Subd. 5. "Employer" means any natural person, company, corporation, partnership, association, firm, or franchise which employs any employee.

Subd. 6. "Insurer" means any person, company, corporation including a nonprofit corporation, partnership, association, firm or franchise which underwrites or is by contract or other agreement obligated to provide accident and health protection benefits to any group of employees of any employer.

Sec. 2. [62A.148] GROUP INSURANCE; PROVISION OF BENEFITS FOR DISABLED EMPLOYEES. No employer or insurer of that employer shall terminate, suspend or otherwise restrict the participation in or the receipt of benefits otherwise payable under any program or policy of group insurance to any covered employee who becomes totally disabled while employed by the employer solely on account of absence caused by such total disability. If the employee is required to pay all or any part of the premium for the extension of coverage, payment shall be made to the employer, by the employee.

Approved May 19, 1973.

CHAPTER 341—S.F.No.1165

[Coded]

An act relating to real property; abolishing tax judgment sales and county auditor's certificates; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 280, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 280, is amended by adding a section to read:

[280.001] TAX SALES; REAL PROPERTY; SALE AT PUBLIC VENDUE ABOLISHED. Effective the second Monday in May 1974, and each year thereafter, no parcel of land against which judgment has been entered and remains unsatisfied for the taxes of the preceding year or years may be sold at public vendue as provided in sections 280.01 and 280.02 by the county auditor but shall be treated in the same manner and regarded in all respects as land bid in for the state by the auditor in the manner provided in section 280.02. No notice of sale required by section 280.01 shall be published or posted in 1974 and in years thereafter, and no

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auditor's certificate authorized by section 280.03 shall be issued on the second Monday in May 1974, or thereafter.

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CHAPTER 342—S.F.No.1160

[Coded]

An act relating to natural resources and the environment; establishing the Minnesota environmental quality council; stating the powers and duties of the council; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. [116C.01] NATURAL RESOURCES; ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL; FINDINGS. The legislature of the state of Minnesota finds that problems related to the environment often encompass the responsibilities of several state agencies and that solutions to these environmental problems require the interaction of these agencies. The legislature also finds that further debate concerning population, economic and technological growth should be encouraged so that the consequences and causes of alternative decisions can be better known and understood by the public and its government.

Sec. 2. [116C.02] DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this act, the following terms have the meaning given them.

Subd. 2. "Council" means Minnesota environmental quality council.

Sec. 3. [116C.03] CREATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL; MEMBERSHIP; CHAIRMAN; STAFF. Subdivision 1. An environmental quality council, designated as the Minnesota environmental quality council, is hereby created.

Subd. 2. The council shall include as permanent members the director of the state planning agency, the director of the pollution control agency, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of agriculture, the executive officer of the department of health, the commissioner of highways, a representative of the governor's office designated by the governor, the chairman of the citizens advisory committee, and three other members of the citizens advisory committee as designated by the governor.

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