

CHAPTER 248

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248.061 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 248.061 and 248.062.

Subd. 2. **Accessible electronic information service.** "Accessible electronic information service" means news and other timely information, including newspapers, provided to eligible individuals from a service center, using high-speed computers and telecommunications technology for acquisition of content and rapid distribution in a form appropriate for use by those individuals.

Subd. 3. **Eligible individual.** "Eligible individual" means an individual who is eligible for library loan services through the Library of Congress and the State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped under Code of Federal Regulations, title 36, section 701.10, subsection (b).

Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

Subd. 5. **Qualified entity.** "Qualified entity" means an agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the state or a nonprofit organization that:

(1) provides access for an eligible individual to read daily newspapers through producing audio or Braille editions by computer; or

(2) provides a means of program administration and reader registration on the Internet.

History: 2005 c 81 s 3

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 2005, chapter 81, section 3, expires June 30, 2010. Laws 2005, chapter 81, section 7.

248.062 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.

The commissioner must enter into agreements with qualified entities to provide an accessible electronic information service for eligible individuals. This service must be planned for continuation from year to year.

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