

**609B.435 DRUG AND OTHER OFFENDERS; MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM; SANCTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The collateral sanctions discussed in this section are codified in section 256J.26.

Subd. 2. **Drug offenders; random testing; sanctions.** A person who is an applicant for benefits from the Minnesota family investment program or MFIP, the vehicle for temporary assistance for needy families or TANF, and who has been convicted of a drug offense shall be subject to certain conditions, including random drug testing, in order to receive MFIP benefits. Following any positive test for a controlled substance, the convicted applicant or participant is subject to the following sanctions:

(1) a first time drug test failure results in a reduction of benefits in an amount equal to 30 percent of the MFIP standard of need; and

(2) a second time drug test failure results in permanent disqualification from receiving MFIP assistance.

A similar disqualification sequence occurs if the applicant is receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Subd. 3. **Parole violators; fleeing felons; sanctions.** (a) An individual violating a condition of probation, parole, or supervised release is disqualified from receiving MFIP.

(b) An individual who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or confinement after conviction of a felony crime is disqualified from receiving MFIP.

(c) An individual who fraudulently misrepresents the individual's place of residence in order to receive assistance simultaneously from two or more states is disqualified from receiving MFIP for ten years.

**History:** 2005 c 136 art 14 s 18; 1Sp2019 c 9 art 1 s 42