such governmental unit, or those disbursing county extension funds, shall deduct from the salary or wages of each officer and employee who elects to become insured or so protected, on the officer's or employee's written order, all or part of the officer's or employee's share of such premiums or charges and remit the same to the insurer or company issuing such policy or contract.

Any governmental unit which pays all or any part of such premiums or charges is authorized to levy and collect a tax, if necessary, in the next annual tax levy for the purpose of providing the necessary funds for the payment of such premiums or charges, and such sums so levied and appropriated shall not, in the event such sum exceeds the maximum sum allowed by any law or the charter of a municipal corporation, be considered part of the cost of government of such governmental unit as defined in any tax levy or per capita expenditure limitation; provided at least 50 percent of the cost of benefits on dependents shall be contributed by the employee or be paid by levies within existing per capita tax limitations.

The word "dependents" as used herein shall mean spouse and minor unmarried children under the age of 19 years actually dependent upon the employee.

Approved May 21, 1971.

CHAPTER 452—S.F.No.1205

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An act relating to counties; authorizing the making of agreements for economic development programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. [373.31] COUNTIES; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS WITH SUBDIVISIONS AND CORPORATIONS OF OTHER STATES. Subdivision 1. Any county or two or more adjacent counties may enter into an agreement with contiguous political subdivisions of an adjacent state, with nonprofit corporations, or both, for the purpose of improving the economic development of the area.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions and limitations of Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.09, and any other law, the county board of any county may appropriate from the general revenue fund

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a sum not to exceed one tenth of a mill on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county for carrying out the purposes of this act.

Approved May 21, 1971.

CHAPTER 453—S.F.No.1254

An act relating to game and fish; authorizing the use of handguns for taking wild animals by certain persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 100.29, Subdivisions 2 and 9.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1.   Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 100.29, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2.   GAME AND FISH; HANDGUNS; HUNTING. It shall be unlawful to take protected wild animals with a gun larger in bore than a 10 gauge or not fired from the shoulder , except that a person suffering from a physical disability rendering him incapable of using a shoulder fired gun but capable of using a handgun and possessing a doctor's statement to this effect may take protected wild animals with a handgun .

Sec. 2.   Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 100.29, Subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9.   It shall be unlawful to take deer or any other wild animal during deer season in open deer hunting territory with a rifle or firearm which discharges a projectile, the diameter of which is less than twenty-three hundredths of an inch, or to use any cartridge less than one and three-fourths inches in length, and not containing a soft point or expanding bullet, the measurement to include the cartridge or shell and the bullet seated in the usual manner, provided cartridges of 35 caliber or larger may be used, regardless of length, or to use shells containing buckshot, or fine shot except for game birds , and provided further that handguns of the .357, .41, and .44 magnum caliber, using ammunition with a case length of not less than 1.285 inches, shall be used by a disabled person authorized to take wild animals by use of a handgun pursuant to subdivision 2 of this section .

Approved May 21, 1971.

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