

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 16.861, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. ACCESSIBILITY PROVISIONS. Municipalities which have not adopted the state building code may enforce the building code requirements for handicapped persons by either:

(a) Entering into a joint powers agreement for enforcement with another municipality which has adopted the state building code; or

(b) Contracting for enforcement with an individual certified under subdivision 3 to enforce the state building code.

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CHAPTER 129 — H.F.No. 371

*An act relating to insurance; prohibiting insurance companies which offer funeral or burial expense policies from designating as beneficiaries under the policies persons who provide funeral or burial services and supplies; removing the prohibition against an insurance company's affiliation with a funeral establishment; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 72A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 72A.321.*

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Section 1. [72A.325] **INSURANCE FOR FUNERAL OR BURIAL EXPENSE; FREEDOM OF CHOICE.**

No insurance company doing business in this state providing benefits for the payment of any funeral or burial expense, shall designate any mortician, funeral director, funeral establishment, cemetery, or any other party offering funeral or burial services or supplies, as the beneficiary or recipient of the benefits, so as to deprive the family, next of kin, or other representative of the deceased policyholder of the right to select the funeral or burial services and supplies of their choice. No owner, director, or employee of a funeral establishment shall receive any agent's fee, commission or other reimbursement on any insurance sale facilitated through the funeral establishment.

No owner, director or employee of a funeral establishment, nor trade association of funeral establishments shall receive any fee for endorsing insurance policies, plans or services. A trade association may not receive payment

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other than reimbursement for reasonable expenses of administering such a policy or services.

Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 72A.321, is repealed.

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**CHAPTER 130 — H.F.No. 395**

*An act relating to state government; allowing other public employees, as well as spouses of state and other public employees, to participate in state employee van pools under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 16.756, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 16.756, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. State and other public employees and their spouses who live or work outside the metropolitan area shall also be eligible for the employee transportation program established through this section; provided, however, that the driver and substitute driver of every van pool are state employees; and provided, further, that state employees constitute a majority of the members of every van pool. Available space in van pools must, whenever possible, be filled by state employees.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

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**CHAPTER 131 — H.F.No. 413**

*An act relating to persons handicapped in communication; prohibiting persons serving as foreign language interpreters or interpreters for persons with hearing or speaking impairments from disclosing communications made to them during the course of civil, criminal or administrative proceedings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Sections 546.42; 546.44, by adding a subdivision; 595.02; 611.30; 611.31; and 611.33, by adding a subdivision.*

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