

for a public hearing as a contested case pursuant to chapter 14, except as otherwise provided in this section. The commission may order that the issues presented by the proposed rate changes be bifurcated into two separate hearings as follows: (1) determination of the telephone company's revenue requirements and (2) determination of the rate design. Upon issuance of both administrative law judge reports, the issues shall again be joined for consideration and final determination by the commission. All prehearing discovery activities of state agency intervenors shall be consolidated and conducted by the department of public service. If the commission does not make a final determination concerning a schedule of rates within ten months after the initial filing date, the schedule shall be deemed to have been approved by the commission; except if a settlement has been submitted to and rejected by the commission, the schedule is deemed to have been approved 12 months after the initial filing. For the purposes of this section, "final determination" means the initial decision of the commission and not any order which may be entered by the commission in response to a petition for rehearing or other further relief. The commission may further suspend rates until it determines all those petitions.

Sec. 10. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 3, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), and sections 4 and 5 are effective the day following final enactment. Section 3, paragraph (a), is effective July 1, 1986. Section 2 is effective January 1, 1987.

Approved March 24, 1986

CHAPTER 410—S.F.No. 1880

An act relating to veterans; establishing a veterans' cemetery; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

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

Section 1. **[197.235] VETERANS' CEMETERY.**

Subdivision 1. ACQUISITION. The department of veterans affairs shall acquire a site in this state to be used to establish a cemetery for the interment of veterans of the United States armed forces and for qualified family members of eligible veterans. The approval of the governing body of the county in which the proposed site is to be located must be obtained prior to any acquisition of land for this purpose. The department may receive any land granted to the state or any of its political subdivisions for this purpose.

Subd. 2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The department of veterans affairs shall supervise and control the veterans' cemetery established under this section. The department may contract for the maintenance and operation

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of the cemetery. All personnel, equipment, and support necessary for maintenance and operation of the cemetery must be included in the department's budget.

Subd. 3. ELIGIBLE VETERANS. Any veteran who received any discharge, other than a dishonorable discharge, from the armed forces of the United States is eligible for burial in the state veterans' cemetery and any indigent veteran is eligible for burial in the cemetery without charge, except that funds available from the social security burial allowance, if any, must be paid to the cemetery director.

Subd. 4. ALLOCATION OF PLOTS. Any eligible veteran, qualified family member, or the survivors of an eligible veteran or qualified family member, or a county on the veteran's behalf, may apply for a burial plot in the state veterans' cemetery by submitting a request to the cemetery director on a form supplied by the department and available from the cemetery director. The department shall allot available burial plots on a first come, first served basis. There is no charge for a burial plot or for the interment of any eligible veteran. The cemetery director shall apply to the veterans administration for payment of any allowable plot or interment allowance.

Subd. 5. SPOUSE; CHILD. A spouse or a handicapped or minor child of a veteran who qualifies for burial under subdivision 3 may also qualify for burial in the state veterans' cemetery if the interment of the qualified family member is in the same burial plot as that provided for the veteran and the interment is either above or below the veteran. The commissioner of veterans affairs shall establish a fee schedule which may be adjusted from time to time for burial of family members. The fees shall cover as nearly as practicable the actual costs of interments. The department may accept the social security burial allowance, if any, of the qualified family member in an amount not to exceed the actual cost of the interment.

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CHAPTER 411—S.F.No. 1940

An act relating to local government; prescribing the powers of community action agencies; regulating payment of severance pay; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 268.53, subdivisions 1 and 5; and 465.72.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 268.53, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **IN GENERAL.** A community action agency is a political

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