

subdivision to read:

Subd. 21. The corporation shall establish one joint airport zoning board for each airport operated under its authority in accordance with section 360.063, subdivision 3, clause (5). Notwithstanding the provisions of section 360.065, subdivision 1, mailed notice to property owners is not required for hearings concerning adoption of zoning regulations by a joint airport zoning board for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Sec. 5. In assessing the need for the establishment of a new airport in the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, the metropolitan airports commission shall consider the city of St. Cloud municipal airport as a possible site and shall report to the metropolitan council any amendments to the aviation chapter of the metropolitan development guide which would be necessary to implement the St. Cloud site.

Sec. 6. This act is effective the day after final enactment.

Approved May 31, 1979.

CHAPTER 303—H.F.No.1495

An act relating to taxation; providing certain modifications of gross income; increasing and extending certain credits against income tax; adjusting the individual income tax brackets, credits and maximum standard deduction for inflation; increasing the maximum standard deduction; providing for computation of charitable contribution deduction; providing for allocation of out-of-state income; increasing maximum political contribution credits; providing for treatment of severance pay as a lump sum distribution; increasing the state share of certain income maintenance payments; clarifying a tax exemption for certain types of public property; reducing certain property assessment ratios; providing for assessment of certain subsidized housing; extending agricultural homestead treatment to noncontiguous land; providing for certain levies; increasing the homestead credit; eliminating the limited market value; providing a property tax credit for owners of property containing transmission lines; providing a property tax credit and exemption for wetlands; clarifying the property tax status of municipal airport property; making various adjustments in the computation of levy limits; delaying the effect of the coefficient of dispersion penalty; increasing certain property tax refund amounts; abolishing the inheritance tax; establishing an estate tax; repealing the gift tax; extending the pollution control equipment credit; providing a residential energy credit; increasing the amount and providing for the distribution of aids to local governments; providing state assistance for municipal pension costs; altering the tax treatment of railroads; providing for payment in lieu of taxes on certain lands; providing a sales tax exemption for sewer and water charges; requiring the commissioner of revenue to administer the Minnesota unfair cigarette sales act; providing for notice and hearing regarding forfeiture of severed mineral rights; extending a credit against the taconite tax; authorizing contracts made by the city of Minneapolis; allowing a levy for storm sewers by the cities of Golden Valley and Plymouth; extending the term of members of a citizens' committee; providing retroactive gift tax exemption for certain gifts to minors; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 93.55; 121.904, Subdivision 11b; 256.82; 256D.03, Subdivision 2; 256D.36.

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Subdivision 1; 256D.37, Subdivision 1; 270.06; 272.02, Subdivision 1, and by adding a subdivision; 273.11, Subdivision 2; 273.122, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 273.13, Subdivisions 2a, 4, 5a, 6, 7, 14a, 19, and by adding a subdivision; 273.132; 273.17, Subdivision 1; 273.42; 275.125, Subdivision 6a; 275.50, Subdivision 6; 275.51, Subdivision 3d; 275.52, Subdivision 4; 275.53, Subdivision 1, and by adding a subdivision; 290.01, Subdivision 20; 290.012, Subdivision 3; 290.032, Subdivision 3, and by adding a subdivision; 290.06, Subdivisions 2c, 3c, 3d, 9, 9a, 11, and by adding subdivisions; 290.067, Subdivision 1; 290.081; 290.09, Subdivisions 4 and 15; 290.091; 290.095, Subdivision 1; 290.14; 290.17, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 290.21, Subdivision 3; 290.23, by adding a subdivision; 290.37, Subdivision 1; 290A.03, Subdivisions 3, 11 and 13; 290A.04, Subdivisions 2, 2a, 2b, and 3; 291.005, Subdivision 1; 291.01; 291.03; 291.05; 291.051; 291.06; 291.065; 291.07, Subdivision 1; 291.08; 291.09, Subdivisions 5 and 7, and by adding subdivisions; 291.11, Subdivision 1; 291.111, Subdivision 1; 291.132; 291.14; 291.19, Subdivision 3; 291.20, Subdivision 1; 291.27; 291.33, Subdivision 1; 292.04; 295.02; 296.18, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 8; 297A.01, Subdivision 3; 298.24, Subdivision 3; 352.15, Subdivision 1; 353.01, Subdivision 2a; 353.15; 354.10; 354A.11; 360.035; 422A.10, Subdivision 1; 473.595, Subdivision 1; 475.53, Subdivision 4; 477A.01, Subdivisions 1, 2 and 4; 477A.03; 477A.04, Subdivision 2; 524.3-706; 524.3-916; 524.3-1001; 525.091, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 525.312; 525.71; 525.74; and 525.841; and Chapters 93; 270; 273; 291; 298; 353; 355 and 422A, by adding sections; Laws 1977, Chapter 423, Article VIII, Section 1, Subdivision 10; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 3A.08; 116C.635; 272.59; 273.11, Subdivision 2; 272.59; 290.06, Subdivision 12; 291.02; 291.07, Subdivisions 2 and 2a; 291.09, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4; 291.10; 291.11, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; 291.12, Subdivision 4; 291.19, Subdivision 5; 291.20, Subdivision 3; 291.21, Subdivision 2; 291.22; 291.23; 291.24; 291.25; 291.26; 291.29, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4; 291.30; 291.34; 291.35; 291.36; 291.37; 291.38; 291.39; 291.40; 292.01; 292.02; 292.03; 292.031; 292.04; 292.05; 292.06; 292.07; 292.08; 292.09; 292.105; 292.111; 292.112; 292.12; 292.125; 292.14; 292.15; 295.01, Subdivisions 2 and 3; 295.02; 295.03; 295.04; 295.05; 295.12; 295.13; 295.14; and 477A.01, Subdivisions 3 and 4a.

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

ARTICLE I: INCOME TAX

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.01, Subdivision 20, is amended to read:

Subd. 20. **GROSS INCOME.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the term "gross income," as applied to corporations includes every kind of compensation for labor or personal services of every kind from any private or public employment, office, position or services; income derived from the ownership or use of property; gains or profits derived from every kind of disposition of, or every kind of dealing in, property; income derived from the transaction of any trade or business; and income derived from any source; except that gross income shall not include "exempt function income" of a "homeowners association" as those terms are defined in Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

For each of the taxable years beginning after December 31, 1960 and prior to January 1, 1971, the term "gross income" in its application to individuals, estates, and

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trusts, shall mean the adjusted gross income as computed for federal income tax purposes as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1970 for the applicable taxable year, with the modifications specified in this section.

For each of the taxable years beginning after December 31, 1970, the term "gross income" in its application to individuals, estates, and trusts shall mean the adjusted gross income as computed for federal income tax purposes as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through the date specified herein for the applicable taxable year, with the modifications specified in this section.

(i) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1970, shall be in effect for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1970 and prior to January 1, 1973.

(ii) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1972, shall be in effect for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1972.

(iii) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1973, shall be in effect for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1973.

(iv) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1974, shall be in effect for the taxable years beginning after December 31, 1974.

(v) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, including the amendments made to section 280A (relating to licensed day care centers) in H.R. 3477 as it passed the Congress on May 16, 1977, shall be in effect for the taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976. The provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976, P.L. 94-455, which affect adjusted gross income shall become effective for purposes of chapter 290 at the same time they become effective for federal income tax purposes. Section 207 (relating to extension of period for nonrecognition of gain on sale or exchange of residence) and section 402 (relating to time for making contributions to pension plans of self employed people) of P.L. 94-12 shall be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1974.

The amendments made to sections 219(c) (3) and 220(c) (4) (extending the time for which a taxpayer is deemed to have made a contribution to an individual retirement account for the taxable year) by section 157(a) of P.L. 95-600 shall be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1977.

References to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 in clauses (a), (b) and (c) following shall mean the code in effect for the purpose of defining gross income for the applicable taxable year.

