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**CHAPTER 296—S.F.No. 3253**

*An act relating to human services; requiring the commissioner of human services to study the medical assistance reimbursement rates for special transportation providers.*

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

**Section 1. STUDY ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS.**

The commissioner of human services, in consultation with special transportation providers, shall prepare a study on appropriate reimbursement for special transportation providers. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the cost characteristics of special transportation services, including the differences in costs for services provided to:

- (1) persons who need a wheelchair lift or ramp van;
- (2) persons who need a stretcher-equipped vehicle;
- (3) persons who are ambulatory with assistance multiple door through multiple door;
- (4) persons who are ambulatory without assistance;
- (5) persons residing in rural areas; and
- (6) persons residing in urban areas.

The commissioner shall make recommendations for reimbursement rates for services to persons in clauses (1) to (6), based primarily on the analysis of service cost characteristics, capital cost characteristics, and industry growth cost characteristics. The commissioner shall present the study to the legislature no later than September 15, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 297—S.F.No. 2691**

*An act relating to the State Building Code; transferring authority to develop the energy portions of the building code from the commissioner of public service to the commissioner of*

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*administration; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 16B.61, subdivision 6; 216C.20, subdivision 1; and 216C.27, subdivision 8; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216C.195, subdivisions 2 and 3; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 216C.19, subdivision 8; and 216C.195, subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 16B.61, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **ENERGY EFFICIENCY.** The code must provide for building new low-income housing in accordance with energy efficiency standards adopted under section ~~216C.19, subdivision 8~~ 16B.61, subdivision 1. For purposes of this subdivision, low-income housing means residential housing built for low-income persons and families under a program of a housing and redevelopment authority, the Minnesota housing finance agency, or another entity receiving money from the state to construct such housing.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216C.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **APPLICABILITY.** The rules concerning heat loss, illumination, and climate control standards adopted pursuant to section ~~216C.19, subdivision 8~~ 16B.61, subdivision 1, shall include standards for all existing buildings heated by oil, coal, gas, or electric units which are owned by the state, the university of Minnesota, any city, any county, or any school district. Compliance with standards adopted pursuant to this section shall not be mandatory for buildings owned by any city, county or school district, except as otherwise provided by this section.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216C.27, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **SEPARATE METERING FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE.** The standards concerning heat loss, illumination, and climate control adopted pursuant to section ~~216C.19, subdivision 8~~ 16B.61, subdivision 1, shall require that electrical service to individual dwelling units in buildings containing two or more units be separately metered, with individual metering readily accessible to the individual occupants. The standards authorized by this subdivision shall only apply to buildings constructed after the effective date of the amended standards. Buildings intended for occupancy primarily by persons who are 62 years of age or older or handicapped, or which contain a majority of units not equipped with complete kitchen facilities, shall be exempt from the provisions of this subdivision.

Sec. 4. **TRANSFER.**

Development of the energy portion of the State Building Code is transferred from the commissioner of public service to the commissioner of administration in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039. Responsibilities transferred under this section include all statutory responsibilities of the commissioner of public service for developing the energy portion of the State Building Code. In the case that responsi-

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bilities for developing the energy portion of the State Building Code have been delegated to the commissioner of commerce on or before the effective date of this act as a result of the commissioner of administration's reorganization order number 181, development of the energy code is transferred from the commissioner of commerce to the commissioner of administration.

**Sec. 5. REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216C.195, subdivisions 2 and 3; and Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 216C.19, subdivision 8; and 216C.195, subdivision 1, are repealed.

**Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 5 are effective July 1, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 298—S.F.No. 2365**

*An act relating to physician assistants; modifying the supervisory requirement for physician assistants responding to disaster situations; clarifying coverage under medical assistance for physician services performed by a physician assistant; modifying the physician assistant advisory council; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 147A.27, subdivision 1; and 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 147A.23.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 147A.23, is amended to read:

**147A.23 RESPONDING TO DISASTER SITUATIONS.**

(a) A registered physician assistant or a physician assistant duly licensed or credentialed in a United States jurisdiction who is responding to a need for medical care created by a state or local disaster may render such care as the physician assistant is able to provide, under the physician assistant's license, registration, or credential, without the need of a physician and physician assistant agreement as required under section 147A.20. Physician supervision, as required under section 147A.09, must be provided under the direction of an emergency medical director in accordance with rules adopted by the emergency medical services regulatory board under section ~~144E.16~~ a physician licensed under chapter 147 who is involved with the disaster response. The physician assistant must establish a temporary supervisory agreement with an emergency medical director the physician providing supervision before rendering care.

(b) The physician who provides supervision to a physician assistant while the physician assistant is rendering care in a disaster in accordance with this section may

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