

service, the public utilities commission, and the office of the attorney general, as well as representatives of telephone companies, telecommunications carriers, consumer organizations representing senior citizens, other consumer organizations, and other interested parties. The study must include: (1) consideration of whether geographic deaveraging of wholesale and/or retail rates is appropriate; (2) a description of how the universal service mechanism should operate in conjunction with geographic deaveraging of retail rates, in the event deaveraging were to occur; (3) consideration of the appropriate timing of implementation of wholesale and/or retail rate deaveraging, in the event deaveraging were to occur; and (4) recommendations regarding the state's regulatory role within the deaveraging process, in the event deaveraging were to occur.

#### Sec. 20. DEPRECIATION TASK FORCE.

The department of public service shall convene a task force of telephone companies, telecommunications carriers, and other interested parties and, by January 1, 1999, submit a report to the legislature on the adequacy of commission-approved depreciation rates and recommendations regarding recovery of depreciation expense.

#### Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 2, 3, and 5 to 20 are effective on the day following final enactment. Sections 1 and 4 are effective the day following final enactment and apply to all proceedings or matters reconsidered, pending, or commenced on or after that date.

Presented to the governor May 27, 1997

Signed by the governor May 30, 1997, 1:14 p.m.

### CHAPTER 224—S.F.No. 1255

*An act relating to campaign finance; clarifying limits on contributions to candidates for local elected office; prohibiting solicitation and acceptance of certain contributions during legislative sessions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 211A.12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211A.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 211A.12, is amended to read:

#### 211A.12 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

A candidate or a candidate's committee may not accept aggregate contributions made or delivered by an individual or committee in excess of \$300 in an election year for the office sought and \$100 in other years; except that a candidate or a candidate's committee for an office whose territory has a population over 100,000 may not accept aggregate contributions made or delivered by an individual or committee in excess of \$500 in an election year for the office sought and \$100 in other years.

The following deliveries are not subject to the bundling limitation in this section:

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(1) delivery of contributions collected by a member of the candidate's committee, such as a block worker or a volunteer who hosts a fundraising event, to the committee's treasurer; and

(2) a delivery made by an individual on behalf of the individual's spouse.

Notwithstanding sections 211A.02, subdivision 3, and 410.21, this section supersedes any home rule charter.

## **Sec. 2. [211A.14] CONTRIBUTIONS AND SOLICITATIONS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

A legislator or state constitutional officer who is a candidate for a county, city, or town office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, and any other political committee with the candidate's name or title may not solicit or accept a contribution from a political fund or registered lobbyist during a regular session of the legislature.

### **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

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## **CHAPTER 225—S.F.No. 1208**

*An act relating to health; modifying the MinnesotaCare program; modifying general assistance medical care provisions; modifying loss ratio provisions for health care policies; modifying Medicare supplement plan provisions; modifying the regional coordinating boards; modifying the health technology advisory committee; eliminating the health care commission; modifying mandatory Medicare assignment; modifying MinnesotaCare tax provisions; regulating community purchasing arrangements; modifying disclosure provisions; eliminating integrated service networks; modifying community integrated service network provisions; modifying provisions of the public programs risk adjustment work group; modifying essential community provider provisions; modifying requirements for health plan companies; modifying provisions of the rural physician education account; modifying rural hospital provisions; modifying medical assistance provisions; establishing a senior citizen drug program; modifying Minnesota comprehensive health association provisions; requiring studies; making technical changes; appropriating money; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 60A.15, subdivision 1; 60A.951, subdivision 5; 62A.021, subdivision 1, and by adding a subdivision; 62A.316; 62A.61; 62D.02, subdivision 5; 62D.09, subdivision 3; 62E.02, subdivisions 13 and 18; 62E.11, subdivision 5; 62E.13, subdivision 2; 62J.017; 62J.06; 62J.07, subdivisions 1 and 3; 62J.09, subdivision 1; 62J.15, subdivision 1; 62J.152, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, and by adding subdivisions; 62J.17, subdivision 6a; 62J.22; 62J.25; 62J.2914, subdivision 1; 62J.2915; 62J.2916, subdivision 1; 62J.2917, subdivision 2; 62J.2921, subdivision 2; 62J.451, subdivision 6b; 62M.02, subdivision 21; 62N.01, subdivision 1; 62N.22; 62N.23; 62N.25, subdivision 5; 62N.26; 62N.40; 62Q.01, subdivisions 3, 4, and 5; 62Q.03, subdivision 5a; 62Q.106; 62Q.19, subdivision 1; 62Q.33, subdivision 2; 62Q.45, subdivision 2; 136A.1355; 144.147, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; 144.1484, subdivision 1; 256.01, subdivision 2;*

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