(a) Modifications increasing federal adjusted gross income. There shall be added to federal adjusted gross income:

(1) Interest income on obligations of any state other than Minnesota or a political subdivision of any such other state exempt from federal income taxes under the Internal

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Revenue Code of 1954:

(2) Interest income on obligations of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the United States, which the laws of the United States exempt from federal income tax, but not from state income taxes;

(3) Income taxes imposed by this state or any other taxing jurisdiction, to the extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and not credited against federal income tax;

(4) Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry securities the income from which is exempt from tax under this chapter, to the extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income;

(5) Amounts received as reimbursement for an expense of sickness or injury which was deducted in a prior taxable year to the extent that the deduction for such reimbursed expenditure resulted in a tax benefit;

(6) The amount of any federal income tax overpayment for any previous taxable year, received as refund or credited to another taxable year's income tax liability, proportionate to the percentage of federal income tax that was claimed as a deduction in determining Minnesota income tax for such previous taxable year.

The overpayment refund or credit, determined with respect to a husband and wife on a joint federal income tax return for a previous taxable year, shall be reported on joint or separate Minnesota income tax returns. In the case of separate Minnesota returns, the overpayment shall be reported by each spouse proportionately according to the relative amounts of federal income tax claimed as a deduction on his or her separate Minnesota income tax return for such previous taxable year;

(7) In the case of a change of residence from Minnesota to another state or nation, the amount of moving expenses which exceed total reimbursements and which were therefore deducted in arriving at federal adjusted gross income;

(8) In the case of property disposed of on or after January 1, 1973, the amount of any increase in the taxpayer's federal tax liability under section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, to the extent of the credit under section 38 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, that was previously allowed as a deduction either under section 290.01, subdivision 20 (b) (7) or under section 290.09, subdivision 24; and

(9) Expenses and losses arising from a farm which are not allowable under section 290.09, subdivision 29;

(10) Expenses and depreciation attributable to substandard buildings disallowed by section 290.101; and

(11) The amount by which the gain determined pursuant to section 41.59,
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subdivision 2 exceeds the amount of such gain included in federal adjusted gross income:

(12) To the extent deducted in computing the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, losses realized upon a transfer of property to the spouse or former spouse of the taxpayer in exchange for the release of the spouse's marital rights;

~~(12)~~ (13) Interest income from qualified scholarship funding bonds as defined in section 103(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, if the nonprofit corporation is domiciled outside of Minnesota; *and*

~~(13)~~ (14) Exempt-interest dividends, as defined in section 852(b)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, not included in federal adjusted gross income pursuant to section 852(b)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, except for that portion of such exempt-interest dividends derived from interest income on obligations of the state of Minnesota, any of its political or governmental subdivisions, any of its municipalities, or any of its governmental agencies or instrumentalities; *and*

~~(14)~~ (15) The amount of any excluded gain realized by a trust on the sale or exchange of property as defined in section 641(c)(1).

(b) Modifications reducing federal adjusted gross income. There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income:

(1) Interest income on obligations of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the United States to the extent includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes but exempt from state income tax under the laws of the United States;

(2) The portion of any gain, from the sale or other disposition of property having a higher adjusted basis for Minnesota income tax purposes than for federal income tax purposes, that does not exceed such difference in basis; but if such gain is considered a long-term capital gain for federal income tax purposes, the modification shall be limited to 50 per centum of such portion of the gain. This modification shall not be applicable if the difference in basis is due to disallowance of depreciation pursuant to section 290.101.

(3) Interest or dividend income on securities to the extent exempt from income tax under the laws of this state authorizing the issuance of such securities but includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes;

(4) Losses, not otherwise reducing federal adjusted gross income assignable to Minnesota, arising from events or transactions which are assignable to Minnesota under the provisions of sections 290.17 to 290.20, including any capital loss or net operating loss carryforwards or carrybacks resulting from such losses;

(5) If included in federal adjusted gross income, the amount of any credit received, whether received as a refund or credit to another taxable year's income tax liability, pursuant to chapter 290A, and the amount of any overpayment of income tax to Minnesota, or any other state, for any previous taxable year, whether such amount is

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received as a refund or credited to another taxable year's income tax liability;

(6) To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the amount received by any person (i) from the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, the Federal Reserve Bank or from the state of Minnesota or any of its political or governmental subdivisions or from any other state or its political or governmental subdivisions, or a Minnesota volunteer firefighter's relief association, by way of payment as a pension, public employee retirement benefit, or any combination thereof, or (ii) as a retirement or survivor's benefit made from a plan qualifying under section 401, 403, 404, 405, 408 ~~or~~ , 409 or 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1977. The maximum amount of this subtraction shall be ~~\$7,200~~ \$10,000 less the sum of ~~(a) social security retirement benefits received during the taxable year, (b) railroad retirement benefits received during the taxable year, and (c) the amount by which the individual's federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$13,000~~ \$17,000 . In the case of a volunteer firefighter who receives an involuntary lump sum distribution of his pension or retirement benefits, the maximum amount of this subtraction shall be ~~\$7,200 less the sum of social security retirement benefits and railroad retirement benefits \$10,000~~ ; this subtraction shall not be reduced by the amount of the individual's federal adjusted gross income in excess of ~~\$13,000~~ \$17,000 ;

(7) In the case of property acquired on or after January 1, 1973, the amount of any credit to the taxpayer's federal tax liability under section 38 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, but only to the extent that the credit is connected with or allocable against the production or receipt of income included in the measure of the tax imposed by this chapter;

(8) To the extent included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, gain realized upon a transfer of property to the spouse or former spouse of the taxpayer in exchange for the release of the spouse's marital rights;

~~(8)~~ (9) The amount of any distribution from a qualified pension or profit sharing plan included in federal adjusted gross income in the year of receipt to the extent of any contribution not previously allowed as a deduction by reason of a change in federal law which was not adopted by Minnesota law for a taxable year beginning in 1974 or later; ~~and~~

(9) (10) Interest, including payment adjustment to the extent that it is applied to interest, earned by the seller of the property on a family farm security loan executed after December 31, 1977 and before January 1, 1982 that is guaranteed by the commissioner of agriculture as provided in sections 41.51 to 41.60 ;

(11) The amount of gain on the sale of the taxpayer's residence excluded from the federal gross income of the taxpayer pursuant to section 121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978 provided that a taxpayer who elects under that section shall not, for the purpose of this subdivision, also take an exclusion according to the provisions of section 121 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended through December 31, 1976;

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(12) The first \$3,000 of compensation for personal services in the armed forces of the United States or the United Nations, and the next \$2,000 of compensation for personal services in the armed forces of the United States or the United Nations wholly performed outside the state of Minnesota; and

(13) The amount of any income earned for personal services rendered prior to the date when the taxpayer became a resident of Minnesota .

(c) Modifications affecting shareholders of electing small business corporations under section 1372 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or section 290.972 of this chapter.

(1) Shareholders in a small business corporation, which has elected to be so taxed under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, but has not made an election under section 290.972 of this chapter, shall deduct from federal adjusted gross income the amount of any imputed income from such corporation and shall add to federal adjusted gross income the amount of any loss claimed as a result of such stock ownership. Also there shall be added to federal adjusted gross income the amount of any distributions in cash or property made by said corporation to its shareholders during the taxable year.

(2) In cases where the small business corporation has made an election under section 1372 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, but has not elected under section 290.972 of this chapter and said corporation is liquidated or the individual shareholder disposes of his stock and there is no capital loss reflected in federal adjusted gross income because of the fact that corporate losses have exhausted the shareholders basis for federal purposes, such shareholders shall be entitled, nevertheless, to a capital loss commensurate to their Minnesota basis for the stock.

(3) In cases where the election under section 1372 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 antedates the election under section 290.972 of this chapter and at the close of the taxable year immediately preceding the effective election under section 290.972 the corporation has a reserve of undistributed taxable income previously taxed to shareholders under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, in the event and to the extent that such reserve is distributed to shareholders such distribution shall be taxed as a dividend for purposes of this act.

