

**5000.0500 INVESTIGATION.**

Subpart 1. **Answer to charge.** A person against whom a charge has been filed shall submit to the commissioner a written answer to the charge within 20 days of receipt of the charge. The reply may contain a statement of the respondent's position and may present any evidence related to the subject matter of the charge.

Subp. 2. **Statement.** The commissioner may by interview or deposition take the statement of any person relating to the subject matter of a charge or a complaint. The appearance of witnesses may be compelled by the use of subpoena as provided in the act.

Subp. 3. **Production and inspection of documents.** The commissioner may order any person, including a party, to produce and permit the inspection and copying or photographing of any designated documents, papers, books, accounts, letters, photographs, or other tangible things, not privileged, which may constitute or contain evidence relating to the subject matter of a charge or a complaint. The production of any matter heretofore enumerated may be compelled by the use of subpoena as provided in the act.

Subp. 4. **Written interrogatories.** The commissioner may order any party to complete written interrogatories relating to the subject matter of a charge or complaint. The written interrogatories shall be completed and returned to the commissioner within 15 days of receipt of them. For good cause, the commissioner may grant an extension of time for the completion and return of the written interrogatories.

Subp. 5. **Confidentiality.** The commissioner shall not disclose any information obtained during investigation or discovery except as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, sections 363A.06, subdivision 4 and 363A.35.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 363.05; 363A.06*

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