

sources other than the investors, and to other expenses of a capital nature. To the extent that construction work in progress is included in the rate base, the income used in determining the actual return on the telephone company property shall include an allowance for funds used during construction. For purposes of determining rate base, the commission shall consider the original cost of telephone company property included in the base and shall make no allowance for its estimated current replacement value.

Subd. 7. The commission shall not make an allowance for operating expenses incurred by a telephone company for institutional advertising.

Subd. 8. The commission shall allow as operating expenses only those charitable contributions which the commission deems prudent and which qualify under Minnesota Statutes, Section 290.21, Subdivision 3, Clause (b). Only 50 percent of the qualified contributions shall be allowed as operating expenses.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 237.08, is repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall be effective the day following enactment.

Approved June 2, 1977.

CHAPTER 360—H.F.No.167

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An act relating to public welfare; providing liability insurance to all foster boarding homes licensed by the department of public welfare; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 245, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 245, is amended by adding a section to read:

[245.814] PUBLIC WELFARE; LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FOSTER PARENTS. The commissioner of public welfare shall within the appropriation provided purchase and provide insurance to foster parents to cover their liability for:

(1) injuries or property damage caused or sustained by foster children in their home; and

(2) actions arising out of alienation of affections sustained by the natural parents of a foster child.

Coverage shall apply to all foster boarding homes licensed by the department of public welfare, or established by the juvenile court and certified by the commissioner of corrections pursuant to section 260.185, subdivision 1, clause (c) (5), to the extent that the

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liability is not covered by the provisions of the standard homeowner's or automobile insurance policy. The insurance shall not cover property owned by the foster parents, damage caused intentionally by a child over 12 years of age, or property damage arising out of business pursuits or the operation of any vehicle, machinery, or equipment.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public welfare \$122,000 for the purpose of purchasing and providing liability insurance for foster boarding homes, as provided in section 1, to be available until June 30, 1979.

Approved June 2, 1977.

CHAPTER 361—H.F.No.176

An act relating to drivers licenses; providing for the issuance of Minnesota identification cards and the use thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 171.07, Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5; and 340.039.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 171.07, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **DRIVERS LICENSES; IDENTIFICATION CARDS.** Upon payment of the required fee for a driver's license bearing a colored photograph, the department may issue to every applicant; ~~the age of 16 years or over~~, who does not physically qualify for a driver's license, or any person not currently licensed to drive, who does not intend to apply for a driver's license under this section or who wishes to discontinue driving and surrenders his current driver's license, a ~~nonqualification certificate~~ Minnesota identification card. The ~~certificate card~~ shall bear thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the applicant, the full name, date of birth, residence address, a description of the applicant in such manner as the commissioner deems necessary, and a space upon which the applicant shall write his usual signature with pen and ink.

Each ~~nonqualification certificate~~ Minnesota identification card shall be on an all plastic or laminated plastic card of a distinguishing color and plainly marked "non-driver." The fee for a Minnesota identification card issued to any person who is mentally retarded, as defined in section 252A.02, subdivision 2, shall be 50 cents.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 171.07, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. The expiration date of ~~each nonqualification certificate~~ Minnesota identification cards of applicants under the age of 65 shall be the birthday of the applicant in the fourth year following the date of issuance of the ~~nonqualification certificate card~~. ~~Nonqualification certificates~~ Minnesota identification cards issued to applicants age 65 or over shall be valid for the lifetime of the applicant.

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