Items of gross income includible within these definitions shall be deemed such regardless of the form in which received. Items of gross income shall be included in gross income of the taxable year in which received by a taxpayer unless properly to be accounted for as of a different taxable year under methods of accounting permitted by section 290.07, except that (1) amounts transferred from a reserve or other account, if in effect transfers to surplus, shall, to the extent that such amounts were accumulated through deductions from gross income or entered into the computation of taxable net income during any taxable year, be treated as gross income for the year in which the transfer occurs, but only to the extent that such amounts resulted in a reduction of the tax imposed by this act, and (2) amounts received as refunds on account of taxes deducted from gross income during any taxable year shall be treated as gross income for the year in which actually received, but only to the extent that such amounts resulted in a reduction

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of the tax imposed by this act.

(d) Modification in computing taxable income of the estate of a decedent. Amounts allowable under section 291.07, subdivision 1(2) in computing Minnesota inheritance tax liability shall not be allowed as a deduction in computing the taxable income of the estate unless there is filed within the time and in the manner and form prescribed by the commissioner a statement that the amounts have not been allowed as a deduction under section 291.07 and a waiver of the right to have such amounts allowed at any time as deductions under section 291.07. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply with respect to deductions allowed under section 290.077 (relating to income in respect of decedents). In the event that the election made for federal tax purposes under section 642(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 differs from the election made under this paragraph appropriate modification of the estate's federal taxable income shall be made to implement the election made under this paragraph in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.012, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. "Dependent" means an individual dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the claimant. Payments for support of minor children ~~as provided in section 290.072, subdivision 3~~ under a temporary or final decree of dissolution or legal separation, shall be considered as payments by the claimant for the support of a dependent. For the purposes of section 290.06, subdivision 3d, a spouse except a divorced or separated spouse shall be considered to be a dependent.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.032, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. The tax imposed by this section ~~on~~ shall not be applicable to a non-resident individual ~~shall be based only on that part of the lump sum distribution attributable to personal or professional services within this state.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.032, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. An amount distributed to an individual as severance pay upon discontinuation of the individual's employment due to termination of business operations by the individual's employer may be treated as a lump sum distribution according to the provisions of this section. For the payment to be treated as a lump sum distribution under this subdivision, the termination of the employer's business operation at that site must be reasonably likely to be permanent and to involve the discharge within a period of one year of at least 75 percent of the persons employed by that employer at that site. For the purposes of this subdivision, "severance pay" shall mean an amount received for the cancellation of an employment contract or a collectively bargained termination payment in the nature of a substitute for income which would have been earned for personal services to be rendered in the future.

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The minimum distribution allowance provided in sections 402 (e)(1)(C) and (D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, shall not apply to the computation allowed under this subdivision.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, Subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

Subd. 3c. **CREDITS AGAINST TAX.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 3a for taxable years which begin after December 31, 1977 1978 and before January 1, 1980, the taxes due under the computation in accordance with section 290.06 shall be credited with the following amounts:

(1) In the case of an unmarried individual; and; ~~except as provided in paragraph 6;~~ in the case of the estate of a decedent, ~~\$40~~ \$55, and in the case of a trust, \$5;

(2) In the case of a married individual, living with ~~husband or wife, and in the case of a head of a household;~~ \$80 a spouse, \$110. If such ~~husband and wife make the spouses file separate, combined or joint~~ returns the personal ~~exemption~~ credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(3) In the case of an individual, ~~\$40~~ \$55 for each person (other than ~~husband or wife a spouse~~) dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer. One taxpayer only shall be allowed this credit with respect to any given dependent. ~~In the case of the head of a household, a credit for one dependent shall be disallowed.~~ A payment to a divorced or separated ~~wife spouse~~, other than a payment ~~of the kind referred to in section 290.072, subdivision 3 for support of minor children under a temporary order or final decree of dissolution or legal separation~~, shall not be considered a payment by the ~~husband other spouse~~ for the support of any dependent.

(4) (a) In the case of an unmarried individual who has attained the age of 65 before the close of his taxable year, an additional ~~\$20~~ \$55;

(b) In the case of an unmarried individual who is blind at the close of the taxable year, an additional ~~\$20~~ \$55;

(c) In the case of a married individual, living with ~~husband or wife a spouse~~, an additional ~~\$20~~ \$55 for each spouse who has attained the age of 65 before the close of the individual's taxable year, and an additional ~~\$20~~ \$55 for each spouse who is blind at the close of the individual's taxable year. If such husband and wife make separate, combined or joint returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(d) In the case of an individual, another \$55 for each person, other than a spouse, who is blind and dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer;

(e) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (b) ~~and~~, (c) and (d) of paragraph (4), an individual is blind if his central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field

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subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

(e) ~~(f)~~ In the case of an unmarried individual who is deaf at the close of the taxable year, an additional ~~\$20~~ \$55 .

(f) ~~(g)~~ In the case of a married individual, an additional ~~\$20~~ \$55 for each spouse who is deaf at the close of the taxable year. If the ~~husband and wife make spouses file separate~~ , combined or joint returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them.

~~(g)~~ (h) In the case of an individual, an additional ~~\$20~~ \$55 for each person (other than a spouse) who is deaf and dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer.

~~(h)~~ (i) For the purposes of subparagraphs ~~(e); (f) and~~ , (g) and (h) of paragraph (4), an individual is deaf if the average loss in the speech frequencies (500-2000 Hertz) in the better ear, unaided, is 92 decibels, American National Standards Institute, or worse.

(5) (a) ~~If an unmarried individual qualifies for two or more additional credits under the provisions of clauses (4)(a); (4)(b) and (4)(c), the total amount of his credit shall be increased by \$10 for each additional credit in excess of one.~~

~~(b) If a married individual qualifies for more than one additional credit for either spouse under the provisions of clauses (4)(e) and (4)(f), the total amount of his credit shall be increased by \$10 for each additional credit in excess of one per spouse.~~

(a) In the case of an unmarried individual who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$55;

(b) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, an additional \$55 for each spouse who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year; and

(c) In the case of an individual, another \$55 for each person, other than a spouse, who is dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer, and who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year.

(6) In the case of an insurance company, it shall receive a credit on the tax computed as above equal in amount to any taxes based on premiums paid by it during the period for which the tax under Extra Session Laws 1967, Chapter 32, is imposed by virtue of any law of this state, other than the surcharge on premiums imposed by Extra Session Laws 1933, Chapter 53, as amended;

(7) In the case of a non-resident individual, credits under paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be apportioned in the proportion of the gross income from sources in Minnesota to the gross income from all sources, and in any event a minimum credit of \$5 shall be allowed.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, is amended by adding a **Changes or additions indicated by underline deletions by strikeout**

subdivision to read:

Subd. 3f. CREDITS AGAINST TAX. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 3a, and subject to the provisions of subdivision 3g for taxable years which begin after December 31, 1979, the taxes due under the computation in accordance with section 290.06 shall be credited with the following amounts:

(1) In the case of an unmarried individual and in the case of the estate of a decedent, \$60, and in the case of a trust, \$5;

(2) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, \$120. If the spouses file separate, combined or joint returns the personal credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(3) In the case of an individual, \$60 for each person (other than a spouse) dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer. One taxpayer only shall be allowed this credit with respect to any given dependent. A payment to a divorced or separated spouse, other than a payment for support of minor children under a temporary order or final decree of dissolution or legal separation, shall not be considered a payment by the other spouse for the support of any dependent.

(4) (a) In the case of an unmarried individual who has attained the age of 65 before the close of his taxable year, an additional \$60;

(b) In the case of an unmarried individual who is blind at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$60;

(c) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, an additional \$60 for each spouse who has attained the age of 65 before the close of the individual's taxable year, and an additional \$60 for each spouse who is blind at the close of the individual's taxable year. If the spouses file separate, combined or joint returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(d) In the case of an individual, another \$60 for each person, other than a spouse, who is blind and dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer;

(e) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph (4), an individual is blind if his central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

(f) In the case of an unmarried individual who is deaf at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$60.

(g) In the case of a married individual, an additional \$60 for each spouse who is deaf at the close of the taxable year. If the spouses file separate, combined or joint returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them.

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(h) In the case of an individual, an additional \$60 for each person (other than a spouse) who is deaf and dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer.

