

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective upon final enactment.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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CHAPTER 657—H.F.No.1410

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to workmen's compensation for farm laborers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 176.011, by adding a subdivision; 176.041, Subdivision 1, and 176.051.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 176.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11a. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; FAMILY FARM. "Family farm" means any farm operation which pays or is obligated to pay less than \$2,000 in cash wages, exclusive of machine hire, to farm laborers for services rendered during the preceding calendar year. For purposes of this subdivision, farm laborer does not include members of the employer's immediate family or other farmers in the same community or members of their families exchanging work with the employer. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a farm laborer shall not be considered as an independent contractor for the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 176.041, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**176.041 APPLICATION, EXCEPTIONS.** Subdivision 1. **EMPLOYMENTS EXCLUDED.** This chapter does not apply to persons employed by any common carrier by railroad engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, domestic servants, ~~farm laborers~~ persons employed by family farms, or persons whose employment at the time of the injury is casual, and not in the usual course of the trade, business, profession, or occupation of his employer; nor does it apply to officers or members of veteran's organizations whose employment relationship arises solely by virtue of attending meetings or conventions of their organization, unless such veteran's organizations elect by resolution to provide coverage under this chapter for such officers or members. Professional athletes under contract for hire which contract gives compensation not less than that provided by this chapter are not subject thereto if a written consent not to be bound thereby, signed by the professional athlete

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and the employer and approved by the commission, is filed with the commission.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 176.051, is amended to read:

176.051 **ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY.** An employer of ~~farm laborers or workers on a family farm or domestics~~ may assume the liability for compensation imposed by this chapter and such employer's purchase and acceptance of a valid insurance policy, which includes in its coverage a classification of ~~farm laborers or workers on a family farm or domestics~~ constitutes an assumption by the employer of such liability. This assumption of liability takes effect and continues from the effective date of the policy and as long only as the policy remains in force. If during the life of any such insurance policy any employee, who is a ~~farm laborer or worker on a family farm or domestic~~, suffers personal injury or death arising out of and in the course of his employment, the exclusive remedy of the employee or his dependents is under this chapter.

Sec. 4. This act shall be effective January 1, 1974.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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## CHAPTER 658—H.F.No.1416

*An act relating to mental health; hospitalization and commitment act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 253A.08, Subdivision 1.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 253A.08, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**253A.08 HOSPITALIZATION AND COMMITMENT; COMMITMENT TO AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.** Subdivision 1. If the patient is entitled to care by the veterans administration or other agency of the United States in this state, the commitment warrant shall be in triplicate, committing the patient to the joint custody of the head of the hospital or the

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