

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 211B.045, is amended to read:

211B.045 NONCOMMERCIAL SIGNS EXEMPTION.

In any municipality with whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs, notwithstanding the provisions of that ordinance, all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number from August 1 in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election.

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Signed by the governor March 26, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

CHAPTER 143—H.F.No. 1064

An act relating to state employees; making technical and housekeeping changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 43A.30, subdivision 5; 43A.319.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 43A.30, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **ADMINISTRATION.** The commissioner of employee relations may administer the employee insurance program. The commissioner may assess agencies, and employers of persons eligible for state-paid insurance and benefits under section 43A.24, the cost of these administrative services, including diagnostic and assessment, referral, and training services provided by the employee assistance program under section 43A.319, and include it in the amounts billed for life insurance, hospital, medical, and dental benefits, and optional coverages authorized. Receipts from the assessments must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a special account in the employee insurance trust fund and are appropriated to the commissioner to pay these administrative costs.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 43A.319, is amended to read:

43A.319 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

The commissioner shall provide an employee assistance program of training, diagnostic assessment, counseling, and referral services for state employees and their dependents.

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New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.