(i) For the purposes of subparagraphs (f), (g) and (h) of paragraph (4), an individual is deaf if the average loss in the speech frequencies (500-2000 Hertz) in the better ear, unaided, is 92 decibels, American National Standards Institute, or worse.

(5) (a) In the case of an unmarried individual who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$60;

(b) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, an additional \$60 for each spouse who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year; and

(c) In the case of an individual, another \$60 for each person, other than a spouse, who is dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer, and who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year.

(6) In the case of an insurance company, it shall receive a credit on the tax computed as above equal in amount to any taxes based on premiums paid by it during the period for which the tax under Extra Session Laws 1967, Chapter 32, is imposed by virtue of any law of this state, other than the surcharge on premiums imposed by Extra Session Laws 1933, Chapter 53, as amended.

(7) In the case of a non-resident individual, credits under paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be apportioned in the proportion of the gross income from sources in Minnesota to the gross income from all sources, and in any event a minimum credit of \$5 shall be allowed.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3g. INFLATION ADJUSTMENT OF CREDITS. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1980, the credits provided for individuals in subdivision 3f shall be adjusted for inflation. The commissioner of revenue shall determine the percentage increase for each year in the revised consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area prepared by the United States department of labor with 1967 as a base year. The commissioner shall determine the percentage increase from August, 1979 to, in 1980, August, 1980 and in each subsequent year, from August of the preceding year to August of the current year, and shall announce the percentage figure by October 1 each year. The dollar amount of each inflation adjusted credit for the prior year in subdivision 3f shall be multiplied by a figure equal to that percentage. The product of the calculation shall be added to the inflation adjusted credit for the prior year to produce the inflation adjusted individual credits for each succeeding year. If the product exceeds a whole dollar amount, it shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, Subdivision 3d, is amended to

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read:

Subd. 3d. **CREDITS AGAINST TAX.** The taxes due as computed in accordance with section 290.06, subdivisions 2c, 3c, and 3e shall be credited with the following amounts:

(1) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978, a credit equal to his tax liability in the case of:

- (a) An unmarried claimant with an income of ~~\$4,800~~ \$5,500 or less;
- (b) A claimant with one dependent, with an income of ~~\$5,800~~ \$7,000 or less;
- (c) A claimant with two dependents, with an income of ~~\$6,900~~ \$8,000 or less;
- (d) A claimant with three dependents, with an income of ~~\$7,800~~ \$8,900 or less;
- (e) A claimant with four dependents, with an income of ~~\$8,400~~ \$9,600 or less; and
- (f) A claimant with five or more dependents, with an income of ~~\$8,900~~ \$10,000 or less.

(2) In the case of a claimant with an income in excess of that set forth in the appropriate category of clause (1), he may pay a tax equal to 15 percent of that portion of his income that is in excess of the amount set forth in the appropriate category of clause (1), or his tax obligation as it would have been in the absence of section 290.012 and this subdivision, whichever is less.

(3) The total income of the claimant and his spouse, if any, shall be the figure employed for the purposes of this subdivision. No individual dependent upon and receiving his chief support from any other individual may be a claimant under section 290.012 and this subdivision. The commissioner of revenue shall prescribe the additional forms or alterations in existing forms as necessary to comply with the provisions of section 290.012 and this subdivision. All claimants shall submit their returns on these forms.

The commissioner of revenue shall provide alternative tax tables which will include these credits.

(4) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1980, the commissioner of revenue shall determine and announce by October 1 of 1981 and each subsequent year, the percentage increase from August, 1980 to, in 1981, August, 1981, and, in subsequent years, from August of the preceding year to August of the current year in the revised all urban consumer price index for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area prepared by the United States department of labor with 1967 as a base year. Each year, the income exclusion amounts contained in clause (1) shall be increased by the determined percentage, rounded to the nearest dollar to produce the inflation adjusted exclusion amounts for the taxable year.

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Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, Subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES. In lieu of the credit against taxable net income provided by section 290.21, subdivision 3, clause (e), a taxpayer may take a credit against the tax due under this chapter of 50 percent but not more than ~~\$25~~ \$50 of his contributions to a political party and candidate. A married couple, filing jointly, may take a similar credit of not more than ~~\$50~~ \$100. No credit shall be allowed under this subdivision for a contribution to any candidate, other than a candidate for elective judicial office, who has not signed an agreement to limit his campaign expenditures as provided in section 10A.32, subdivision 3b. The commissioner of revenue shall provide in the tax instruction booklet language understandable to a person of average intelligence which states that the taxpayer may only claim a credit against his tax due for contributions to candidates for (a) judicial office or (b) statewide or legislative office who have agreed to limit their expenditures. For purposes of this subdivision, "candidate" means a candidate as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 5. The department of revenue shall provide on the first page of the Minnesota tax form an appropriate provision for the credit provided by this subdivision.

This credit shall be allowed only if the contribution is verified in the manner the commissioner of revenue shall prescribe.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2d. INFLATION ADJUSTMENT OF BRACKETS. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978, the taxable net income brackets in subdivision 2c shall be adjusted for inflation. The commissioner of revenue shall determine the percentage increase for each year in the revised consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area prepared by the United States department of labor with 1967 as a base year. The commissioner shall determine the percentage increase from August, 1978 to, in 1979, August, 1979 and in each subsequent year, from August of the preceding year to August of the current year, and shall announce the percentage figure by October 1 each year. The dollar amounts in each taxable net income bracket for the prior year in subdivision 2c shall be multiplied by a figure equal to 85 percent of that percentage. The product of the calculation shall be added to each inflation adjusted taxable net income bracket for the prior year to produce the inflation adjusted taxable net income brackets for each succeeding year. If the product exceeds a whole dollar amount, it shall be raised to the next highest whole dollar.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.067, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

290.067 DEPENDENT CARE CREDIT. Subdivision 1. **AMOUNT OF CREDIT.** A taxpayer may take as a credit against the tax due from him and his spouse, if any, under chapter 290 an amount equal to 50 percent of the dependent care credit for which he is eligible pursuant to the provisions of section 44A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, ~~1976~~ 1978, subject to the limitations provided in

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subdivision 2.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.09, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **TAXES.** Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable year, except (a) income or franchise taxes imposed by this chapter and income or franchise taxes paid to any other state or to any province or territory of Canada for which a credit is allowed under section 290.081; (b) taxes assessed against local benefits of a kind deemed in law to increase the value of the property assessed; (c) inheritance, gift and estate taxes except as provided in section 290.077, subdivision 4; (d) cigarette and tobacco products excise tax imposed on the consumer; (e) that part of Minnesota property taxes for which a credit or refund is claimed and allowed under ~~section 290.0603 or 290.066~~ chapter 290A; (f) federal income taxes, by corporations, national and state banks except as provided in section 290.18; (g) mortgage registry tax; (h) real estate transfer tax; (i) federal telephone tax; (j) federal transportation tax; and (k) tax paid by any corporation or national or state bank to any foreign country or possession of the United States to the extent that a credit against federal income taxes is allowed under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976. If the taxpayer's foreign tax credit consists of both foreign taxes deemed paid and foreign taxes actually paid or withheld, it will be conclusively presumed that foreign taxes deemed paid were first used by the taxpayer in its foreign tax credit. Minnesota gross income shall include the amount of foreign tax paid which had been allowed as a deduction in a previous year, provided such foreign tax is later allowed as a credit against federal income tax. Income taxes permitted to be deducted hereunder shall, regardless of the methods of accounting employed, be deductible only in the taxable year in which paid. Taxes imposed upon a shareholder's interest in a corporation which are paid by the corporation without reimbursement from the shareholder shall be deductible only by such corporation.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.081, is amended to read:

290.081 INCOME OF NONRESIDENTS, RECIPROCITY. (a) The compensation received for the performance of personal or professional services within this state by an individual who resides and has his place of abode and place to which he customarily returns at least once a month in another state, shall be excluded from gross income to the extent such compensation is subject to an income tax imposed by the state of his residence; provided that such state allows a similar exclusion of compensation received by residents of Minnesota for services performed therein, or

