

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 Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 182.669, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are repealed.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

Approved June 4, 1975.

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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of the department of economic development.

Subd. 5. The governor shall fill vacancies by appointing members similarly qualified to those being replaced for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Subd. 6. Members appointed by the governor may be removed at any time by the governor (1) for cause after notice and hearing or (2) after missing three consecutive-scheduled meetings. The chairman shall notify the governor of a member missing the three meetings. The secretary shall inform a member in writing after the second consecutive missed meeting and before the next meeting that he may be removed if he misses the next meeting.

Sec. 4. **COMPENSATION.** The members of the task force, except for the chairman, commissioners, director, and house and senate members, shall receive \$25 for each day the task force meets, and shall be paid expenses in the same manner and amount as for state employees.

Sec. 5. **DUTIES.** The duties of the task force shall be: to study possible negative impact of state laws, rules, and regulations on the economic conduct and management of small businesses, and make recommendations; and to study methods to improve conditions for small businesses in Minnesota, including economic incentives, long-range planning, education and other positive initiatives by state departments and agencies, and make recommendations. The task force shall report to the legislature and governor its findings and recommendations on or before November 15, 1976. Recommendations shall be, to the fullest extent possible, in the form of alternatives from which the legislature and governor can determine a preferred program or course of action. In the performance of these duties, the task force shall, whenever possible, hold public hearings and otherwise consult with small businessmen and agencies and organizations concerned with small business.

Sec. 6. **RELATIONSHIP TO DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** The department of economic development shall provide administrative and professional support to the task force.

Sec. 7. **EXPIRATION.** This act shall be effective until December 31, 1976.

Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated to the department of economic development from the general fund in the state treasury the sum of \$60,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1977 to carry out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 9. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall become effective on the day following its final enactment.

Approved June 4, 1975.

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