

● **STATE LABOR LAWS (*WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CORN DETASSELERS*)**

STATUTORY CITATION: Minn. Stat. § 181.84

GENERAL SUMMARY: The state labor statutes include certain protections for workers employed to detassel corn in Minnesota, including a requirement for the provision of potable water in the fields.

SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Every employer of corn detassellers in the state must provide the workers with an accessible supply of potable water in the field, along with cups or other sanitary drinking facilities.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*

PRIVATE CIVIL ACTION — Because this section of the state labor laws does not include enforcement or penalty provisions, the only recourse for corn detassellers denied the benefit of drinking water at the job site is action against the employer in civil court, using a private attorney or public legal service provider. However, there appears to be no statutory right to sue under this law.