(b) Whenever a nonresident taxpayer has become liable for income taxes to the state where he resides upon his net income for the taxable year derived from the performance of personal or professional services within this state and subject to taxation under this chapter, there shall be allowed as a credit against the amount of income tax payable by him under this chapter, such proportion of the tax so paid by him to the state where he resides as his gross income subject to taxation under this chapter bears to his entire gross income upon which the tax so paid to such other state was imposed; provided, that such credit shall be allowed only if the laws of such state grant a substantially similar credit to residents of this state subject to income tax under such laws,

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or

(c) If any taxpayer who is a resident of this state, or a domestic corporation or corporation commercially domiciled therein, has become liable for taxes on or measured by net income to another state or a province or territory of Canada upon, if the taxpayer is an individual or a resident estate or resident trust, any income, or if it is a corporation, upon income derived from the performance of personal or professional services within such other state or province or territory of Canada and subject to taxation under this chapter he or it shall be entitled to a credit against the amount of taxes payable under this chapter, of such proportion thereof, as such gross income subject to taxation in such state or province or territory of Canada bears to his entire gross income subject to taxation under this chapter; provided (1) that such credit shall in no event exceed the amount of tax so paid to such other state or province or territory of Canada on the gross income earned within such other state or province or territory of Canada and subject to taxation under this chapter, and (2) that such credit shall not be allowed if such other state or province or territory of Canada allows residents of this state a credit against the taxes imposed by such state or province or territory of Canada for taxes payable under this chapter substantially similar to the credit provided for by paragraph (b) of this section, and (3) the allowance of such credit shall not operate to reduce the taxes payable under this chapter to an amount less than would have been payable if the gross income earned in such other state or province or territory of Canada had been excluded in computing net income under this chapter.

(d) The commissioner shall by regulation determine with respect to gross income earned in any other state the applicable clause of this section. When it is deemed to be in the best interests of the people of this state, the commissioner may determine that the provisions of clause (a) shall not apply.

(e) "Tax So Paid" as used in this section means taxes on or measured by net income payable to another state or province or territory of Canada on income earned within the taxable year for which the credit is claimed, provided that such tax is actually paid in that taxable year, or subsequent taxable years.

(f) For the purposes of clause (a), whenever the Wisconsin tax on Minnesota residents which would have been paid Wisconsin without clause (a) exceeds the Minnesota tax on Wisconsin residents which would have been paid Minnesota without clause (a), or vice versa, then the state with the net revenue loss resulting from clause (a) shall receive from the other state the amount of such loss. This provision shall be effective for all years beginning after December 31, 1972. The data used for computing the loss to either state shall be determined on or before September 30 of the year following the close of the previous calendar year.

If an agreement cannot be reached as to the amount of the loss, the commissioner of revenue and the taxing official of the state of Wisconsin shall each appoint a member of a board of arbitration and these members shall appoint the third member of the board. The board shall select one of its members as chairman. Such board may administer oaths, take testimony, subpoena witnesses, and require their attendance, require the production of books, papers and documents, and hold hearings at such places as are deemed

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necessary. The board shall then make a determination as to the amount to be paid the other state which determination shall be final and conclusive.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.61, the commissioner may furnish copies of returns, reports, or other information to the taxing official of the state of Wisconsin, a member of the board of arbitration, or a consultant under joint contract with the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin for the purpose of making a determination as to the amount to be paid the other state under the provisions of this section. Prior to the release of any information under the provisions of this section, the person to whom the information is to be released shall sign an agreement which provides that he will protect the confidentiality of the returns and information revealed thereby to the extent that it is protected under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.09, Subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. **STANDARD DEDUCTION.** In lieu of all deductions provided for in this chapter other than those enumerated in section 290.18, subdivision 2, and in lieu of the credits enumerated in section 290.21, subdivision 3, an individual may claim or be allowed a standard deduction as follows:

(a) ~~If his adjusted gross income is \$10,000 or more, the standard deduction shall be \$1,000.~~

(b) ~~If his adjusted gross income is less than \$10,000~~ Subject to modification pursuant to clause (b), the standard deduction shall be an amount equal to ten percent ~~thereof of the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer, up to a maximum deduction of \$2,000;~~ in the case in which a standard deduction tax table is provided by the commissioner of revenue pursuant to the provisions of section 290.06, subdivision 2, the standard deduction shall be available to individuals with adjusted gross income of less than \$20,000 only through the use of such table.

In the case of a husband and wife living together, the standard deduction shall not be allowed to either if the net income of one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard deduction. For the purposes of this paragraph the determination of whether an individual is living with his spouse shall be made as of the last day of the taxable year unless the spouse dies during the taxable year in which case such determination shall be made as of the date of such spouse's death.

(b) For each taxable year beginning after December 31, 1980, the maximum amount of the standard deduction shall be adjusted for inflation. That amount shall be multiplied each year by a figure equal to the percentage increase in the revised consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area used for purposes of section 290.06, subdivision 3g. The product of the calculation shall be added to the dollar amount of the maximum standard deduction established in clause (a) to produce the inflation-adjusted maximum standard deduction for each succeeding year.

(c) The commissioner of revenue may establish a standard deduction tax table
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incorporating the rates set forth in section 290.06, subdivision 2c, and the standard deduction. The tax of any individual taxpayer whose adjusted gross income is less than \$20,000 shall, if an election is made not to itemize nonbusiness deductions, be computed in accordance with tables prepared and issued by the commissioner of revenue. The tables shall be prepared to reflect the allowance of the standard deduction and the personal and dependent credits.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.091, is amended to read:

290.091 MINIMUM TAX ON PREFERENCE ITEMS. (a) In addition to all other taxes imposed by chapter 290 there is hereby imposed ~~for each taxable year beginning after December 31, 1976,~~ a tax which, in the case of a resident individual, estate or trust, shall be equal to 40 percent of the amount of the taxpayer's minimum tax liability for tax preference items pursuant to the provisions of sections 56 to 58 and 443(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended through December 31, 1976 except that for purposes of the tax imposed by this section, excess itemized deductions as defined in section 57(b) shall not include any deduction taken for Minnesota income tax paid and capital ~~gains~~ gain as defined in section 57(a) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not include that portion of any gain occasioned by sale, transfer or the granting of a perpetual easement pursuant to any eminent domain proceeding or threat thereof as described in section 290.13, subdivision 5. This modification shall apply to the years in which the gain or reduction in loss is actually included in federal adjusted gross income even though amounts received pursuant to the eminent domain proceedings were received in prior years. In the case of a resident individual, estate or trust having preference items which could not be taken to reduce income from sources outside the state pursuant to section 290.17, subdivision 1, or any other taxpayer the tax shall equal 40 percent of that federal liability, multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount of the taxpayer's preference item income allocated to this state pursuant to the provisions of sections 290.17, subdivision 1, to 290.20, and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total preference item income for federal purposes.

(b) In the case of a resident individual, estate or trust having preference items in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976, and before January 1, 1978, which are not allocable to Minnesota under the provisions of sections 290.17 to 290.20 in effect for such years, the tax shall equal 40 percent of the taxpayer's federal minimum tax liability, multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount of the taxpayer's preference items allocable to Minnesota under the provisions of sections 290.17 to 290.20 in effect for such years and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total preference items for federal purposes.

(c) The preference items for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978 shall not include the portion of the sale of residence excluded under section 121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended through December 31, 1978.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.095, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

290.095 OPERATING LOSS DEDUCTION. Subdivision 1. **ALLOWANCE OF**
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DEDUCTION. (a) There shall be allowed as a deduction for the taxable year the amount of any net operating loss deduction as defined in subdivision 2, clause (b); provided, however, that the modifications specified in subdivision 4 shall be made in computing the taxable net income for the taxable year before the net operating loss deduction shall be allowed.

