

Approved March 28, 1978.

CHAPTER 680-H.F.No.2267

An act relating to emergency telephone systems; providing for the payment of certain costs of operating emergency telephone systems; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 403.11.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 403.11, is amended to read:

403.11 SYSTEM COSTS. Subdivision 1. ANNUAL RECURRING COSTS. All annual recurring costs of a public utility incurred in the maintenance of trunking and central office outswitching equipment for minimum 911 service shall be paid from the general fund of the state treasury by appropriations for that purpose.

Subd. 2. MODIFICATION COSTS. The costs of a public utility incurred in the modification of central office switching equipment for minimum 911 service shall be paid from the general fund of the state treasury by appropriations for that purpose.

Subd. 3. METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION. A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 for a year ending June 30, 1978, or any June 30 thereafter, shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration no later than the following August 31. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public service commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall so advise the commissioner of finance no later than the following October 31. If the costs are certified and approved in an even numbered year, the governor and the commissioner of finance shall include the certified costs in the regular budget submitted to the legislature. If the costs are certified and approved in an odd numbered year, they shall be submitted in a special message to the appropriations committees of the legislature no later than November 30 of each odd numbered year.

Subd. 4. LOCAL RECURRING COSTS. Recurring costs of telephone communications equipment and services at public safety answering points shall be borne by the local governmental unit operating the public safety answering point or allocated pursuant to section 403.10, subdivision 3. Costs attributable to local government electives for services beyond minimum 911 service shall be borne by the governmental unit requesting the elective service.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved March 28, 1978.

CHAPTER 681-H.F.No.2270

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to peace officers and constables; requiring training and licensing for all peace officers; requiring training and licensing for constables; establishing the position of deputy constable; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 367.03, Subdivisions 1 and 3; 367.22; 382.28; 626.843, by adding a subdivision; Chapter 367, by adding sections; and Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Sections 626.84; 626.843, Subdivisions 1 and 3; 626.845; 626.846, Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3, and by adding subdivisions; 626.847; 626.848; and 626.851, Subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 626.853.

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