

**270A.09 CONTESTED CLAIMS PROCEDURE.**

Subdivision 1. **Hearing.** If a claimant agency receives written notice of a debtor's intention to contest at hearing the claim upon which the intended setoff is based, it shall initiate a hearing according to contested case procedures established in the state Administrative Procedure Act not later than 30 days after receipt of the debtor's request for a hearing.

Subd. 1a. **Employment and economic development claims.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, any debtor contesting a setoff claim by the Department of Employment and Economic Development shall have a hearing conducted in the same manner as an appeal under section 268.105.

Subd. 1b. **Department of Human Services claims.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, any debtor contesting a setoff claim by the Department of Human Services or a county agency whose claim relates to a debt resulting from receipt of public assistance, medical care, or the federal Food Stamp Act shall have a hearing conducted in the same manner as an appeal under sections 256.045 and 256.0451.

Subd. 2. **Issues raised.** No issue may be raised at the hearing which has been previously litigated. If a debt is based on a court judgment or court order, the hearing required by subdivision 1 need not, but may be granted at the sole discretion of the commissioner of the claimant agency.

Subd. 3. **Contested case; final decision.** The report of the administrative law judge shall contain a decision and order, which constitute the final decision in the contested case. A copy of the decision and order shall be served by first class mail upon each party, the commissioner of revenue, and the attorney general. Fees and expenses may be awarded as provided in sections 15.471 to 15.474. The provisions for judicial review under sections 14.63 to 14.68 apply to decisions of the administrative law judge under this subdivision.

**History:** 1980 c 607 art 12 s 9; 1980 c 615 s 64; 1987 c 385 s 48; 1994 c 483 s 1; 1995 c 54 s 25; 1995 c 264 art 9 s 7; 1997 c 7 art 2 s 70; 2004 c 206 s 52; 2009 c 79 art 2 s 34