

Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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**CHAPTER 58—H.F.No.241**

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*An act relating to waters and water safety; requiring scuba divers to place flags; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 361, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 361, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[361.085] WATERS AND WATER SAFETY; SCUBA DIVING; FLAGS REQUIRED.** All persons who swim in any waters of the state, except in legally designated swimming areas, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 361.08, while wearing or carrying any apparatus, except a snorkel not attached to any artificial container of oxygen, permitting him to breathe while under water, shall display a diver's flag above the surface of the water and:

(a) No more than four divers shall dive under one flag.

(b) Every person who places a diver's flag shall remain within 50 feet of the flag, measured on the surface of the water.

(c) No person shall place a diver's flag where it will obstruct navigation.

(d) If a group of divers is operating in a contained area, the perimeter shall be marked and shall be outside of the normal area of navigation. The markings shall consist of the official diver's flag and shall be placed on the perimeter of the diving area at intervals not exceeding 150 feet.

(e) A diver's flag shall measure at least 15 inches horizontally and 12 inches vertically, and both sides shall have a red-colored background bisected diagonally by a three inch wide white stripe having its upper end adjacent to the flagstaff.

(f) A diver's flag shall be displayed in a vertical plane extended from a rigid flagstaff equipped to maintain the upper edge of the flag at least 30 inches above the water surface.

(g) A diver's flag may be reflectorized or fluorescent provided the entire surface is uniformly reflectorized or fluorescent.

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(h) A diver's flag may be anchored or secured to the bottom when a safety hazard would result from towing the flag.

(i) If at the discretion of the diver it would be safer and more visible, the flag may be displayed on a watercraft. When the flag is displayed on the watercraft, the craft must be at anchor or, if not at anchor, attended by a diver or a person appointed by the diver to tend the craft. Only watercraft displaying an official diver's flag are authorized in the diving area.

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#### CHAPTER 59—H.F.No.286

*An act relating to education; school districts; powers and duties; authorizing the leasing of buildings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 123.36, Subdivision 7; 123.37, Subdivision 3; and 124.15, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 123.36, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **EDUCATION; SCHOOL DISTRICTS; LEASING OF BUILDINGS.** When necessary, the board ~~shall~~may lease rooms or buildings for school purposes.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 123.37, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Any contract made by the board for the rental of rooms or buildings for school purposes, or for the free transportation of pupils to and from school, or for the rental of any facility or facilities owned or operated by or under the direction of any private organization, shall be effective until disapproved by the commissioner, and all such contracts shall be submitted to him for approval immediately after being signed by the parties.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 124.15, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Whenever the board of the district authorizes or permits within the district violations of law by

(1) employment in a public school of the district of a teacher who does not hold a valid teaching certificate or permit, special state aid for this violation shall be withheld in accordance with section 124.19, subdivision 2.

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