

CHAPTER 299A

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

299A.02	Commissioners of public safety and revenue; liquor control functions.	299A.25	Procedures and criteria for disbursement.
299A.11	Vehicles transporting wheelchair users; definitions.	299A.26	Acceptance of federal funds and other donations.
299A.23	Disbursement of funds for child abuse prevention.	299A.28	Mcgruff safe house program.

299A.02 COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND REVENUE; LIQUOR CONTROL FUNCTIONS.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 3. **Reports; rules.** The commissioner shall have power to require periodic factual reports from all licensed importers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of intoxicating liquors and to make all reasonable rules to effect the object of Laws 1985, chapter 305, articles 2 to 11. The rules shall include provisions for assuring the purity of intoxicating liquors and the true statement of its contents and proper labeling thereof with regard to all forms of sale. No rule may require the use of new containers in aging whiskey. No rule may require cordials or liqueurs to contain in excess of 2-1/2 percent by weight of sugar or dextrose or both.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1986]

History: 1987 c 381 s 1; 1987 c 383 s 15

299A.11 VEHICLES TRANSPORTING WHEELCHAIR USERS; DEFINITIONS.

The following terms have the definitions given them for the purposes of sections 299A.11 to 299A.18:

(a) "Wheelchair securement device" or "securement device" means an apparatus installed in a motor vehicle for the purpose of securing an occupied wheelchair into a location in the vehicle and preventing movement of that wheelchair while the vehicle is in motion.

(b) "Operator" means any person, firm, partnership, corporation, service club, public or private agency, city, town or county. Section 299A.15 does not apply to any school bus as defined in section 169.01, subdivision 6.

(c) "Transportation service" means the transportation by motor vehicle, other than a school bus manufactured before January 1, 1988, of any sick, injured, invalid, incapacitated, or handicapped individual while occupying a wheelchair, which transportation is offered or provided by any operator to the public or to its employees or in connection with any other service offered by the operator including schooling or nursing home, convalescent or child care services.

History: 1987 c 383 s 16

299A.23 DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 2. **Advisory council.** An advisory council of 15 members is established under section 15.059. The commissioners of human services, health, education, and corrections shall each appoint one member. The subcommittee on committees of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint two members of their respective bodies, one from each caucus. The governor shall appoint an additional seven members who shall demonstrate knowledge in the area of child abuse and shall

represent the demographic and geographic composition of the state, and to the extent possible, represent the following groups: local government, parents, racial and ethnic minority communities, the religious community, professional providers of child abuse prevention and treatment services, and volunteers in child abuse prevention and treatment services. The council shall advise and assist the commissioner in carrying out sections 299A.20 to 299A.26. The council does not expire as provided by section 15.059, subdivision 5.

Subd. 3. Plan for disbursement of funds. By June 1, 1987, the commissioner, assisted by the advisory council, shall develop a plan to disburse money from the trust fund. In developing the plan, the commissioner shall review prevention programs. The plan must ensure that all geographic areas of the state have an equal opportunity to establish prevention programs and receive trust fund money. Biennially thereafter the commissioner shall send the plan to the legislature and the governor by January 1 of each odd-numbered year.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1986]

History: 1987 c 358 s 113; 1Sp1987 c 4 art 2 s 6

299A.25 PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DISBURSEMENT.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 3. Use of funds. Priority must be given to applicants whose matching funds do not consist, in whole or in part, of state or federal funds. Any trust fund money received must not be used to compensate for a decrease in previously existing funding levels unless that decrease is attributable to a decision made by state, federal, or other entities not controlled by the applicant and the applicant demonstrates that it has made reasonable efforts to retain all previously existing funding.

[For text of subs 4 and 5, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1Sp1987 c 4 art 2 s 9]

[For text of subs 7 and 8, see M.S.1986]

History: 1Sp1987 c 4 art 2 s 7

299A.26 ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER DONATIONS.

The commissioner may accept federal money and gifts, donations, and bequests for the purposes of Laws 1986, chapter 423. Money so received and proceeds from the sale of promotional items, minus sales promotional costs, must be deposited in the trust fund and must be made available annually to the commissioner.

History: 1987 c 358 s 114

299A.28 MCGRUFF SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. Symbol. The symbol of "McGruff" with the phrase "McGruff House" is the symbol to designate a house in this state where a child may seek help when threatened.

Subd. 2. Duties of commissioner of public safety. The commissioner of public safety shall:

- (1) design or adopt a standard symbol to designate a safe house that is the "McGruff" symbol used in other states;
- (2) make available written information about the safe house program and "McGruff" symbols to school districts and law enforcement agencies;
- (3) publicize the safe house program in as many ways as is reasonably practical;
- (4) require the appropriate local law enforcement agency to maintain a register of safe houses;

(5) either directly or through cooperation with the appropriate law enforcement agencies conduct background checks on persons who apply to have their house be a safe house.

Subd. 3. **Display of symbol.** A person displaying the "McGruff" symbol so that it is visible from the outside of their house must be approved as a safe house by the appropriate local law enforcement agency. The appropriate law enforcement agency must supply the symbol to the person. The symbol is the property of the law enforcement agency, and a person must return the symbol to the law enforcement agency if the agency determines that the house no longer qualifies as a "McGruff" house. Violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 4. **Safe houses; requirements.** The appropriate law enforcement agency must provide "McGruff" symbols to persons who apply for symbols if they agree in writing to follow the terms of the safe house program and pass a background check by the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

Subd. 5. **Exclusive symbol.** The safe house symbol provided by this section is the exclusive symbol for safe houses in this state.

Subd. 6. **Rules.** The commissioner of public safety may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

History: 1987 c 208 s 1