

CHAPTER 302—S.F.No. 735

An act relating to human services; providing for a statewide interpreter service for hearing impaired persons; altering membership on Minnesota council for the hearing impaired; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 256C.24, subdivisions 2 and 3; 256C.25, subdivisions 1 and 2; and 256C.28, subdivisions 1 and 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 256C.24, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **RESPONSIBILITIES.** The regional service center shall:

(a) serve as the central entry point for hearing impaired persons in need of human services and make referrals to the services needed;

(b) employ staff trained to work with hearing impaired persons;

(c) provide to all hearing impaired persons access to interpreter services which are necessary to help them obtain human services;

(d) ~~serve as the regional interpreter referral center for hearing impaired persons and human services agencies~~ assist the central interpreter referral agency with local and regional interpreter referrals;

(e) implement a plan to provide loan equipment and resource materials to hearing impaired persons; and

(f) cooperate with responsible departments and administrative authorities to provide access for hearing impaired persons to services provided by state, county and regional agencies.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 256C.24, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** The commissioner of human services shall appoint an advisory committee of eight persons for each regional service center. Members shall include ~~four~~ persons who are hearing impaired persons or who are the parents of a hearing impaired child children, and ~~four~~ representatives of county and regional human services, including representatives of private service providers. ~~Members shall serve without payment by the state of per diem or expense~~ At least 50 percent of the members must be hearing impaired. The commissioner of human services shall designate one member as chair. The commissioner of human services shall assign staff to serve as ex officio members of the committee. The compensation, removal of members, and filling of vacancies on the committee shall be as provided in section 15.0575.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 256C.25, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT.** The commissioner of human services shall supervise the development and implementation of a statewide interpreter referral service. The commissioner of human services shall contract with an appropriate organizations agency to provide this centralized service.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 256C.25, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DUTIES.** The central interpreter referral ~~service~~ agency shall:

(a) Establish and maintain a statewide ~~directory of interpreters who have received appropriate training and certification~~ interpreter referral service, maintain statistics related to interpreter referral services, and maintain a statewide directory of qualified interpreters;

(b) ~~Provide technical assistance to~~ Cooperate with the regional service centers in ~~implementing the~~ providing interpreter referral service; and

(c) ~~Assess the present and projected supply and demand for interpreting services statewide~~ Cooperate with the regional service centers on projects to train interpreters and advocate for and evaluate interpreter services.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 256C.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Minnesota council for the hearing impaired consists of seven members appointed ~~by the commissioner of human services at large~~ and a one member from each advisory ~~council~~ committee established under section 256C.24, subdivision 3. At least ~~four~~ of the members appointed by the commissioner 50 percent of the members must be hearing impaired. Members shall include persons who are hearing impaired, parents of hearing impaired children, and representatives of county and regional human services, including representatives of private service providers. Council members ~~are~~ appointed by the commissioner ~~serve four-year terms, except for the members first appointed, of whom three are appointed for a term ending December 31, 1990, two for terms ending December 31, 1989, and two for terms ending December 31, 1988~~ of human services for a two-year term and shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. The commissioner of human services shall appoint one member as chair.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 256C.28, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **DUTIES.** The council shall:

(1) advise the commissioner and governor on the development of policies, programs, and services affecting the hearing impaired, and on the use of appropriate federal and state money;

(2) create a public awareness of the special needs and potential of hearing impaired persons; and

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(3) provide the commissioner and governor with a review of ongoing services, programs, and proposed legislation affecting the hearing impaired.

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CHAPTER 303—S.F.No. 858

An act relating to health; providing for asbestos regulation; directing the commissioner of health to regulate and license persons or entities enclosing, removing, or encapsulating asbestos; providing penalties; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 326.

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

Section 1. **[326.70] TITLE.**

Sections 1 to 13 may be cited as the "asbestos abatement act."

Sec. 2. **[326.71] DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. APPLICABILITY. The definitions in this section apply to sections 1 to 13.

Subd. 2. ASBESTOS. "Asbestos" means the asbestiform varieties of chrysotile (serpentine), crocidolite (riebeckite), amosite (cummingtonite-grunerite), anthophyllite, tremolite, and actinolite.

Subd. 3. ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIAL. "Asbestos-containing material" means material that contains more than one percent asbestos by weight.

Subd. 4. ASBESTOS-RELATED WORK. "Asbestos-related work" means the enclosure, removal, or encapsulation of asbestos-containing material in a quantity that meets or exceeds the United States Environmental Protection Agency's requirement of 260 lineal feet of friable asbestos on pipes or 160 square feet of friable asbestos on other facility components.

Subd. 5. COMMISSIONER. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health and the commissioner's authorized delegates.

Subd. 6. CONTRACTING ENTITY. "Contracting entity" means a public or private body, board, natural person, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority, or similar entity that contracts with an employer or person to do asbestos-related work for the benefit of the contracting entity.

Subd. 7. EMPLOYEE. "Employee" means a person who works directly or indirectly for an employer.

Subd. 8. EMPLOYER. "Employer" means an individual, body, board,

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