

181.73 MIGRANT LABOR; HEALTH INSURANCE.

Subdivision 1. **Health insurance requirement.** Any person, association, organization, or other group employing five or more persons, full time, part time or otherwise, who come within the definition of recruited migrant laborers as hereafter defined and who are employed or are recruited to be employed in the processing of agricultural produce other than as field labor, shall provide at its expense health care insurance during the period of employment or for illness or injury incurred while employed. Such health care insurance shall be in accordance with such rules as the commissioner of labor and industry may prescribe by rule for each such recruited migrant laborer who is not a resident of Minnesota and who does not have health care insurance meeting the requirements of the rules promulgated by the commissioner of labor and industry.

Subd. 2. **Exception.** No such insurance need be purchased for any employee performing exclusively agricultural labor as defined by section 3121(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Subd. 3. **Recruited migrant laborer defined.** For the purposes of this section, a recruited migrant laborer is a migrant laborer who is offered some type of housing or transportation expense by an employer as an inducement to employment or anticipated employment.

History: 1971 c 752 s 1; 1973 c 254 s 3; 1977 c 430 s 25 subd 1; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 9 s 75; 1986 c 444; 1994 c 483 s 1; 2004 c 206 s 30