

the attorney general is authorized to act for the commissioner by these sections. The compensation and all expenses and disbursements of such assistant and special assistant attorneys general shall be paid from the moneys appropriated to and for the use of the commissioner.

(2) (a) No officer or employee engaged in the administration of these sections shall use his official authority to influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting the results thereof. No person engaged in the administration of these sections who holds a position in the state classified service pursuant to provisions contained in the state civil service act, while retaining the right to vote as he pleases and to express privately his opinion on all political subjects, shall take an active part in political management or campaigns;

(b) No officer or employee engaged in the administration of these sections shall solicit or receive or be in any manner concerned in soliciting or receiving any assessment, subscription, or contribution for any political purpose for any person;

(c) No officer or employee engaged in the administration of these sections shall, for political purposes, furnish or disclose, or aid or assist in furnishing or disclosing, any list or names of persons obtained in the administration of these sections, to a political candidate, committee, campaign manager, or to any person for delivery to a political candidate, committee, or campaign manager, and it shall be unlawful for any person to receive any such list or names for political purposes.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 8.023; 8.024; 8.026; and 84.025, Subdivision 6, are repealed.

Sec. 4. This act takes effect on July 1, 1977.

Approved May 19, 1977.

CHAPTER 173—S.F.No.125

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to commerce; prohibiting discriminatory trade practices; providing a penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 325.8018, Subdivision 2; and Chapter 325, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 325, is amended by adding a section to read:

[325.8015] COMMERCE; RESTRAINT OF TRADE; DISCRIMINATORY ACTS. [Subd. 2.] Without limiting section 325.8013, the following, when performed by a person within the jurisdiction of this state, and directly affecting business in this state

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(excluding any business employing, controlling, controlled by or under common control with such person), shall be deemed to restrain trade or commerce unreasonably and are unlawful:

(1) Requiring any United States person to be excluded from a business transaction on the basis of that person's sex, race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin or on the basis that the person conducts or has conducted business with persons of a particular race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, or on the basis that the person has done business in a particular country.

(2) Giving, as part of any business transaction, any statement, certification or other document to the effect that the giver of the statement, certification or other document has complied with a policy imposed by any person, nation, or international organization requiring exclusion from any business transaction, or discrimination against, any United States person on the basis of his race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or national origin or on the basis that the person conducts or has conducted business with persons of a particular race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, or on the basis that the person has done business in a particular country.

(3) Granting, accepting or processing any letter of credit or other document which evidences the transfer of funds or credit, or entering into any contract for the exchange of goods or services, where the letter of credit, contract, or other document contains any provision which requires any person to discriminate against or to certify that he has not dealt with any other United States person on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, or on the basis that the person conducts or has conducted business with persons of a particular race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, or on the basis that the person has done business in a particular country.

(4) As part of any business transaction, complying, or agreeing to comply, or certifying or giving other assurance that he complies or agrees to comply, with a policy imposed by another party requiring discrimination against, or refusal to deal with, any United States person, group of United States persons, or list of United States persons, on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or national origin or on the basis that the person, group of persons or list of persons conducts or has conducted business with persons of a particular race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, or on the basis that the person has done business in a particular country.

Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to (a) any letter of credit, contract, or other document which contains any provisions pertaining to a labor dispute or an unfair labor practice if the other provisions of such letter of credit, contract, or other document do not violate the provisions of this section; (b) the requiring of association with a particular employer or a particular group as a requisite to obtaining group rates or discount on insurance, recreational activities, or other similar benefits; (c) any act which is an unfair discriminatory practice under section 363.01, subdivision 9 and for which a remedy is provided under chapter 363; (d) persons exempted or acts excepted from the provisions of chapter 363 pursuant to section 363.02; (e) any agreement, letter of credit, contract or other document which contains any specification as to the country of origin of goods or services sold in a business transaction, or as to the vessels to carry the

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goods, or the route by which the goods may be shipped, if the other provisions of such agreement, letter of credit, contract, or other document do not violate the provisions of this section; (f) compliance by a person resident in a foreign country, or agreement by such person to comply, with the export laws of that country with respect to activities exclusively therein; provided further, however, that the mere ownership of an entity located outside the United States by a person within the jurisdiction of this state shall not make such entity a person within the jurisdiction of this state.

The exemption contained in section 325.8017, subdivision 2 shall not apply to actions made unlawful under this subdivision. Provided, however, that the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any action made lawful by legislation of the United States of America or executive order of the President of the United States of America which affirmatively preempts the provisions of this section.

[Subd. 3.] Any agreement containing a written or verbal term providing that one or more parties to the agreement will violate the previous subdivision 1 is null and void, and no party to such an agreement may recover in an action for goods or money due by reason of such an agreement or by reason of money paid or goods shipped pursuant to such an agreement.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 325.8018, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Any person who is found to have willfully committed any of the acts enumerated in section 325.8015 or section 1 of this act shall be guilty of a felony and subject to a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than five years, or both.

Sec. 3. This act is effective the day following its final enactment. Contracts or agreements which are in existence on the effective date of this act, or acts required by such contracts or agreements, shall not be deemed in violation of this act, unless they have not been brought into compliance with this act by December 31, 1978.

Approved May 19, 1977.

CHAPTER 174—S.F.No.760

An act relating to natural resources; establishing a season for taking deer and bear with muzzle loading firearms; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 100.27, Subdivisions 2 and 9.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 100.27, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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