(b) A net operating loss deduction shall be available under this section only to corporate taxpayers except as provided in subdivisions 6, 7 and 9 hereof, and, with respect to individuals, estates and trusts, no deduction shall be allowed for or with respect to losses which constitute tax preference items as set forth in section 290.17, subdivision 1.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.14, is amended to read:

290.14 GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY, BASIS. The basis for determining the gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of property acquired on or after January 1, 1933, shall be the cost to the taxpayer of such property, with the following exceptions:

(1) If the property should have been included in the last inventory, it shall be the last inventory value thereof;

(2) If the property was acquired by gift, it shall be the same as it would be if it were being sold or otherwise disposed of by the last preceding owner not acquiring it by gift; if the facts required for this determination cannot be ascertained, it shall be the fair market value as of the date, or approximate date, of acquisition by such last preceding owner, as nearly as the requisite facts can be ascertained by the commissioner;

(3) If the property was acquired by gift through an inter vivos transfer in trust, it shall be the same as it would be if it were being sold or otherwise disposed of by the grantor;

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this clause (4), the basis of property in the hands of a person acquiring the property from a decedent or to whom the property passed from a decedent shall, if not sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of before the decedent's death by such person, be the fair market value of the property at the date of decedent's death.

For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the following property shall be considered to have been acquired from or to have passed from the decedent:

(a) Property acquired by bequest, devise, or inheritance, or by the decedent's estate from the decedent;

(b) Property transferred by the decedent during his lifetime in trust to pay the income for life to or on the order or direction of the decedent, with the right reserved to the decedent at all times before his death to revoke the trust;

(c) Property transferred by the decedent during his lifetime in trust to pay the

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income for life to or on the order or direction of the decedent with the right reserved to the decedent at all times before his death to make any change in the enjoyment thereof through the exercise of a power to alter, amend, or terminate the trust;

(d) Property passing without full and adequate consideration under a general power of appointment exercised by the decedent by will;

(e) In the case of a decedent's dying after December 31, 1956, property acquired from the decedent by reason of death, form of ownership, or other conditions (including property acquired through the exercise or non-exercise of a power of appointment), if by reason thereof the property is required to be included in determining the value of the decedent's gross estate for Minnesota inheritance tax purposes. In such case, if the property is acquired before the death of the decedent, the basis shall be the amount determined under the first paragraph of this clause reduced by the amount allowed to the taxpayer as deductions in computing taxable net income under this chapter or prior Minnesota income tax laws for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization, and depletion on such property before the death of the decedent. Such basis shall be applicable to the property commencing on the death of the decedent. This paragraph shall not apply to annuities described in section 290.08; and property described in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this clause (4).

Clause (4) shall not apply to property which constitutes a right to receive an item of income in respect of a decedent under section 290.077. Nor shall it apply to restricted stock options described in section 290.078 which the employee has not exercised at death.

(5) If the property was acquired after December 31, 1932, upon an exchange described in section 290.13, subdivision 1, the basis shall be the same as in the case of the property exchanged, decreased in the amount of any money received by the taxpayer and increased in the amount of gain or decreased in the amount of loss to the taxpayer that was recognized upon such exchange under the law applicable to the year in which the exchange was made. If the property so acquired consisted in part of the type of property permitted by section 290.13, subdivision 1, to be received without the recognition of gain or loss, and in part of other property, the basis provided in this clause shall be allocated between the properties, other than money, received, and for the purpose of the allocation there shall be assigned to such other property an amount equivalent to its fair market value at the date of the exchange. This clause shall not apply to property acquired by a corporation by the issuance of its stock or securities as the consideration, in whole or in part, for the transfer of the property to it;

(6) If substantially identical property was acquired in the place of stocks or securities which were sold or disposed of and in respect of which loss was not allowed as a deduction under section 290.09, subdivision 5, the basis in the case of property so acquired shall be the same as in the case of the stock or securities so sold or disposed of, increased by the excess of the repurchase price of such property over the sale price of such stock or securities, or decreased by the excess of the sale price of such stock or securities over the repurchase price of such property;

(7) If the property was acquired after December 31, 1932, as the result of a

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compulsory or involuntary conversion described in section 290.13, subdivision 5, the basis shall be the same as in the case of the property so converted, decreased in the amount of any money received by the taxpayer which was not expended in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to the year in which such conversion was made, determining the taxable status of the gain or loss upon such conversion, and increased in the amount of gain or decreased in the amount of loss to the taxpayer recognized upon such conversion under the law applicable to the year in which such conversion was made.

(8) Neither the basis nor the adjusted basis of any portion of real property shall, in the case of a lessor of such property, be increased or diminished on account of income derived by the lessor in respect of such property and excludable from gross income under section 290.08, subdivision 14.

If an amount representing any part of the value of real property attributable to buildings erected or other improvements made by a lessee in respect of such property was included in gross income of the lessor for any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1943, the basis of each portion of such property shall be properly adjusted for the amount so included in gross income.

(9) If the property was acquired by the taxpayer as a transfer of property in exchange for the release of the taxpayer's marital rights, the basis of the property shall be the same as it would be if it were being sold or otherwise disposed of by the person who transferred the property to the taxpayer.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.17, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

290.17 GROSS INCOME, ALLOCATION TO STATE. Subdivision 1. **INCOME OF RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES AND TRUSTS.** (a) The gross income of individuals during the period of time when they are residents of Minnesota and the gross income of resident estates and trusts shall be their gross income as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 20, except that the amount of otherwise deductible losses incurred in connection with income derived from sources outside the state shall be reduced by the sum of the taxpayer's items of tax preference as defined in section 57 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, which are attributable to losses incurred in connection with sources of income outside the state.

(b) Deductions for losses incurred in connection with income derived from sources outside the state which is included in an individual's gross income pursuant to this subdivision, may be taken only to the extent of the amount of income derived from sources outside the state in the taxable year during which the loss was incurred.

(c) Any deductions for losses which could not be taken in the three immediately preceding taxable years because of the provisions of clause (b), may be taken to reduce any net income derived from sources outside the state which remain after application of clause (b) for income earned and deductions for the current taxable year; provided, however, that any deductions allowable pursuant to this clause (c) may be taken only to the extent of the amount of net income remaining after the application of clause (b).

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Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.17, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **OTHER TAXPAYERS.** In the case of taxpayers not subject to the provisions of subdivision 1, items of gross income shall be assigned to this state or other states or countries in accordance with the following principles:

(1) The entire income of all resident or domestic taxpayers from compensation for labor or personal services, or from a business consisting principally of the performance of personal or professional services, shall be assigned to this state, and the income of nonresident taxpayers from such sources shall be assigned to this state if, and to the extent that, the labor or services are performed within it; all other income from such sources shall be treated as income from sources without this state;

(2) Income from the operation of a farm shall be assigned to this state if the farm is located within this state and to other states only if the farm is not located in this state. Income and gains received from tangible property not employed in the business of the recipient of such income or gains, and from tangible property employed in the business of such recipient if such business consists principally of the holding of such property and the collection of the income and gains therefrom, shall be assigned to this state if such property has a situs within it, and to other states only if it has no situs in this state. Income or gains from intangible personal property not employed in the business of the recipient of such income or gains, and from intangible personal property employed in the business of such recipient if such business consists principally of the holding of such property and the collection of the income and gains therefrom, wherever held, whether in trust, or otherwise, shall be assigned to this state if the recipient thereof is domiciled within this state; income or gains from intangible personal property wherever held, whether in trust or otherwise shall be assigned to this state if the recipient of such income or gains is domiciled within this state, or if the grantor of any trust is domiciled within this state and such income or gains would be taxable to such grantor under section 290.28 or 290.29;

(3) Income derived from carrying on a trade or business, including in the case of a business owned by natural persons the income imputable to the owner for his services and the use of his property therein, shall be assigned to this state if the trade or business is conducted wholly within this state, and to other states if conducted wholly without this state. This provision shall not apply to business income subject to the provisions of clause (1);

(4) When a trade or business is carried on partly within and partly without this state, the entire income derived from such trade or business, including income from intangible property employed in such business and including, in the case of a business owned by natural persons, the income imputable to the owner for his services and the use of his property therein, shall be governed, except as otherwise provided in sections 290.35 and 290.36, by the provisions of section 290.19, notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary. This shall not apply to business income subject to the provisions of clause (1). For the purposes of this clause, a trade or business located in Minnesota is carried on partly within and partly without this state if tangible personal property is sold

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by such trade or business and delivered or shipped to a purchaser located outside the state of Minnesota.

