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H. F. No. 2975

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; modifying the incentives available in and the funding for
1.3 border city enterprise and development zones; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2012, section 469.171, subdivision 6; Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement,
1.5 section 469.169, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 469.169, is amended by
1.8 adding a subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 20. Permanent zone allocation. Each calendar year \$5,000,000 is allocated
1.10 for tax reductions in border city enterprise zones and border city development zones. The
1.11 commissioner shall allocate this amount among the cities on a per capita basis. Allocations
1.12 may be used for tax reductions for that year under either the border city:

1.13 (1) enterprise zone program under section 469.171, or for other offsets of taxes
1.14 imposed on or remitted by businesses located in the enterprise zone, if the municipality
1.15 determines that the granting of the tax reduction or offset is necessary to retain a business
1.16 within or attract a business to the zone; or

1.17 (2) development zone program under section 469.1732 or 469.1734.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2014, but only \$2,500,000 is
1.19 available in calendar year 2014.

1.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 469.171, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.21 Subd. 6. **Additional border city tax reductions.** In addition to the tax reductions
1.22 authorized by subdivision 1, for a border city zone, the following types of tax reductions
1.23 may be approved:

2.1 (1) a credit against income tax for workers employed in the zone and not qualifying
2.2 for a credit under subdivision 1, clause (2), subject to a maximum of ~~\$1,500~~ \$3,000 per
2.3 employee per year;

2.4 (2) a state paid property tax credit for a portion of the property taxes paid by a
2.5 commercial or industrial facility located in the zone.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.