

the council is not subject to the expiration date in section 15.059. Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker and two members of the senate appointed by the subcommittee on committees of the committee on rules and administration shall serve as nonvoting members of the council. The council shall annually elect from its membership a chair and other officers it deems necessary.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 3.9225, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this section, ~~the term:~~

(1) "Black" describes persons who consider themselves as having origin in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(2) "East Africa" means the eastern region of the continent of Africa, comprising areas occupied by the countries of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Somalia; and

(3) "West Africa" means the western region of the continent of Africa comprising areas occupied by the countries of Mauritania, Senegal, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, and those parts of Mali and Niger south of the Sahara.

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## CHAPTER 40—S.F.No. 741

*An act relating to Hennepin county; authorizing disaster volunteer leave; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383B.*

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

### Section 1. [383B.389] DISASTER VOLUNTEER LEAVE.

Subdivision 1. LEAVE AUTHORIZED. A county employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross or emergency disaster services volunteer of the Salvation Army or similar volunteer of a disaster services organization approved by the Hennepin county board may be granted leave from work with 50 percent of pay, not to exceed 15 working days in each year, to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the American Red Cross or another approved disaster services organization. The employee must be released from work for this function upon the request of the approved disaster services organization for the services of that employee, and upon the approval of that employee's appointing authority. The appointing authority must compensate the employee granted leave under this section at 50 percent of the employee's regular rate of pay for those regular hours during which the employee is absent from work. This leave, if granted by the appointing authority,

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does not affect the employee's vacation leave, pension, compensatory time, personal vacation days, sick leave, earned overtime accumulation, or cause a loss of seniority.

Subd. 2. LIABILITY. The county is not liable for workers' compensation claims arising from accident or injury while a county employee is on an approved assignment with an approved disaster services organization. Duties performed while on disaster leave are not considered to be a work assignment by the county. The employee is granted leave based on the need for expertise in the employee's certified area. Job functions, although similar or related to the employee's county job functions, are performed on behalf of and for the benefit of the disaster services organization.

## Sec. 2. LOCAL APPROVAL.

Section 1 is effective the day after the Hennepin county board complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

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## CHAPTER 41—S.F.No. 1780

*An act relating to the board of government innovation and cooperation; extending an exemption for an Itasca county chemical dependency demonstration project; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 465.797, subdivision 5a.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 465.797, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **EXEMPTIONS GRANTED.** Notwithstanding subdivision 5, exemptions from enforcement of law granted by the board during calendar year 1995 remain in effect until June 30, 1999. An exemption granted by the board for Itasca county during calendar year 1996 allowing the county to implement a demonstration project to determine the feasibility of using a managed care model for financing chemical dependency treatment services remains in effect until June 30, ~~2001~~ 2004. An exemption granted by the board for Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington counties during calendar year 1998 allowing the counties to forego preadmission screenings for all applicants for admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility if the individual is being released from an in-patient hospital into a nursing facility and a physician certifies that the stay in the nursing facility is expected to be 30 days' duration or less, remains in effect until June 30, 2003. This subdivision expires June 30, ~~2003~~ 2004.

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