

**Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 2 and 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 29, 1981

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**CHAPTER 329 — S.F.No. 1126**

*An act relating to insurance; providing for continued health and accident coverage for former spouses and children after dissolution of the marriage in certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 62A.21, Subdivision 3, and by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 62A.21, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 62A.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. Every group policy described in subdivision 1 shall contain a provision which permits continuation of coverage under the policy for the insured's former spouse and children upon entry of a valid decree of dissolution of marriage, if the decree requires the insured to provide continued coverage for those persons. The coverage may be continued until the earlier of the following dates:

(a) The date of remarriage of either the insured or the insured's former spouse; or

(b) The date coverage would otherwise terminate under the group policy.

Any required premium contributions for the coverage shall be paid by the insured to the group policyholder for remittance to the insurer.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 62A.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2b. Every group policy described in subdivision 1 shall contain a provision allowing a former spouse of an insured, without providing evidence of insurability, to obtain from the insurer at the expiration of any continuation of coverage required under subdivision 2a, or upon termination of coverage by reason of an entry of a valid decree of dissolution which does not require the insured to provide continued coverage for the former spouse, conversion coverage providing at least the minimum benefits of a qualified plan as prescribed by section 62E.06 and the option of a number three qualified plan, a number two qualified plan, a number one qualified plan as provided by section

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62E.06, subdivisions 1 to 3, provided application is made to the insurer within 30 days following the expiration of the continued coverage and upon payment of the appropriate premium. A policy providing reduced benefits at a reduced premium rate may be accepted by the former spouse in lieu of the optional coverage otherwise required by this subdivision. The individual policy shall be renewable at the option of the former spouse as long as the former spouse is not covered under another qualified plan as defined in section 62E.02, subdivision 4, up to age 65 or to the day before the date of eligibility for coverage under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended. Any revisions in the table of rate for the individual policy shall apply to the former spouse's original age at entry, and shall apply equally to all similar policies issued by the insurer.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 62A.21, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. ~~This section~~ Subdivision 1 applies to every policy of accident and health insurance which is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or amended on or after ~~the effective date of this section~~ July 19, 1977.

Subdivisions 2a and 2b apply to every policy of accident and health insurance which is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or amended on or after August 1, 1981.

Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 62A.21, Subdivision 2, is repealed.

Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 4 are effective August 1, 1981.

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## CHAPTER 330 — S.F.No. 1188

*An act relating to human rights; clarifying the meaning of reprisal; permitting the filing of a charge of unfair discriminatory practice directly in district court; permitting access to certain documents; granting certain powers to the commissioner of human rights and eliminating the requirement that the commissioner provide a bond; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Sections 363.03, Subdivision 7; 363.06, Subdivisions 1, 3, and 4, and by adding a subdivision; 363.14, Subdivision 1; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 363; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 363.04, Subdivision 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 363.03, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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