

CHAPTER 299C

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

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299C.05 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

There is hereby established within the bureau a Division of Criminal Statistics, and the superintendent, within the limits of membership herein prescribed, shall appoint a qualified statistician and one assistant to be in charge thereof. It shall be the duty of this division to collect, and preserve as a record of the bureau, information concerning the number and nature of offenses known to have been committed in the state, of the legal steps taken in connection therewith from the inception of the complaint to the final discharge of the defendant, and such other information as may be useful in the study of crime and the administration of justice. The information so collected and preserved shall include such data as may be requested by the United States Department of Justice, at Washington, under its national system of crime reporting. To the extent possible, the superintendent must utilize a nationally recognized system or standard approved by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to collect and preserve crime data.

History: *1Sp2003 c 2 art 4 s 5.*

299C.06 DIVISION POWERS AND DUTIES; COOPERATION.

It shall be the duty of all sheriffs, chiefs of police, city marshals, constables, prison wardens, superintendents of insane hospitals, reformatories and correctional schools, probation and parole officers, school attendance officers, coroners, county attorneys, court clerks, the commissioner of public safety, the commissioner of transportation, and the state fire marshal to furnish to the division statistics and information regarding the number of crimes reported and discovered, arrests made, complaints, informations, and indictments, filed and the disposition made of same, pleas, convictions, acquittals, probations granted or denied, conditional release information, receipts, transfers, and discharges to and from prisons, reformatories, correctional schools, and other institutions, paroles granted and revoked, commutation of sentences and pardons granted and rescinded, and all other data useful in determining the cause and amount of crime in this state and to form a basis for the study of crime, police methods, court procedure, and penal problems. Such statistics and information shall be furnished upon the request of the division and upon such forms as may be prescribed and furnished by it. Unless otherwise required or permitted by the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, an agency or person furnishing information under this section must utilize a nationally recognized system or standard approved by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for reporting statistics and information. The division shall have the power to inspect and prescribe the form and substance of the records kept by those officials from which the information is so furnished.

History: *1Sp2003 c 2 art 4 s 6*

299C.10 IDENTIFICATION DATA REQUIRED.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 4. **Fee for background check; account; appropriation.** The superintendent shall collect a fee in an amount to cover the expense for each background check provided for a purpose not directly related to the criminal justice system or required by section 624.7131, 624.7132, or 624.714. The proceeds of the fee must be deposited in a special account. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner to

maintain and improve the quality of the criminal record system in Minnesota. The superintendent shall collect an additional handling fee of \$7 for FBI background fingerprint checks.

Subd. 5. **Fee for taking fingerprints; account, appropriation.** The superintendent may charge a fee of \$10 to take fingerprints for the public when required by an employer or government entity for either employment or licensing. No fee will be charged when there is a question whether the person is the subject of a criminal history record. The proceeds of the fee must be deposited in an account in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner to maintain and improve the quality of the criminal record system in Minnesota.

History: *1Sp2003 c 2 art 4 s 7,8*

299C.37 POLICE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT; USE, SALE.

Subdivision 1. **Use regulated.** (a) No person other than peace officers within the state, the members of the State Patrol, and persons who hold an amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, shall equip any motor vehicle with any radio equipment or combination of equipment, capable of receiving any radio signal, message, or information from any police emergency frequency, or install, use, or possess the equipment in a motor vehicle without permission from the superintendent of the bureau upon a form prescribed by the superintendent. An amateur radio license holder is not entitled to exercise the privilege granted by this paragraph if the license holder has been convicted in this state or elsewhere of a crime of violence, as defined in section 624.712, subdivision 5, unless ten years have elapsed since the person has been restored to civil rights or the sentence has expired, whichever occurs first, and during that time the person has not been convicted of any other crime of violence. For purposes of this section, "crime of violence" includes a crime in another state or jurisdiction that would have been a crime of violence if it had been committed in this state. Radio equipment installed, used, or possessed as permitted by this paragraph must be under the direct control of the license holder whenever it is used. A person who is designated in writing by the chief law enforcement officer of a political subdivision issued a permit under subdivision 3 may use and possess radio equipment while in the course and scope of duties or employment without also having to obtain an individual permit.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), any person who is convicted of a violation of this subdivision shall, upon conviction for the first offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the second and subsequent offenses shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(c) An amateur radio license holder who exercises the privilege granted by paragraph (a) shall carry the amateur radio license in the motor vehicle at all times and shall present the license to a peace officer on request. A violation of this paragraph is a petty misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. **Permit.** The superintendent of the bureau shall, upon written application, issue a written permit, which shall be nontransferable, to a person, firm, political subdivision, or corporation showing good cause to use radio equipment capable of receiving a police emergency frequency, as a necessity, in the lawful pursuit of a business, trade, or occupation.

History: *2003 c 121 s 1,2*

299C.48 CONNECTION BY AUTHORIZED AGENCY; FEE, APPROPRIATION.

(a) An agency authorized under section 299C.46, subdivision 3, may connect with and participate in the criminal justice data communications network upon approval of the commissioner of public safety; provided, that the agency shall first agree to pay installation charges as may be necessary for connection and monthly operational charges as may be established by the commissioner of public safety. Before participation by a criminal justice agency may be approved, the agency must have executed an agreement with the commissioner providing for security of network facilities and restrictions on access to data supplied to and received through the network.

(b) In addition to any fee otherwise authorized, the commissioner of public safety shall impose a fee for providing secure dial-up or Internet access for criminal justice agencies and noncriminal justice agencies. The following monthly fees apply:

- (1) criminal justice agency accessing via Internet, \$15;
- (2) criminal justice agency accessing via dial-up, \$35;
- (3) noncriminal justice agency accessing via Internet, \$35; and
- (4) noncriminal justice agency accessing via dial-up, \$35.

(c) The installation and monthly operational charges collected by the commissioner of public safety under paragraphs (a) and (b) are annually appropriated to the commissioner to administer sections 299C.46 to 299C.50.

History: *1Sp2003 c 2 art 4 s 9*

299C.68 BACKGROUND CHECK ON MANAGER.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 5. Response of bureau. The superintendent shall respond in writing to a background check request within a reasonable time not to exceed ten working days after receiving the signed form under subdivision 3. The superintendent's response from the search of the Minnesota computerized criminal history system must clearly indicate whether the manager has ever been convicted of a background check crime and, if so, a description of the crime, date and jurisdiction of the conviction, and date of discharge of sentence. If a search is being done of the national criminal records repository, the superintendent shall determine eligibility based upon national records received. The superintendent shall reply to the owner in writing indicating whether the manager is or is not eligible for employment.

Subd. 6. Equivalent background check. (a) An owner may satisfy the requirements of this section: (1) by obtaining a copy of a completed background check that was required to be performed by the Department of Human Services as provided for under section 144.057 and chapter 245C, and then placing the copy on file with the owner; (2) in the case of a background check performed on a manager for one residential setting when multiple residential settings are operated by one owner, by placing the results in a central location; or (3) by obtaining a background check from a private business or a local law enforcement agency rather than the superintendent if the scope of the background check provided by the private business or local law enforcement agency is at least as broad as that of a background check performed by the superintendent and the response to the background check request occurs within a reasonable time not to exceed ten working days after receiving the signed form described in subdivision 3. Local law enforcement agencies may access the criminal justice data network to perform the background check.

(b) A private business or local law enforcement agency providing a background check under this section must use a notification form similar to the form described in subdivision 3, except that the notification form must indicate that the background check will be performed by the private business or local law enforcement agency using records of the superintendent and other data sources.

History: *2003 c 15 art 1 s 33; 2003 c 89 s 1*