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CHAPTER 88—S.F.No.649

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to agriculture; collective bargaining; agricultural marketing and bargaining associations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 17.694, Subdivision 5, and by adding a subdivision; and 17.697, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 17.694, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. AGRICULTURE; MARKETING AND BARGAINING ASSOCIATIONS. Within 30 days of a decision by the commissioner denying accreditation to an association, the association may request a hearing before the commissioner. The commissioner shall then conduct a hearing to determine whether the association shall be accredited. This hearing shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 15.0418 and 15.0419. If the commissioner, after this hearing has been held, determines that the association should not be accredited, the association may appeal this decision in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 15.0424 and 15.0425. Only an association denied certification after such hearing may appeal under this chapter.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 17.694, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Accreditation of the association by the commissioner shall be effective 30 days after ~~upon receipt by the association of the notice of accreditation from the commissioner~~.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 17.697, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.697 BARGAINING DEFINED; NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS; MEDIATION PROCEDURE. Subdivision 1. As used in sections 17.691 to 17.701, "bargaining" means the mutual obligation of a handler and an association or their designated representatives to meet at reasonable times and confer and negotiate in good faith. Negotiations may include all terms relative to trading between handlers and producers of the agricultural commodity such as:

- (a) prices and terms of sale
- (b) quality specifications

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(c) quantity to be marketed by acreage or weight

(d) transactions involving products and services utilized by one party and provided by the other party

(e) check off procedures pursuant to assessments levied by the association, not to exceed one-half of one percent of the gross value of the producers annual production contract are collected by handlers from proceeds to producers within the bargaining unit and paid to the association .

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An act relating to insurance; requiring certain group insurance policies and plans to provide certain benefits for outpatient mental health treatment.

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

Section 1. [62A.152] INSURANCE; BENEFITS FOR AMBULATORY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. Subdivision 1. The provisions of this section shall apply to all group policies or subscriber contracts which are issued or renewed within this state after the effective date of this act by accident and health insurance companies regulated under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 62A, and nonprofit health service plan corporations regulated under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 62C.

Subd. 2. All group policies and all group subscriber contracts providing benefits for mental or nervous disorder treatments in a hospital shall also provide coverage, to at least the extent of 90 percent of the first \$600 of the cost of the usual and customary charges incurred over a 12-month period, for mental or nervous disorder consultation, diagnosis and treatment services delivered while the insured person is not a bed patient in a hospital, if such services are furnished by (1) a licensed or accredited hospital, (2) a community mental health center or mental health clinic approved or licensed by the commissioner of public welfare or other authorized state agency, or (3) by a consulting psychologist licensed under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 148.87 to 148.99, or by a psychiatrist licensed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 147.

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