

time, subject to the reviews required by section 253B.03, subdivisions 5 and 7, and subject to the right of the patient to seek judicial review of continued commitment.

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CHAPTER 232 — S.F.No. 455

An act relating to uniform acts; enacting the Uniform Conservation Easement Act; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84C.

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

Section 1. [84C.01] DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) “Conservation easement” means a nonpossessory interest of a holder in real property imposing limitations or affirmative obligations the purposes of which include retaining or protecting natural, scenic, or open-space values of real property, assuring its availability for agricultural, forest, recreational, or open-space use, protecting natural resources, maintaining or enhancing air or water quality, or preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural aspects of real property.

(2) “Holder” means:

(i) a governmental body empowered to hold an interest in real property under the laws of this state or the United States; or

(ii) a charitable corporation, charitable association, or charitable trust, the purposes or powers of which include retaining or protecting the natural, scenic, or open-space values of real property, assuring the availability of real property for agricultural, forest, recreational, or open-space use, protecting natural resources, maintaining or enhancing air or water quality, or preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural aspects of real property.

(3) “Third-party right of enforcement” means a right provided in a conservation easement to enforce any of its terms granted to a governmental body, charitable corporation, charitable association, or charitable trust, which, although eligible to be a holder, is not a holder.

Sec. 2. [84C.02] CREATION, CONVEYANCE, ACCEPTANCE, AND DURATION.

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(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a conservation easement may be created, conveyed, recorded, assigned, released, modified, terminated, or otherwise altered or affected in the same manner as other easements.

(b) No right or duty in favor of or against a holder and no right in favor of a person having a third-party right of enforcement arises under a conservation easement before its acceptance by the holder and a recordation of the acceptance.

(c) Except as provided in section 3(b), a conservation easement is unlimited in duration unless the instrument creating it otherwise provides.

(d) An interest in real property in existence at the time a conservation easement is created is not impaired by it unless the owner of the interest is a party to the conservation easement or consents to it.

Sec. 3. [84C.03] JUDICIAL ACTIONS.

(a) An action affecting a conservation easement may be brought by:

- (1) an owner of an interest in the real property burdened by the easement;
- (2) a holder of the easement;
- (3) a person having a third-party right of enforcement; or
- (4) a person authorized by other law.

(b) This chapter does not affect the power of a court to modify or terminate a conservation easement in accordance with the principles of law and equity.

Sec. 4. [84C.04] VALIDITY.

A conservation easement is valid even though:

- (1) it is not appurtenant to an interest in real property;
- (2) it can be or has been assigned to another holder;
- (3) it is not of a character that has been recognized traditionally at common law;
- (4) it imposes a negative burden;
- (5) it imposes affirmative obligations upon the owner of an interest in the burdened property or upon the holder;
- (6) the benefit does not touch or concern real property; or
- (7) there is no privity of estate or of contract.

Sec. 5. [84C.05] APPLICABILITY.

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(a) This chapter applies to any interest created after its effective date which complies with this chapter, whether designated as a conservation easement or as a covenant, equitable servitude, restriction, easement, or otherwise.

(b) This chapter applies to any interest created before its effective date if it would have been enforceable had it been created after its effective date unless retroactive application contravenes the constitution or laws of this state or the United States.

(c) This chapter does not invalidate any interest, whether designated as a conservation or preservation easement or as a covenant, equitable servitude, restriction, easement, or otherwise, that is enforceable under other law of this state.

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CHAPTER 233 — S.F.No. 919

An act relating to commerce; providing for registration of crop and livestock buyers and wholesale produce dealers in licensing application; establishing a registration system for buyers of farm products; describing when farm products are purchased subject to a security interest; requiring financing statements covering crops to designate crop years; providing that secured parties are not liable to debtors for giving notice of liens; providing that buyers shall limit use of lien notices received from secured parties; providing that buyers shall issue joint payments to debtors and secured parties under certain circumstances; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 17A.04, subdivisions 2, 5, and by adding a subdivision; 27.03; 223.17, by adding a subdivision; 336.9-307; 336.9-402; 336.9-403; 386.42; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 223A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 386.43.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 17A.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK BUYERS. The commissioner shall adopt permanent and emergency rules, in conjunction with the license application, to register livestock buyers under section 386.42 in counties where the buyer selects to be registered. The commissioner shall collect a \$10 fee and a \$5 per county registration fee from the buyer, register the buyer, and pay the county registration fee within ten days after the license is issued.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 17A.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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