In determining whether or not intangible property is employed in a unitary business carried on partly within and partly without this state so that income derived therefrom is subject to apportionment under section 290.19 the following rules and guidelines shall apply.

(a) Intangible property is employed in a business if the business entity owning intangible property holds it as a means of furthering the business operation of which a part is located within the territorial confines of this state.

(b) Where a business operation conducted in Minnesota, is owned by a business entity which carries on business activity outside of the state different in kind from that conducted within this state, and such other business is conducted entirely outside the state, it will be presumed that the two business operations are unitary in nature, interrelated, connected and interdependent unless it can be shown to the contrary.

(5) All other items of gross income shall be assigned to the taxpayer's domicile.

(6) For purposes of this section, amounts received by a non-resident from the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, the Federal Reserve Bank, the state of Minnesota or any of its political or governmental subdivisions, or a Minnesota volunteer fireman's relief association, by way of payment as a pension, public employee retirement benefit, or any combination thereof, or as a retirement or survivor's benefit made from a plan qualifying under section 401, 403, 404, 405, 408 or 409 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, are not considered income derived from carrying on a trade or business or from performing personal or professional services in Minnesota, and are not taxable under this chapter.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.21, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. An amount for contribution or gifts made within the taxable year:

(a) to or for the use of the state of Minnesota, or any of its political subdivisions for exclusively public purposes,

(b) to or for the use of any community chest, corporation, organization, trust, fund, association, or foundation located in and carrying on substantially all of its activities within this state, organized and operating exclusively for religious, charitable, public cemetery, scientific, literary, artistic, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual,

(c) to a fraternal society, order, or association, operating under the lodge system located in and carrying on substantially all of their activities within this state if such contributions or gifts are to be used exclusively for the purposes specified in subdivision

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3(b), or for or to posts or organizations of war veterans or auxiliary units or societies of such posts or organizations, if they are within the state and no part of their net income inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, or to an employee stock ownership trust as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 25. Where the beneficiaries of a stock ownership trust include the transferor, his spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings or their children, the amount of the deduction shall be reduced by the product of multiplying said amount by their percentage interest in the trust,

(d) to or for the use of the United States of America for exclusively public purposes, and to or for the use of any community chest, corporation, trust, fund, association, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for any of the purposes specified in subdivision 3(b) and (c) no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, but not carrying on substantially all of their activities within this state, in an amount equal to the ratio of Minnesota taxable net income to total net income, provided, however, that for an individual taxpayer, the credit shall be allowed in an amount equal to the ratio of the taxpayer's gross income ~~from sources within the state~~ assignable to Minnesota to the taxpayer's gross income from all sources,

(e) to a political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, or a political candidate, as defined in section 210A.01, or a political cause when sponsored by any party or association or committee, as defined in section 210A.01, in a maximum amount not to exceed the following:

(1) contributions made by individual natural persons, \$100,

(2) contributions made by a national committeeman, national committeewoman, state chairman, or state chairwoman of a political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, \$1,000,

(3) contributions made by a congressional district committeeman or committeewoman of a political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, \$350,

(4) contributions made by a county chairman or a county chairwoman of a political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, \$150;

(f) in the case of an individual, the total credit against taxable net income allowable hereunder shall not exceed 30 percent of the taxpayer's Minnesota gross income as follows:

(i) the aggregate of contributions made to organizations specified in (a), (b) and (d) shall not exceed ten percent of the taxpayer's Minnesota gross income,

(ii) the total credits under this subparagraph for any taxable year shall not exceed 20 percent of the taxpayer's Minnesota gross income. For purposes of this subparagraph, the credits under this section shall be computed without regard to any deduction allowed under subparagraph (i) but shall take into account any contributions described in subparagraph (i) which are in excess of the amount allowable as a credit under

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subparagraph (i);

(g) in the case of a corporation, the total credit against net income hereunder shall not exceed 15 percent of the taxpayer's taxable net income less the credits allowable under this section other than those for contributions or gifts.

(h) in the case of a corporation reporting its taxable income on the accrual basis, if: (A) the board of directors authorizes a charitable contribution during any taxable year, and (B) payment of such contribution is made after the close of such taxable year and on or before the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of such taxable year; then the taxpayer may elect to treat such contribution as paid during such taxable year. The election may be made only at the time of the filing of the return for such taxable year, and shall be signified in such manner as the commissioner shall by regulations prescribe;

(i) in the case of a contribution or property placed in trust as described in section 170(f)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, a credit shall be allowed under this subdivision to the extent that a deduction is allowable for federal income tax purposes.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.23, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 16. INCOME FROM OUT-OF-STATE PROPERTY. There shall be allowed as a deduction in computing the taxable net income of a trust or an estate the amount of income or gains from tangible personal or real property having a situs outside this state allocated to this state according to the provisions of section 290.17, subdivision 1.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.37, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

290.37 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS. Subdivision 1. **PERSONS MAKING RETURNS.** The following persons shall make a return for each taxable year, or fractional part thereof where permitted or required by law:

(a) A single individual with respect to his own taxable net income if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed, or if his gross income exceeds \$1,700.

(b) A married individual if his own taxable net income or the combined taxable net income of himself and his spouse exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed, or if his gross income or the combined gross income of himself and his spouse exceeds \$2,700.

(c) An unmarried individual who has attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxable year with respect to his own taxable net income if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed or if

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his gross income exceeds \$2,300.

(d) A married individual living with husband or wife where one has attained the age of 65 before the close of the individual's taxable year if his own taxable net income or the combined taxable net income of himself and his spouse exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed or if his gross income or the combined gross income of himself and his spouse exceeds \$3,100.

(e) A married individual living with husband or wife and both spouse have attained the age of 65 if his own taxable net income or the combined taxable net income of himself and his spouse exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed or if his gross income or the combined gross income of himself and his spouse exceeds \$3,400.

(f) An unmarried individual who is blind at the close of the taxable year with respect to his own taxable net income if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed or if his gross income exceeds \$2,300; or \$2,900 if the individual has also attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxable year.

(g) A married individual living with husband or wife and one is blind at the close of the taxable year with respect to his own taxable net income or the combined taxable net income of himself and his spouse exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed or if his gross income or the combined gross income of himself and his spouse exceeds \$3,100; or \$3,400 if one has attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxable year and \$3,800 if both have attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxable year.

(h) A married individual living with husband or wife where both are blind at the close of the taxable year with respect to his own taxable net income or the combined taxable net income of himself and his spouse exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed or if his gross income or the combined gross income of himself and his spouse exceeds \$3,400; or \$3,900 if one has attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxable year and \$4,400 if both have also attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxable year.

(i) The personal representative of the estate of a decedent with respect to the taxable net income of such decedent for that part of the taxable year during which he was alive if such taxable net income exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed; or if such decedent's gross income for the aforesaid period exceeds \$1,700.

(j) The personal representative of the estate of a decedent with respect to the taxable net income of such estate if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed; or if such estate's gross income exceeds \$1,700. The commissioner of revenue shall annually determine the gross income levels at which individuals shall be required to file a return for each taxable year.

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(k) The trustee or other fiduciary of property held in trust shall file a return with respect to the taxable net income of such trust if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed, or if the gross income of such trust exceeds \$750, if in either case such trust belongs to the class of taxable persons.

(l) The guardian of an infant or other incompetent person with respect to such infant's or other person's taxable net income if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed, or if the gross income of such infant or other incompetent person exceeds \$1,700.

(m) Every corporation shall file a return with respect to its taxable net income if in excess of \$500, or if its gross income exceeds \$5,000. The return in this case shall be *signed by an officer of the corporation.*

(n) The receivers, trustees in bankruptcy, or assignees operating the business or property of a taxpayer shall file a return with respect to the taxable net income of such taxpayer if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed (or, if the taxpayer is a corporation, if the taxable net income exceeds \$500), or if such taxpayer's gross income exceeds \$5,000.

