

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 169.87, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **UTILITY VEHICLES.** (a) Weight restrictions imposed by the commissioner under ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to a two-axle or three-axle utility vehicle that does not exceed a weight of 20,000 pounds per single axle and 36,000 pounds gross vehicle weight for a two-axle vehicle or 48,000 pounds gross vehicle weight for a three-axle vehicle, if the vehicle is owned by:

- (1) a public utility as defined in section 216B.02;
 - (2) a municipality or municipal utility that operates the vehicle for its municipal electric, gas, or water system; or
 - (3) a cooperative electric association organized under chapter 308A.
- (b) The exemption in this subdivision applies only when the vehicle is performing service restoration or other work necessary to prevent an imminent loss of service.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 11, 2005

Signed by the governor April 14, 2005, 11:00 a.m.

CHAPTER 22—S.F.No. 1254

An act relating to veterans; designating the month of May each year as "Hire a Veteran Month" in Minnesota; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.

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

Section 1. [10.565] HIRE A VETERAN MONTH.

The month of May is designated "Hire a Veteran Month" in honor of the more than 48,000,000 citizen soldiers who as of January 1, 2005, have served in the United States Armed Forces, of whom over 1,500,000 have been wounded and over 1,000,000 more have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country. Whenever called upon to defend our national security at home or abroad, these men and women serving in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard have always responded immediately and effectively, placing the national interests above their own. Each year, the governor shall issue a proclamation honoring this observance, urging Minnesota state and local government departments, agencies, and boards, as well as private employers, to give fair and appropriate consideration to hiring military veterans.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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