

**MEETINGS. Subdivision 1.** No person shall pay, or promise to reward another in any manner or form for the purpose of inducing him to be or refrain from or cease being a candidate, and no person shall solicit or receive any payment, promise, or reward from another for such purpose.

**Subd. 2.** Any person elected to a public office shall be permitted time off from his regular employment to attend meetings of his public office. No retaliatory action may be taken by the employer for absences necessary for the employee to attend the meetings. Such time off may be without pay, with pay, or made up with other hours, as agreed between the employee and employer.

Approved June 4, 1975.

#### CHAPTER 343—H.F.No.161

*An act relating to occupational safety and health; authorizing certain actions against an employer to be brought by the commissioner in the district court; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 182.669, Subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 182.669, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 182.669, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**182.669 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH; ACTIONS AGAINST EMPLOYER; DISCRIMINATION.** ~~Subdivision 1.~~ Any employee who believes that he has been discharged or otherwise discriminated against by any person because such employee has exercised any right authorized under the provisions of ~~Laws 1973, Chapter 732—sections 182.65 to 182.674,~~ may, within 30 days after such alleged discrimination occurs, file a complaint with the commissioner alleging the discriminatory act. Upon receipt of such complaint, the commissioner shall cause such investigation to be made as he deems appropriate. If upon such investigation the commissioner determines that a discriminatory act was committed against an employee he shall ~~issue a complaint and serve on the employer, by registered or certified mail, a written notice of hearing together with a copy of the complaint, requiring the respondent to answer the allegations of the complaint at a hearing before the commission at a time and place specified in the notice, not less than ten days after service of said complaint. A copy of the notice shall be furnished to the charging party, and members of the commission—bring an action against the employer in the district court in the county where the alleged discrimination occurred or in a county where the employer transacts business. The district court may order rehiring of the employee, reinstatement of his former position, fringe~~

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benefits, seniority rights, back pay, recovery of compensatory damages, and reasonable attorney fees, or other appropriate relief. Nothing in this section precludes an employee from bringing an action for relief under this section or any other provision of law.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 182.669, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are repealed.

Sec. 3. This act is effective July 1, 1975.

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## CHAPTER 344—H.F.No.175

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*An act relating to commerce; creating an advisory task force on small business; describing its duties; appropriating money for its operation.*

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

Section 1. **COMMERCE; SMALL BUSINESS; ADVISORY TASK FORCE; ESTABLISHMENT.** There is established the advisory task force on small business, hereinafter referred to as the "task force".

Sec. 2. **DEFINITION.** For purposes of sections 3 to 8, "small business" means any sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation, with gross receipts of less than \$4,000,000 in the preceding calendar year.

Sec. 3. **MEMBERSHIP.** Subdivision 1. The task force shall have 25 members. Two members shall be members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house; two shall be members of the senate, to be appointed by the committee on committees of the senate. The commissioner of the department of agriculture, the commissioner of the department of economic development, and the director of the state planning agency shall be members. The remaining members of the task force shall be appointed by the governor, with membership apportioned so that at least one member shall be appointed from each development region, as established by executive order.

Subd. 2. The appointment of members shall reflect the variety of small businesses, including farms, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, tourism and service businesses.

Subd. 3. Members of the task force shall serve a term ending December 31, 1976.

Subd. 4. The chairman of the task force shall be the commissioner

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