

Subd. 4. **TAXATION; TAX FORFEITED LANDS; RECREATIONAL TRAILS; EASEMENTS.** The county auditor, when and for such price and on such terms and for such period as the county board prescribes, may grant easements or permits on unsold tax-forfeited land for telephone, telegraph, and electric power lines either by underground cable or conduit or otherwise, sewer and water lines, highways, recreational trails, railroads, and pipe lines for gas, liquids, or solids in suspension. Any such easement or permit may be canceled by resolution of the county board after reasonable notice for any substantial breach of its terms or if at any time its continuance will conflict with public use of the land, or any part thereof, on which it is granted. Land affected by any such easement or permit may be sold or leased for mineral or other legal purpose, but sale or lease shall be subject to the easement or permit, and all rights granted by the easement or permit shall be excepted from the conveyance or lease of the land and be reserved, and may be canceled by the county board in the same manner and for the same reasons as it could have been canceled before sale and in that case the rights granted thereby shall vest in the state in trust as the land on which it was granted was held before sale or lease. Any easement or permit granted before passage of Laws 1951, Chapter 203, may be governed thereby if the holder thereof and county board so agree. Reasonable notice as used in this subdivision, means a 90-day written notice addressed to the record owner of the easement at the last known address, and upon cancellation the county board may grant extensions of time to vacate the premises affected.

Approved April 3, 1976.

CHAPTER 142—S.F.No.1296

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to insurance; making more certain which group insurance policies and subscriber contracts are required to provide insurance coverage to employees after termination of employment; extending the period for certain notices to terminated employees; requiring certain group insurance policies to provide for optional conversion to an individual policy after group coverage terminates; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 62A.16; and 62A.17, by adding a subdivision; and Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 62A.17, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 62A.16, is amended to read:

62A.16 INSURANCE; GROUP HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL COVERAGE AND HEALTH CARE PLANS; APPLICABILITY. The provisions of sections 62A.16 and 62A.17 shall apply to all group insurance policies or group subscriber contracts providing coverage for hospital

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~~and medical expense which are issued or renewed in this state after August 1, 1974 or medical expenses incurred by a Minnesota resident employed within this state . Sections 62A.16 and 62A.17 shall also apply to health care plans established by employers in this state through health maintenance organizations regulated under any health care maintenance organization enabling act enacted in 1973 or thereafter certified under chapter 62D .~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Section 62A.17, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **NOTICE OF OPTIONS.** Upon the termination of employment of an eligible employee, the employer shall inform the employee within five ten days of such after termination of:

- (a) his right to elect to continue the coverage;
- (b) the amount he must pay monthly to the employer to retain the coverage;
- (c) the manner in which and the office of the employer to which the payment to the employer must be made; and
- (d) the time by which the payments to the employer must be made to retain coverage.

If the policy, contract or health care plan is administered by a trust, the terminating employer is relieved of the obligation imposed by clauses (a) to (d). The trust shall inform the employee of the information required by clauses (a) to (d).

Notice may be in writing and sent by first class mail to the employee's last known address which the employee has provided the employer or trust. If the employer or trust fails to so notify the employee who is properly enrolled in the program, the employee shall have the option to retain coverage provided he makes this election within 60 days of the date his employment is terminated by making the proper payment to the employer or trust to provide continuous coverage.

A notice in substantially the following form shall be sufficient. As a terminated employee the law authorizes you to maintain your group medical insurance for a period of up to six months. To do so you must notify your former employer within ten days of this notice that you intend to retain such coverage and must make a monthly payment of \$..... to at by the of each month.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 62A.17, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. CONVERSION TO INDIVIDUAL POLICY. A group insurance policy that provides post termination coverage as required by this

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section shall also include a provision allowing a covered employee or surviving spouse or dependent at the expiration of the post termination coverage provided by subdivision 2 to obtain from the insurer offering the group policy or group subscriber contract, at the employee's, spouse's or dependent's option and expense, without further evidence of insurability and without interruption of coverage, an individual policy of insurance or an individual subscriber contract providing coverage which is similar to or greater than the hospital or medical expense protection afforded to the employee, the spouse and his dependents by the group policy or contract. A policy providing reduced benefits at a reduced premium rate may be accepted by the employee, the spouse or a dependent in lieu of the optional coverage otherwise required by this subdivision.

The individual policy shall be guaranteed renewable to age 65 or to the day before the date of eligibility for coverage under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended. Any revisions in the table of rate for the individual policy shall apply to the covered person's original age at entry, and shall apply equally to all similar policies issued by the insurer.

Sec. 4. This act is effective on August 1, 1976.

Approved April 3, 1976.

CHAPTER 143—S.F.No.1530

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to game and fish; establishing the expiration date of all game and fish licenses as the last day of February; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to provide for the issuance of more than one game or fish license to a person during any licensing year; providing for distribution of game and fish licenses on consignment; establishing an issuing fee for such licenses; requiring sub-agents to be bonded; authorizing county auditors to retain a four percent commission on license fees; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to issue regulations relating to sub-agencies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 98.45, Subdivision 1; and 98.50, Subdivisions 1, 2 and 5, and by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 98.50, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 98.45, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

98.45 GAME AND FISH; LICENSES; REQUIREMENT. Subdivision 1. Except as specifically permitted in chapters 97 to 102, no person may take, buy, sell, transport, or possess any protected wild animals of this state or any aquatic plants without first procuring a

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