

Gulf war veteran" means a person who served on active duty after August 1, 1990, in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or United Nations during Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, or other military operation in the Persian Gulf area combat zone as designated in United States Presidential Executive Order No. 12744, dated January 21, 1991.

(g) For a veteran who served in the Laos War after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978, the special plates must bear the inscription "LAOS WAR VET" and the letters "L" and "V" with the first letter directly above the second letter and both letters just preceding the first numeral of the special license plate number.

Presented to the governor April 5, 1994

Signed by the governor April 7, 1994, 11:25 a.m.

CHAPTER 397—S.F.No. 1983

An act relating to economic development; clarifying applications and criteria for Minnesota companies to participate in the international business partnership program; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 116J.974.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 116J.974, is amended to read:

116J.974 INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

The commissioner shall establish an international partnership program to promote joint ventures in research and development, commercialization, and export opportunities between Minnesota companies, foreign companies, and foreign governments. The purpose of the partnership program is to encourage Minnesota business development, joint venture access to foreign markets, and the export of state products, and to create employment opportunities in Minnesota. Activities of the partnership program may include the following:

- (1) develop and maintain a data base of international partnership programs that finance, assist, or otherwise promote joint projects or ventures with companies in the United States;
- (2) collect and disseminate information on international joint venture programs to Minnesota companies and entrepreneurs;
- (3) provide technical assistance to Minnesota companies in preparing proposals or other applications for international programs that support joint projects or ventures;

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(4) explore methods of improved access to new and expanding international markets in the European Economic Community 1992 and the newly democratized countries;

(5) encourage public-private business and leadership exchanges between Minnesota and foreign countries;

(6) identify potential sources of domestic financing for international partnership programs; and

(7) review and evaluate the need and the financial sources for a conditional state grant ~~or~~ loan, or investment program to assist Minnesota companies by providing matching funds through the international partnership program.

State money ~~in an~~ to be provided to Minnesota companies applying to the international partnership ~~fund~~ program must be matched on a dollar for dollar basis with money from participating foreign governments. ~~An international partnership fund; and~~ must contribute no more than 50 percent of the total research and development costs incurred by the Minnesota companies for each project. Applicants to an international partnership ~~fund~~ program must demonstrate a nonpublic commitment of no less than 50 percent of eligible project costs.

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CHAPTER 398—S.F.No. 1967

An act relating to drivers' licenses; allowing commissioner of public safety to determine driver's test taken for license reinstatement; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 171.29, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 171.29, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **EXAMINATION REQUIRED.** No person whose driver's license has been revoked by reason of conviction, plea of guilty, or forfeiture of bail not vacated, under section 169.791, 169.797, or 171.17, or revoked under section 169.123 or 169.792 shall be issued another license unless and until that person shall have successfully passed an examination as required ~~for an initial license by the commissioner of public safety.~~ This subdivision does not apply to an applicant for early reinstatement under section 169.792, subdivision 7a.

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