

CHAPTER 208—S.F.No. 853

An act relating to public safety; establishing the "McGruff" symbol as the sign for a safe house for children; creating a safe house program; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

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

Section 1. [299A.28] MCGRUFF SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. SYMBOL. The symbol of "McGruff" with the phrase "McGruff House" is the symbol to designate a house in this state where a child may seek help when threatened.

Subd. 2. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY. The commissioner of public safety shall:

(1) design or adopt a standard symbol to designate a safe house that is the "McGruff" symbol used in other states;

(2) make available written information about the safe house program and "McGruff" symbols to school districts and law enforcement agencies;

(3) publicize the safe house program in as many ways as is reasonably practical;

(4) require the appropriate local law enforcement agency to maintain a register of safe houses;

(5) either directly or through cooperation with the appropriate law enforcement agencies conduct background checks on persons who apply to have their house be a safe house.

Subd. 3. DISPLAY OF SYMBOL. A person displaying the "McGruff" symbol so that it is visible from the outside of their house must be approved as a safe house by the appropriate local law enforcement agency. The appropriate law enforcement agency must supply the symbol to the person. The symbol is the property of the law enforcement agency, and a person must return the symbol to the law enforcement agency if the agency determines that the house no longer qualifies as a "McGruff" house. Violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 4. SAFE HOUSES; REQUIREMENTS. The appropriate law enforcement agency must provide "McGruff" symbols to persons who apply for symbols if they agree in writing to follow the terms of the safe house program and pass a background check by the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

Subd. 5. EXCLUSIVE SYMBOL. The safe house symbol provided by this section is the exclusive symbol for safe houses in this state.

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Subd. 6. RULES. The commissioner of public safety may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

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CHAPTER 209—S.F.No. 1048

An act relating to health; making nutrition data reporting discretionary rather than mandatory; governing the hazardous substance injury compensation board; restructuring the commissioner's authority to control activities of carriers of communicable diseases; regulating licensure and inspections of hospitals, nursing homes, life support transportation systems, and eating places; clarifying powers of the office of health facility complaints; changing certain duties of the interagency board for quality assurance; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 115B.28, subdivision 4; 144.0722; 144.092; 144.50, subdivisions 1 and 2; 144.653, subdivision 3; 144.802, subdivisions 3 and 4; 144A.10, subdivisions 1 and 2; 144A.16; 144A.31; 144A.53, subdivision 1; 145.881, subdivision 1; 145.882, subdivision 4; 157.01; 157.02; 157.04; 157.09; and 157.14; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 144 and 144A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 144.422; 144.424; 144.425; 144.471; 144.49, subdivision 5; 144.692; 144.801, subdivision 8; and 144.94.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 115B.28, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND SERVICES.** The board may appoint an executive director who is not a member of the board. The executive director is in the unclassified service. The commissioner of health shall provide staff assistance, administrative services, and office space under a contract with the board. The board shall reimburse the commissioner for the staff, services, and space provided. In order to perform its duties, the board may request information from the supervising officer of any state agency or state institution of higher education. When requesting health data as defined in section 13.38 or sections 144.67 to 144.69, the board must submit a written release signed by the subject of the data or, if the subject is deceased, a representative of the deceased, authorizing release of the data in whole or in part. The supervising officer shall comply with the board's request to the extent possible considering available agency or institution appropriations and may assign agency or institution employees to assist the board in performing its duties under sections 115B.25 to 115B.37.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 144.0722, is amended to read:

144.0722 **RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT CLASSIFICATIONS; PROCEDURES FOR RECONSIDERATION.**

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