Overview

This bill expands the duties of the commissioner of public safety to include publishing and awarding grant contracts with state agencies, local units of government, and other entities for programs that will benefit public safety. This bill also clarifies that rules adopted by the commissioner of public safety before the effective date of a repealer continue to remain in effect. Finally, the bill increases the per diem for members of the board of private detective and protective agent services and makes changes to the training requirements for certain persons.

Section

1 Duties of commissioner. Amends the section of law outlining the duties of the commissioner of public safety. Includes within this list of duties the publication and award of grant contracts with state agencies, local units of government, and other entities for programs that will benefit the safety of the public.

& 55 Rules remain in effect; effective date. A 1997 session law repealed an entire subdivision of law in the public safety chapter of law, instead of repealing just paragraph (b), which dealt with the commissioner's authority to prescribe fees for film rentals. Paragraph (a) of the subdivision of law that was repealed contained the commissioner of public safety's rulemaking authority. Because the entire subdivision was repealed, the repealer resulted in the removal of the commissioner's rulemaking authority under this section and called into question the rules that had been adopted under that provision.

This section clarifies that the rules
adopted under the statute governing rulemaking authority remain in effect beyond the effective date of the repealer, until further amended or repealed.

The effective date provides that this section is effective July 1, 1997, the date the repealer was effective.

3 **Compensation to board members.** Current law provides that members of the board of private detective and protective agent services shall receive $35 per day in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, for each day actually engaged in board activities. This bill provides that these members instead shall receive the per diem payment specified in the chapter of law dealing with examining and licensing boards. This change increases the per diem $20 to $55.

4 **Rules.** Current law specifies that the board shall, by rule, prescribe training requirements and requires training in specific weapons areas. This bill provides that the types of weapons training required includes the types of training listed, but is not limited to these types of training. Also strikes a requirement for training in the use of the carotid neck restraint. These training requirements apply to license holders, qualified representatives, Minnesota managers, partners, and employees, as these terms are defined by the law on private detectives and protective agents.