

indebtedness; or (c) the beneficiary resides in a jurisdiction which has a law requiring the payment of interest to beneficiaries residing in that jurisdiction.

Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to preclude the payment of interest required under subdivision 1 or 2 on any proceeds remaining after extinguishment of the insured's indebtedness.

Subd. 5. This section shall apply only to deaths of insureds which occur on or after August 1, 1977.

Subd. 6. For the purposes of this section "to pay" means to issue a check for payment and "date of payment" means the date on which the insurer issues a check to transfer the amount in question to the beneficiaries or to deposit that amount:

(a) With the district court of this state in accordance with Rule 67, Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure for the District Courts;

(b) With the courts of any foreign jurisdiction as authorized by the laws of that jurisdiction; or

(c) In a trust account in any bank or trust company operating under the laws of this state or in any foreign bank, provided that the insurer keeps records of the account and makes these records open to inspection by the commissioner of insurance.

Sec. 2. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this act are severable, and if any of its provisions or the application of any of its provisions under any circumstance is held invalid, it shall not affect any other provision of this act or the application of any of its provisions under different circumstances.

Approved June 2, 1977.

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CHAPTER 354—H.F.No.26

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*An act relating to labor; granting public employees paid leaves of absence to engage in world athletic competition.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [15.62] **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; ATHLETIC LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**  
 Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision shall have the meanings here given them:

(a) "public employee" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, Section 179.63;

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(b) "team" includes any group leader, coach, official or athlete who comprise the official delegation of the United States to world or olympic competition.

Subd. 2. A public employee who qualifies as a member of the United States team for athletic competition on the world, Pan American or olympic level, in a sport contested in either Pan American or olympic competitions, shall be granted a leave of absence without loss of pay or other benefits or rights for the purpose of preparing for and engaging in the competition. In no event shall the paid leave under this section exceed the period of the official training camp and competition combined or 90 calendar days a year, whichever is less.

Subd. 3. If the public employee granted the leave is an employee of a school district or other political subdivision, the state shall reimburse the employer for the actual cost to the employer of employing a substitute. There is appropriated the sum of \$17,596 to the department of finance for the purpose of this act, and shall be available during the biennium ending June 30, 1979.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved June 2, 1977.

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**CHAPTER 355—H.F.No.82**

*An act relating to crimes; raising the amount of pecuniary gain which must be received by a person incident to a violation of law before the violation is categorized as a felony; increasing the penal fine of misdemeanors; directing a court to require as a condition of a stay of imposition or execution of sentence restitution for property damage or loss or compensation for personal injuries; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 412.231; 609.02, Subdivision 3; 609.03; 609.031; 609.032; 609.135, Subdivision 1; 609.27, Subdivision 2; 609.551, Subdivision 1; 609.563, Subdivision 1; 609.576, Subdivision 1; 609.595, Subdivision 1; 609.615; and 609.785.*

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 412.231, is amended to read:

412.231 **CRIMES; FELONIES; MISDEMEANORS; PENALTIES.** The council shall have the power to declare that the violation of any ordinance shall be a penal offense and to prescribe penalties therefor. No such penalty shall exceed a fine of ~~\$300~~ \$500 or imprisonment in a city or county jail for a period of 90 days, or both, but in either case the costs of prosecution may be added.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 609.02, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **MISDEMEANOR.** "Misdemeanor" means a crime for which a sentence of not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than ~~\$300~~ \$500, or both, may be imposed.

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