Sec. 25, REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 144A.48, is repealed effective upon adoption of licensure rules under Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.752, subdivision 1.

Presented to the governor March 20, 2002

Signed by the governor March 22, 2002, 2:05 p.m.

CHAPTER 253-S.F.No. 2932

An act relating to the environment; encouraging citizen water quality monitoring; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 115.06, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 115.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. CITIZEN MONITORING OF WATER QUALITY. (a) The agency may encourage citizen monitoring of ambient water quality for public waters by:

(1) providing technical assistance to citizen and local group water quality monitoring efforts;

(2) integrating citizen monitoring data into water quality assessments and agency programs, provided that the data adheres to agency quality assurance and quality control protocols; and

(3) seeking public and private funds to:

(i) collaboratively develop clear guidelines for water quality monitoring procedures and data management practices for specific data and information uses;

(ii) distribute the guidelines to citizens, local governments, and other interested parties;

(iii) improve and expand water quality monitoring activities carried out by the agency; and

(iv) continue to improve electronic and Web access to water quality data and information about public waters that have been either fully or partially assessed.

(b) This subdivision does not authorize a citizen to enter onto private property for any purpose.

(c) By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the commissioner shall report to the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over environmental policy and finance on activities under this section.

(d) This subdivision shall sunset June 30, 2005.

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CHAPTER 254-S.F.No. 2971

An act relating to state government; state procurement; codifying references relating to competitive bidding for building and construction contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 16C.25; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 16C.25, is amended to read:

16C.25 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

Notwithstanding any contrary law, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 16B.07, 16B.08, 16B.09, and all other laws applicable to competitive bidding for building and construction contracts on June 30, 1998, sections 16C.06 and 16C.10, sections 16C.26 to 16C.29, and other provisions of law not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 16C.26 to 16C.29 apply to building and construction contracts entered into on or after July August 1, 1998 2002.

Sec. 2. [16C.26] COMPETITIVE BIDS.

Subdivision 1. APPLICATION. Except as otherwise provided by sections 16C.26 and 16C.27, all contracts for building and construction or repairs must be based on competitive bids.

<u>Subd. 2.</u> **REQUIREMENT CONTRACTS.** Standard requirement price contracts for building and construction must be established by competitive bids as provided in subdivision 1. The standard requirement price contracts may contain escalation clauses and may provide for a negotiated price increase or decrease based upon a demonstrable industrywide or regional increase or decrease in the vendor's costs or for the addition of similar products or replacement items not significant to the total value of existing contracts. The term of these contracts may not exceed five years including all extensions.

Subd. 3. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; EXPENDITURES OVER \$15,000. If the amount of an expenditure is estimated to exceed \$15,000, sealed bids must be solicited by public notice inserted at least once in a newspaper or trade journal not less than seven days before the final date of submitting bids. The commissioner shall designate the newspaper or trade journal for that publication and may designate different newspapers or journals according to the nature of the purchase or contract. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by sending notices by mail to all prospective bidders known to the commissioner and by posting notice on a public

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