

employment service may be made available to persons or agencies for purposes appropriate to the operation of a public employment service. Upon request therefor, the commissioner shall furnish to any agency of the United States charged with the administration of public works or assistance through public employment, and may furnish to any state agency similarly charged, or any local human rights department within the state which has enforcement powers, the name, address, ordinary occupation, and employment status of each recipient of benefits and such recipient's rights to further benefits under these sections. The commissioner may request the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States to cause an examination of the correctness of any return or report of any national banking association rendered pursuant to the provisions of these sections, and may in connection with such request, transmit any such report or return to the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States as provided in section 3305(c) of the federal internal revenue code.

All letters, reports, communications, or any other matters, either oral or written, from an employer or his workers to each other or to the commissioner or any of his agents, representatives, or employees, which shall have been written or made in connection with the requirements and administration of sections 268.03 to 268.24 or the regulations thereunder, shall be absolutely privileged and shall not be made subject matter or basis for any suit for slander or libel in any court of this state.

Approved May 20, 1977.

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CHAPTER 238—H.F.No.56

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to children; providing visitation rights to minor children in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 257.022, Subdivision 2, and by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 257.022, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **CHILDREN; VISITATION RIGHTS.** In all proceedings for dissolution, subsequent to the commencement of the proceeding and continuing thereafter during the minority of the child, the court may, upon the request of the parent or grandparent of a ~~noncustodial~~ party, grant reasonable visitation rights to the unmarried minor child, after dissolution of marriage, during his minority if it finds that visitation rights would be in the best interests of the child and would not interfere with the parent child relationship. The court shall consider the amount of personal contact between the parents or grandparents of the party and the child prior to the application.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 257.022, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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Subd. 2a. WHEN CHILD HAS RESIDED WITH GRANDPARENTS. If an unmarried minor has resided with his grandparents or great-grandparents for a period of 12 months or more, and is subsequently removed from the home by his parents, the grandparents or great-grandparents may petition the district or county court for an order granting them reasonable visitation rights to the child during his minority. The court shall grant the petition if it finds that visitation rights would be in the best interests of the child and would not interfere with the parent and child relationship.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective upon final enactment.

Approved May 25, 1977.

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**CHAPTER 239—H.F.No.90**

*An act relating to intoxicating liquor; authorizing cities to issue additional on-sale licenses by referendum; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 340.11, Subdivision 18.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 340.11, Subdivision 18, is amended to read:

Subd. 18. **INTOXICATING LIQUOR; ADDITIONAL LICENSES; REFERENDUM.** The governing body of any city, including statutory cities and cities issuing "on-sale" licenses pursuant to section 340.353 may issue "on-sale" licenses in excess of the number authorized by this section, upon authorization by the voters of the municipality voting at a special election called for such purpose or at the general election in the municipality. Such governing body may by majority vote direct that either of the following question questions be placed on the ballot at a special election called for such purposes or at a general election of the city: "Shall the city council be allowed to issue 'on-sale' licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail in excess of the number now permitted by law?" or: "Shall the city council be allowed to issue ..... 'on-sale' licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail in addition to the number now permitted by law?" If a majority of voters voting on the question at such election vote in the affirmative, the governing body may issue "on-sale" licenses in such number as ~~it~~ shall determine without regard to the number authorized by this section be determined by the referendum.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 25, 1977.

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