- (2) medical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.06; or
- (3) general assistance and the food supplement authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.057, in lieu of federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and food stamp benefits;

then the commissioner shall immediately direct the county social service agencies to:

- (i) redetermine the eligibility of those legal noncitizens for federally funded benefits under TANF, medical assistance, Supplemental Security Income, and the federal food stamp program; and
- (ii) convert all legal noncitizens eligible for federally funded benefits to the appropriate federal program and utilize available federal funds for those eligible clients.
- (b) Legal noncitizens who are converted to federal benefit status are not eligible for state—only benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.11, 256B.06, or 256D.057. Legal noncitizens who apply for assistance subsequent to the date that the federal government restores benefits to legal noncitizens under any federal program must first be screened for federal benefit eligibility.

Sec, 19. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- (a) Section 2 is effective the day following final enactment.
- (b) Sections 9 and 11 are effective January 1, 1998.

Presented to the governor May 29, 1997

Signed by the governor June 2, 1997, 2:35 p.m.

CHAPTER 204—S.F.No. 1833

An act relating to counties; providing that issuance of a certain permit does not make a county liable for certain injuries; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 86B.121.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 86B.121, is amended to read:

86B.121 RACES, COMPETITIONS, AND EXHIBITIONS.

- (a) A person may not hold or sponsor any scheduled or public race, regatta, tournament or other competition or exhibition, or trial race on water or ice, whether or not involving watercraft, without first having obtained a written permit from the sheriff of the county where the event is to originate.
- (b) The sheriff, in the permit, may exempt watercraft from any of the provisions of this chapter relating to the licensing, operation, and equipment of watercraft while participating in the event authorized.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by strikeout.

(c) The county's issuance of a permit under this section does not make the county liable for any injury occurring at the event.

Presented to the governor May 20, 1997 Signed by the governor May 22, 1997, 12:00 p.m.

CHAPTER 205—S.F.No. 95

An act relating to health; modifying provisions related to health maintenance organizations; modifying lead inspection provisions; modifying vital statistics provisions; modifying asbestos abatement provisions; modifying provisions relating to traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury notification and data; modifying provisions for hearings related to permitting, licensing, registration, and certification; modifying revocation and suspension provisions for permits, licenses, registration, and certifications; modifying provisions for testing infants for inborn metabolic errors; modifying medical education and research costs trust fund provisions; requiring conformance with federal regulations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 62D.02, subdivision 10; 62D.03, subdivisions 3 and 4; 62D.04, subdivision 3; 62D.042, subdivision 3; 62D.06, subdivision 1; 62D.07, subdivision 3; 62D.09, subdivisions 1, 3, and 8; 62D.102; 62D.11, subdivisions 1, 1b, and 3; 62D.12, by adding a subdivision; 62D.20, subdivision 2; 62J.60, subdivision 3; 62J.69, subdivision 1; 144.125; 144.215, subdivision 1; 144.218; 144.664, subdivision 3; 144.665; 144.9501, subdivision 29, and by adding a subdivision; 144.9504, subdivision 2; 144.9506, subdivisions 1 and 5; 144.99, subdivisions 9 and 10; 257.73; 326.71, subdivisions 4 and 6; 326.72, subdivision 2; 326.74; 326.76; 326.78, subdivision 1; and 326.785; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 62D.03, subdivision 2; and 62D.11, subdivision 4; Laws 1988, chapter 495, section 1; Minnesota Rules, part 4600.3900.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 62D.02, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. "Consumer" means any person other than a person (a) whose occupation involves, or before retirement involved, the administration of health activities or the providing of health services; (b) who is, or ever was, employed by a health care facility, as a licensed health professional; or (c) who has, or ever had, a direct, substantial financial or managerial interest in the rendering of health service other than the payment of reasonable expense reimbursement or compensation as a member of the board of a health maintenance organization, including an enrollee, to whom a health maintenance organization directs marketing materials.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 62D.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. The commissioner of health may require any person providing physician and hospital services with payments made in the manner set forth in section 62D.02, subdivision 4, to apply for a certificate of authority under sections 62D.01 to 62D.30. An applicant may continue to operate until the commissioner of health acts upon the application. In the event that an application is denied, the applicant shall henceforth be treated as