

CHAPTER 15

STATE AGENCIES IN GENERAL

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15.01 DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE.

The following agencies are designated as the departments of the state government: the Department of Administration; the Department of Agriculture; the Department of Commerce; the Department of Corrections; the Department of Education; the Department of Employment and Economic Development; the Department of Health; the Department of Human Rights; the Department of Labor and Industry; the Department of Management and Budget; the Department of Military Affairs; the Department of Natural Resources; the Department of Public Safety; the Department of Human Services; the Department of Revenue; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Veterans Affairs; and their successor departments.

History: 2009 c 101 art 2 s 21

15.06 APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS; TERMS; DEPUTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to the following departments or agencies: the Departments of Administration, Agriculture, Commerce, Corrections, Education, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Human Rights, Labor and Industry, Management and Budget, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Human Services, Revenue, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; the Housing Finance and Pollution Control Agencies; the Office of Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation; the Bureau of Mediation Services; and their successor departments and agencies. The heads of the foregoing departments or agencies are "commissioners."

[For text of subs 1a to 9, see M.S.2008]

History: 2009 c 101 art 2 s 22

15.471 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2008]

Subd. 5. **Fees.** "Fees" means the reasonable attorney fees or reasonable fees charged by a person not an attorney who is authorized by law or rule to represent the party and may include reasonable charges by the party, the party's employee, or agent. The amount of fees must be based upon prevailing market rates for the kind and quality of the services furnished, subject to the following limitations:

(a) In a court action, an expert witness may not be compensated at a rate in excess of the highest rate of compensation for expert witnesses paid by the state.

(b) In a contested case proceeding, an expert witness may not be compensated at a rate in excess of the highest rate of compensation for expert witnesses paid by the state agency involved.

[For text of subs 6 to 8, see M.S.2008]

History: 2009 c 125 s 1

15.75 CONTRACTS WITH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2008]

Subd. 5. Agreements with Department of Employment and Economic Development. The commissioner of employment and economic development may enter into agreements with regional entities established under subdivision 4 to prepare plans to ensure coordination of the department's business development, community development, workforce development, and trade functions with programs of local units of government and other public and private development agencies in the regions. The plans will identify regional development priorities and serve as a guide for the implementation of the department's programs in the regions.

History: 2009 c 78 art 2 s 1