

recipient for expenses incurred in the purchase or lease of snowmobile trail grooming equipment to be used for grant-in-aid trails. The costs must be incurred between July 1, 2001, and May 1, 2002, and recipients must provide acceptable documentation of the costs to the commissioner. All applications for reimbursement under this section must be received no later than September 1, 2002.

**Sec. 5. [84.87] [Subd. 4.] SNOWMOBILE SPEED LIMIT; LAKES GREATER THAN 10,000 ACRES.**

Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, a county may enact an ordinance to raise the speed limit up to 65 miles per hour for snowmobiles traveling on marked trails during daylight hours on lakes greater than 10,000 acres, subject to the approval of the commissioner of natural resources. Within any posted speed limit, it remains unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable or proper under all of the surrounding conditions or circumstances.

**Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION.**

\$1,215,000 in fiscal year 2003 is appropriated from the natural resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for maintaining lands and trails administered by the commissioner and open to recreational motor vehicle use and for monitoring and enforcement activities on those lands and trails and environmental review on planned recreational motor vehicle trails. Of this amount, \$700,000 is from the all-terrain vehicle account, \$460,000 is from the off-road vehicle account, and \$55,000 is from the off-highway motorcycle account. Notwithstanding Laws 2002, chapter 220, article 10, section 38, the commissioner may hire employees paid by this appropriation.

**Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 2 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 30, 2002

Signed by the governor May 1, 2002, 2:25 p.m.

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**CHAPTER 356—S.F.No. 3257**

*An act relating to municipalities; housing and redevelopment authority officers; adding an exception to conflict of interest provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 471.88, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 471.88, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 19. LOAN FOR HRA OFFICER, IF DISCLOSED. If a city or county housing and redevelopment authority, or an agency having the powers of a city or

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county housing and redevelopment authority, administers a loan or grant program with state or federal funds, the authority may make a grant or loan from these funds to a public officer of the authority who applies, if the public officer first discloses, as part of the official minutes of a meeting of the authority, that the public officer has applied for the funds and the public officer abstains from voting on the public officer's application.

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Signed by the governor May 1, 2002, 2:37 p.m.

### CHAPTER 357—S.F.No. 2363

*An act relating to insurance; limiting the use of credit information; regulating trade practices; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 72A.20, by adding a subdivision; repealing 2002 H.F. 2988, sections 30, 34, if enacted.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 72A.20, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 36. LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF CREDIT INFORMATION. (a) No insurer or group of affiliated insurers may reject, cancel, or nonrenew a policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance as defined under section 65B.01 or a policy of homeowner's insurance as defined under section 65A.27, for any person in whole or in part on the basis of credit information, including a credit reporting product known as a "credit score" or "insurance score," without consideration and inclusion of any other applicable underwriting factor.

(b) If credit information, credit scoring, or insurance scoring is to be used in underwriting, the insurer must disclose to the consumer that credit information will be obtained and used as part of the insurance underwriting process.

(c) Insurance inquiries and nonconsumer-initiated inquiries must not be used as part of the credit scoring or insurance scoring process.

(d) If a credit score, insurance score, or other credit information relating to a consumer, with respect to the types of insurance referred to in paragraph (a), is adversely impacted or cannot be generated because of the absence of a credit history, the insurer must exclude the use of credit as a factor in the decision to reject, cancel, or nonrenew.

(e) Insurers must upon request of the applicant or policyholder provide reasonable underwriting exceptions based upon prior credit histories for persons whose credit information is unduly influenced by expenses related to a catastrophic injury or illness, temporary loss of employment, or the death of an immediate family member. The

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