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 CHAPTER 335—H.F.No.297

*An act relating to group health care plans; providing right to convert to individual coverage upon termination of certain employee health care plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 62E.16.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 62E.16, is amended to read:

**62E.16 GROUP HEALTH CARE; CONVERSION PRIVILEGES.** Every program of self insurance, policy of group accident and health insurance or contract of coverage by a health maintenance organization written or renewed in this state, shall include, in addition to the provisions required by section 62A.17, the right to convert to an individual coverage qualified plan without the addition of underwriting restrictions if the individual insured leaves the group regardless of the reason for leaving the group, or upon cancellation or termination of the coverage for the group except where uninterrupted and continuous group coverage is otherwise provided to the group. The person leaving the group may exercise his right to conversion within 30 days of leaving the group or within 30 days following his receipt of due notice of cancellation or termination of coverage of the group and upon payment of premiums from the date of termination or cancellation. Due notice of cancellation or termination of coverage for a group shall be provided to each employee having coverage in the group by the insurer, self insurer or health maintenance organization cancelling or terminating the coverage except where reasonable evidence indicates that uninterrupted and continuous group coverage is otherwise provided to the group. Every employer having a policy of group accident and health insurance, group subscriber or contract of coverage by a health maintenance organization shall, upon request, provide the insurer or health maintenance organization a list of the names and addresses of covered employees. Plans of health coverage shall also include a provision which, upon the death of the individual in whose name the contract was issued, permits every other individual then covered under the contract to elect, within the period specified in the contract, to continue his coverage under the same or a different contract without the addition of underwriting restrictions until he would have ceased to have been entitled to coverage had the individual in whose name the contract was issued lived. An individual conversion contract issued by a health maintenance organization shall not be deemed to be an individual enrollment contract for the purposes of section 62D.10.

Approved May 27, 1977.

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 CHAPTER 336—H.F.No.314

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to Olmsted county; authorizing electronic recording of trial proceedings;*

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*providing for costs and payment; requiring a report to the legislature.*

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

**Section 1. OLMSTED COUNTY; ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTION OF TRIAL PROCEEDINGS.** Subdivision 1. **AUTHORIZATION.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the law, any district court judge in Olmsted county may order, upon motion of any party or on his own motion, that any court proceedings in Olmsted county be recorded by suitable electronic means in lieu of stenographic recording. In such cases the electronic recording shall constitute the official record.

Subd. 2. **COSTS AND PAYMENT.** The trial court shall have authority to appoint a person or persons, other than the official court reporter, to operate such electronic recording devices and to type up transcripts of the official record when necessary. Such person or persons may be paid on a salary basis, on a contract basis, or any other basis as the court may deem appropriate. If transcriptions of electronic recordings are made by a salaried person, the charges for transcripts shall be paid into the general fund of Olmsted county. In other cases the charges for transcriptions or for copies of the electronic recordings shall be paid to the clerk of court.

Subd. 3. **REPORT.** By November 15, 1978, the Olmsted county board shall cause to be made a report to the legislature on the use of electronic recording devices authorized pursuant to this act. The report shall include data necessary for a full evaluation and comparison of the use of electronic recording devices and the use of stenographic recording devices to record and transcribe court proceedings.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon approval by the Olmsted county board.

Sec. 3. The judges of the third judicial district shall promulgate rules to establish acceptable electronic equipment specifications for court reporting and the length of time which records of court proceedings must be retained.

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**CHAPTER 337—H.F.No.319**

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to daytime activity centers; renaming them developmental achievement centers; making the necessary revisions in Minnesota Statutes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 123.39, Subdivision 13; 252.21; 252.22; 252.23; 252.24; 252.25; and 252.26.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 123.39, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

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