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**CHAPTER 776-H.F.No.2102**

*An act relating to labor; clarifying the definition of public employer in the public employees labor relations act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.63, Subdivision 4.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.63, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. "Public employer" or "employer" means (a) the state of Minnesota and its political subdivisions and any agency or instrumentality of either; including in respect to employees of the state not otherwise provided for in this subdivision or section 179.74 for executive branch employees; (b) the board of regents of the university of Minnesota, the state universities and community colleges and school districts and their respective representatives in respect to employees thereof; and (c) the governing body of a political subdivision or agency or instrumentality thereof which has final budgetary approval authority, in respect to employees of that subdivision, agency or instrumentality. When two or more units of government subject to the provisions of sections 179.61 to 179.77 undertake a project or form a new agency of government under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 402, or Section 471.59, or other law authorizing common or joint action, the employer for purposes of sections 179.61 to 179.77 shall be the governing person or board of the created agency and the governing official or body of the cooperating governmental units shall be bound by an agreement entered into by the created agency pursuant to the procedures of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 179.61 to 179.77. The term does not include a "charitable hospital" as defined in section 179.35, subdivision 2. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to diminish the authority granted pursuant to law to an appointing authority in respect to the selection, direction, discipline or discharge of an individual employee insofar as such action is consistent with general procedures and standards relating to selection, direction, discipline or discharge which are the subject of an agreement entered into pursuant to sections 179.61 to 179.77.

Sec. 2. This act is effective May 1, 1978.

Approved April 5, 1978.

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**CHAPTER 777-H.F.No.2104**

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to the state fire marshal; concerning the uniform fire code; providing for fee, fines and penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 299F.011; 299F.04, Subdivision 2, and by adding a subdivision; 299F.05; 299F.06,*

**Changes or additions indicated by underline deletions by strikeout**