

## CHAPTER 1099—H. F. No. 2818

*An act authorizing civil service systems in sheriffs departments; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 387.31; and 387.43.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 387.31, is amended to read:

**387.31 Sheriff; county civil service personnel system.** (a) In any county of this state ~~contiguous to a metropolitan area as herein defined having a population of not less than 30,000 nor more than 150,000 according to the 1950 census wherein~~ *personnel in said county in the sheriff's office including the sheriff, full time deputies and office employees of eight or more in number, a civil service personnel system may be established in the sheriff's department.*

(b) ~~A metropolitan area is herein defined as two counties containing over one million population according to the 1950 census.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 387.43, is amended to read:

**387.43 Discontinuance of civil service commission.** Subdivision 1. Any sheriff's civil service commission ~~hereafter created, pursuant to the provisions of sections 387.31 to 387.45, may be discontinued and abolished as follows by either of the following methods: by~~ *Upon a resolution adopted by the county board on a four-fifths unanimous vote a certified copy of which shall be filed in the office of the county auditor, or upon obtaining the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of abolishing the civil service system. The election shall be initiated by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the county board or by a petition signed by ten percent of the number of legal voters voting at the last general county election; such* ~~The resolution or petition shall to be filed with the county auditor; the following question shall be submitted to the voters of the county:~~

~~"Shall the sheriff's civil service commission be abolished?"~~

Subd. 2. When a proper resolution or petition according to the preceding subdivision has been filed in the office of the county auditor, he shall submit the question to the voters of the county at the next following *special or* general county election occurring at least 30

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days from such filing of such petition. *The question on the ballot shall be stated substantially as follows:*

*“Shall the sheriff’s civil service commission be abolished?”*

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CHAPTER 1100—H. F. No. 2897

*An act relating to deceptive or misleading trade practices and prohibiting referral selling; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 325.79.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 325.79, is amended to read:

**325.79 Trade practices; referral selling; unlawful practices.** ~~Subdivision 1. Fraud, misrepresentation, mail contests.~~ *The act, use, or employment by any person of any fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation, misleading statement or deceptive practice, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale of any merchandise goods or services, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged thereby, is enjoined as provided herein.*

*Subd. 2. Referral selling prohibited. With respect to any sale or lease the seller or lessor may not give or offer a rebate or discount or otherwise pay or offer to pay value to the buyer or lessee as an inducement for a sale or lease in consideration of his giving to the seller or lessor the names of prospective purchasers or lessees, or otherwise aiding the seller or lessor in making a sale or lease to another person, if the earning of the rebate, discount or other value is contingent upon the occurrence of an event subsequent to the time the buyer or lessee agrees to buy or lease. If a buyer or lessee is induced by a violation of this subdivision to enter into a sale or lease, the agreement is unenforceable and the buyer or lessee, at his option, may rescind the agreement or retain the goods delivered and the benefit of any services performed without any obligation to pay for them.*

*Subd. 3. Advertising media excluded.* Nothing herein contained shall apply to the owner or publisher of newspapers, magazines, or other printed matter wherein an advertisement appears, or to

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