179A.21 GRIEVANCE ARBITRATION.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "grievance" means a dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation or application of any term or terms of any contract required by section 179A.20.

Subd. 2. **Selecting arbitrator; arbitration decision and costs.** If the parties to a contract cannot agree upon an arbitrator or panel of arbitrators as provided by the contract grievance procedures or the procedures established by the commissioner, the parties shall alternately strike names from a list of arbitrators selected by the commissioner until only one name remains. This arbitrator shall decide the grievance and the decision is binding upon the parties. The parties shall share equally the costs and fees of the arbitrator.

Subd. 3. **Arbitration limits; filing decision; voluntary settlement.** Arbitration decisions authorized or required by a grievance procedure are subject to the limitations contained in section 179A.16, subdivision 5. The arbitrator shall send the commissioner a copy of each grievance arbitration decision and any written explanation. If any issues submitted to arbitration are settled voluntarily before the arbitrator issues a decision, the arbitrator shall report the settlement to the commissioner.

History: *1984 c 462 s 22; 1987 c 186 s 15; 1992 c 582 s 22,23*