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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1486

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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; providing for additional members of the Cloquet Area Fire
1.3 and Ambulance Special Taxing District; providing for the ambulance services tax
1.4 levy; amending Laws 2009, chapter 88, article 2, section 46, subdivisions 1, 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2009, chapter 88, article 2, section 46, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Agreement.** The city of Cloquet and Perch Lake Township, by
1.9 resolution of each of their governing bodies, may establish the Cloquet Area Fire and
1.10 Ambulance Taxing District for the purpose of providing fire ~~and~~ or ambulance services,
1.11 or both, throughout the district. In this section, "municipality" means home rule charter
1.12 and statutory cities, towns, and Indian tribes. The district may exercise all the powers
1.13 relating to fire and ambulance services of the municipalities that receive fire ~~and~~ or
1.14 ambulance services, or both, from the district. Upon application, any other municipality
1.15 ~~that is contiguous to a municipality that is a member of the district~~ may join the district
1.16 with the agreement of the municipalities that comprise the district at the time of its
1.17 application to join.

1.18 Sec. 2. Laws 2009, chapter 88, article 2, section 46, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 3. **Tax.** The district board may impose a property tax on taxable property ~~in~~
1.20 ~~the district~~ as provided in this subdivision. This tax shall be imposed at a rate that does not
1.21 exceed 0.2835 percent of taxable market value for taxes payable in 2010. The board shall
1.22 annually determine the separate amounts of the levy that are attributable to the cost of
1.23 providing fire services and the cost of providing ambulance services. Costs for the provision

2.1 of ambulance services shall be levied against taxable property within the primary service
2.2 ~~area of the district~~ that receive the services. Costs for the provision of fire services shall be
2.3 levied against taxable property within the area of the district that receive the services.

2.4 When an additional municipality becomes a member of the district, the additional
2.5 cost of providing ambulance and fire services to that municipality will be determined by
2.6 the board and added to the maximum levy amount.

2.7 Each county auditor of a county that contains a municipality subject to the tax under
2.8 this section must collect the tax and pay it to the Fire and Ambulance Special Taxing
2.9 District. The district may also impose other fees or charges as allowed by law for the
2.10 provision of fire and ambulance services.