

Subd. 3a. A complaint or counterclaim in the uniform form prescribed by the supreme court pursuant to section 487.23 shall be accepted by the clerk of conciliation court and shall be forwarded together with the entire filing fee, if any, to the clerk of the appropriate conciliation court.

The conciliation court shall accept a uniform complaint or counterclaim which has been properly completed and which has been properly forwarded to the court by another conciliation court.

Sec. 5. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 19, 1977.

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CHAPTER 176—S.F.No.1017

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the town of Bass Brook; authorizing the town board to exercise the powers described in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 474.*

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

Section 1. **TOWN OF BASS BROOK; POWERS OF TOWN BOARD.** The town board of the town of Bass Brook may exercise the powers set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 474.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall be effective upon its approval by resolution adopted by the town board of the town of Bass Brook and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 19, 1977.

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CHAPTER 177—S.F.No.23

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to workers' compensation; requiring an employer to furnish certain remodeling for a handicapped employee's residence; giving the council for the handicapped additional duties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 176, by adding a section; and Section 256.482, Subdivision 5.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 176, is amended by adding a section to read:

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**[176.137] WORKERS' COMPENSATION; REMODELING OF RESIDENCE; HANDICAPPED EMPLOYEES.** Subdivision 1. The employer shall furnish to an employee who is permanently disabled because of a personal injury suffered in the course of employment with that employer such alteration or remodeling of his principal residence as is reasonably required to enable the employee to move freely into and throughout his residence and to otherwise adequately accommodate the disability. Any remodeling or alteration shall be furnished only when the Division or Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals determines that the injury is to such a degree that the employee is substantially prevented from functioning within the principal residence.

Subd. 2. The pecuniary liability of an employer for remodeling or alteration required by this section is limited to prevailing costs in the community for remodeling or alteration of that type.

Subd. 3. Where the alteration or remodeling of the employee's residence is not practicable, the award may be to purchase or lease a new or different residence if the new or different residence would better accommodate the disability.

Subd. 4. No award may be made except upon the certification of a licensed architect to the Division or Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals that the proposed alteration or remodeling of an existing residence or the building or purchase of a new or different residence is reasonably required for the purposes specified in subdivision 1. The council for the handicapped shall advise the Division or Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals as provided in section 256.482, subdivision 5, clause (7). The alteration or remodeling of an existing residence, or the building or purchase of a new home must be done under the supervision of a licensed architect relative to the specific needs to accommodate the handicap.

Subd. 5. An employee is limited to \$30,000 under this section for each personal injury.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256.482, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

**Subd. 5. DUTIES AND POWERS.** The council shall have the following duties and powers:

(1) To advise the governor, appropriate state agencies, and the public on matters pertaining to public policy and the administration of programs, services and facilities for handicapped persons in Minnesota;

(2) To encourage the development of coordinated, interdepartmental goals and objectives and the coordination of programs, services and facilities among all state departments and private providers of service as they relate to handicapped persons;

(3) To serve as a source of information to the public regarding all services to handicapped persons;

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(4) To review and make comment to the governor, state agencies, the legislature, and the public concerning adequacy of state programs, plans and budgets for services to handicapped persons and for funding under the various federal grant programs;

(5) To research, formulate and advocate plans, programs and policies which will serve the needs of handicapped persons;

(6) To advise the department of labor and industry and the state board of education on the administration and improvement of the worker's compensation law as the law relates to programs, facilities and personnel providing assistance to injured and handicapped workers;

(7) To advise the workers' compensation division of the department of labor and industry and the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals as to the necessity and extent of any alteration or remodeling of an existing residence or the building or purchase of a new or different residence which is proposed by a licensed architect under section 1.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 20, 1977.

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CHAPTER 178—S.F.No.96

[Coded]

*An act relating to insurance; providing that individual persons may cancel certain policies of insurance within ten days after receipt; setting out notice requirements.*

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

Section 1. **[72A.51] INSURANCE; RIGHT TO CANCEL CERTAIN POLICIES.**

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 1 and 2 "date of purchase" means the date on which the purchaser receives a copy of the policy or contract.

Subd. 2. Any individual person may cancel an individual policy of insurance against loss or damage by reason of the sickness of the assured or his dependents, a nonprofit health service plan contract providing benefits for hospital, surgical and medical care, a health maintenance organization subscriber contract, or a policy of insurance authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 60A.06, Subdivision 1, Clause (4), by returning the policy or contract and by giving written notice of cancellation any time before midnight of the tenth day following the date of purchase. Notice of cancellation may be given personally, by mail, or by telegram. The policy or contract may be returned personally or by mail. If by mail, the notice or return of the policy or contract is effective upon being postmarked, properly addressed and postage prepaid.

Subd. 3. A person's cancellation of an insurance policy or contract under sections 1 and 2 is without liability on his part and he is entitled to a refund of the entire

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