

Subd. 6. EVIDENCE NOT PRIVILEGED. The physician-patient privilege shall not be a ground for excluding evidence regarding the injuries or the cause thereof, in any judicial proceeding concerning a physical injury to any person protected by this act, which injury appears to have been caused as a result of physical abuse or neglect.

Subd. 7. RETALIATION PROHIBITED. No person who directs or exercises any authority in a facility required to be licensed under the provisions of sections 144.50 to 144.58 shall evict, harass, dismiss or retaliate against a patient, resident or employee because he or any member of his family has reported in good faith any violation or suspected violation of laws, ordinances or regulations applying to the facility.

Subd. 8. PENALTY. Any person knowingly and willingly violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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#### CHAPTER 689—S.F.No.386

*An act relating to courts; witness fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 357.24.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 357.24, is amended to read:

**357.24 COURTS; WITNESS FEES; CRIMINAL CASES.** Witnesses for the state in criminal cases shall receive the same fees for travel and attendance as provided in section 357.22, and judges of the district court may, in their discretion, allow like fees to witnesses attending in behalf of any defendant. In addition these witnesses shall receive reasonable expenses actually incurred for meals, loss of wages and child care, not to exceed \$25 per day. In courts of record these witness fees shall be certified and paid in the same manner as jurors, and in justice courts such fees shall be a county charge, and paid in the same manner as other county charges.

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