

CHAPTER 293—S.F.No. 2980

An act relating to insurance; homeowners; regulating flood insurance coverage; requiring disclosures of noncoverage; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 65A.

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

Section 1. **[65A.302] FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE; DISCLOSURE OF NONCOVERAGE.**

Every insurer shall annually provide a written notice to the policyholder entitled "Important Information About Damage Caused by Flooding." This title must be in at least 18-point type. The notice must disclose that the policy does not cover damage caused by flooding and disclose sufficient information to allow the policyholder to contact the National Flood Insurance Program to inquire about purchasing flood insurance. The following language satisfies the notice requirements of this section:

"The policy does not cover damage to your property caused by flooding. Flood insurance is available to communities and property that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP"). Not all communities participate in the NFIP. Flood insurance may be available even if you do not live in a flood hazard area as defined by the NFIP. If your community does not participate in the NFIP, you may contact your insurance agent or broker to see if there is other flood insurance coverage available to you."

The disclosure may also inform the policyholders that the insurer offers flood insurance as a participant in the NFIP's "Write Your Own" program.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2008, for policies issued or renewed on or after that date.

Presented to the governor May 8, 2008

Signed by the governor May 12, 2008, 1:12 p.m.