

person, firm, partnership, corporation, the State of Minnesota, all *political subdivisions*, and all municipal corporations.

If, at the time of the death of any person, his employer is indebted to him for work, labor, or services performed, and no executor or administrator of his estate has been appointed, such employer shall, upon the request of the surviving spouse, forthwith pay this indebtedness, in such an amount as may be due, not exceeding the sum of \$500, to the surviving spouse. *The employer may in the same manner provide for payment to the surviving spouse of accumulated credits under the vacation or overtime plan or system maintained by the employer.* The employer shall require proof of claimant's relationship to decedent by affidavit, and require claimant to acknowledge receipt of such payment in writing. Any payments made by the employer pursuant to the provisions of this section shall operate as a full and complete discharge of the employer's indebtedness to the extent of the payment, and no employer shall thereafter be liable therefor to the decedent's estate or the decedent's executor or administrator thereafter appointed. Any amounts so received by a spouse shall be considered in diminution of the allowance to the spouse under section 525.15.

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CHAPTER 532—S. F. No. 849

[Coded as Section 544.043]

An act relating to defamation by radio.

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

544.043 Section 1. **Defense; defamation by radio.** In an action for damages for any defamatory statement published or uttered in or as part of a visual or sound radio broadcast by anyone other than the owner, licensee, or operator or agent or employee of any radio broadcasting station or network of stations, the defendant may show in his defense that he used due care to prevent the publication or utterance of such statement.

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