Such return shall (a) be verified or contain a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of criminal liability for wilfully making a false return, and (b) shall contain a confession of judgment for the amount of the tax shown due thereon to the extent not timely paid.

For purposes of (k) through (n) this subdivision the term "gross income" shall mean gross income as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, modified and adjusted in accordance with the provisions of sections 290.08, 290.17 and 290.65.

Sec. 23. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, Subdivision 12, is repealed.

Sec. 24. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 18 is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1977. Except as otherwise provided, the remainder of this article is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978.

ARTICLE II: PROPERTY TAX

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 256.82, is amended to read:

256.82 **PAYMENTS BY STATE.** Based upon estimates submitted by the county agency to the state agency, which shall state the estimated required expenditures for the succeeding month, upon the direction of the state agency payment shall be made monthly in advance by the state to the counties of all federal funds available for that purpose for such succeeding month, together with an amount of state funds equal to ~~60~~ 70 percent of the difference between the total estimated cost and the federal funds so available for

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payments made after December 31, 1979 and before January 1, 1981, and 80 percent of the difference for payments made after December 31, 1980. Adjustment of any overestimate or underestimate made by any county shall be made upon the direction of the state agency in any succeeding month.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 256D.03, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. After December 31, 1979, and before January 1, 1981, state aid shall be paid to local agencies for ~~50~~ 60 percent and, after December 31, 1980, for 70 percent of all general assistance grants up to the standards of section 256D.01, subdivision 1, according to procedures established by the commissioner. Any local agency may, from its own resources, make payments of general assistance at a standard higher than that established by the commissioner, without reference to the standards of section 256D.01, subdivision 1.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 256D.36, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

256D.36 1973 CATEGORICAL AID RECIPIENTS; PROVISIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AID. Subdivision 1. Commencing January 1, 1974, the commissioner shall certify to each local agency the names of all county residents who were eligible for and did receive aid during December, 1973 pursuant to a categorical aid program of old age assistance, aid to the blind, or aid to the disabled. From and after January 1, ~~1974~~ 1980, until January 1, 1981, the state shall pay 70 percent and the county shall ~~each~~ pay ~~one half~~ 30 percent of the supplemental aid calculated for each county resident certified under this section who is an applicant for or recipient of supplemental security income. After December 31, 1980, the state shall pay 80 percent and the county shall pay 20 percent of the aid. The amount of supplemental aid for each individual eligible under this section shall be calculated pursuant to the formula prescribed in Title II, Section 212 (a) (3) of Public Law 93-66, as amended.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 256D.37, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

256D.37 NEW APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS; PROVISIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AID. Subdivision 1. For all applicants for or recipients of supplemental security income who did not receive aid pursuant to any categorical aid program referred to in section 256D.36 during December, 1973, and who make application to the appropriate local agency, the local agency shall determine whether the individual meets the eligibility criteria prescribed in subdivision 2. For each individual who meets the relevant eligibility criteria prescribed in subdivision 2, the local agency shall certify to the commissioner the amount of supplemental aid to which the individual is entitled in accordance with all of the standards in effect December 31, 1973, for the appropriate categorical aid program. In computing the amount of supplemental aid under this section, the local agency shall deduct from the gross amount of the individual's determined needs all income, subject to the criteria for income disregards in effect December 31, 1973, for the appropriate categorical aid program. From and after the first of the month in which an effective application is filed, the state and the county shall ~~each~~

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pay one half share responsibility for the payment of the supplemental aid to which the individual is entitled under this section as provided in section 256D.36.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 272.02, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

272.02 **EXEMPT PROPERTY.** Subdivision 1. Except as provided in other subdivisions of this section or in section 272.025, all property described in this section to the extent herein limited shall be exempt from taxation:

- (1) All public burying grounds;
- (2) All public schoolhouses;
- (3) All public hospitals;
- (4) All academies, colleges, and universities, and all seminaries of learning;
- (5) All churches, church property, and houses of worship;
- (6) Institutions of purely public charity;
- (7) All public property exclusively used for any public purpose;
- (8) All natural cheese held in storage for aging by the original Minnesota manufacturer;
- (9) (a) Class 2 property of every household of the value of \$100, maintained in the principal place of residence of the owner thereof. The county auditor shall deduct such exemption from the total valuation of such property as equalized by the revenue commissioner assessed to such household, and extend the levy of taxes upon the remainder only. The term "household" as used in this section is defined to be a domestic establishment maintained either (1) by two or more persons living together within the same house or place of abode, subsisting in common and constituting a domestic or family relationship, or (2) by one person.

(b) During the period of his active service and for six months after his discharge therefrom, no member of the armed forces of the United States shall lose status of a householder under paragraph (a) which he had immediately prior to becoming a member of the armed forces.

In case there is an assessment against more than one member of a household the \$100 exemption shall be divided among the members assessed in the proportion that the assessed value of the Class 2 property of each bears to the total assessed value of the Class 2 property of all the members assessed. The Class 2 property of each household claimed to be exempt shall be limited to property in one taxing district, except in those cases where a single domestic establishment is maintained in two or more adjoining districts.

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Bonds and certificates of indebtedness hereafter issued by the state of Minnesota, or by any county or city of the state, or any town, or any common or independent school district of the state, or any governmental board of the state, or any county or city thereof, shall hereafter be exempt from taxation; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as exempting such bonds from the payment of a tax thereon, as provided for by section 291.01, when any of such bonds constitute, in whole or in part, any inheritance or bequest, taken or received by any person or corporation.

(10) Farm machinery manufactured prior to 1930, which is used only for display purposes as a collectors item;

(11) The taxpayer shall be exempted with respect to, all agricultural products, inventories, stocks of merchandise of all sorts, all materials, parts and supplies, furniture and equipment, manufacturers material, manufactured articles including the inventories of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and contractors; and the furnishings of a room or apartment in a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel or trailer camp, tools and machinery which by law are considered as personal property, and the property described in section 272.03, subdivision 1 (c), except personal property which is part of an electric generating, transmission, or distribution system or a pipeline system transporting or distributing water, gas, or petroleum products or mains and pipes used in the distribution of steam or hot or chilled water for heating or cooling buildings and structures.

(12) Containers of a kind customarily in the possession of the consumer during the consumption of commodities, the sale of which are subject to tax under the provisions of the excise tax imposed by Extra Session Laws 1967, Chapter 32;

(13) All livestock, poultry, all horses, mules and other animals used exclusively for agricultural purposes;

(14) All agricultural tools, implements and machinery used by the owners in any agricultural pursuit.

(15) Real and personal property used primarily for the abatement and control of air, water, or land pollution to the extent that it is so used.

Any taxpayer requesting exemption of all or a portion of any equipment or device, or part thereof, operated primarily for the control or abatement of air or water pollution shall file an application with the commissioner of revenue. Any such equipment or device shall meet standards, regulations or criteria prescribed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and must be installed or operated in accordance with a permit or order issued by that agency. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall upon request of the commissioner furnish information or advice to the commissioner. If the commissioner determines that property qualifies for exemption, he shall issue an order exempting such property from taxation. Any such equipment or device shall continue to be exempt from taxation as long as the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency remains in effect.

(16) Wetlands. For purposes of this subdivision, "wetlands" means land which is Changes or additions indicated by underline deletions by ~~strikeout~~

mostly under water, produces little if any income, and has no use except for wildlife or water conservation purposes. "Wetlands" shall be land preserved in its natural condition, drainage of which would be lawful, feasible and practical and would provide land suitable for the production of livestock, dairy animals, poultry, fruit, vegetables, forage and grains, except wild rice. "Wetlands" shall include adjacent land which is not suitable for agricultural purposes due to the presence of the wetlands. Exemption of wetlands from taxation pursuant to this section shall not grant the public any additional or greater right of access to the wetlands or diminish any right of ownership to the wetlands.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 272.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. The holding of property by a political subdivision of the state for later resale for economic development purposes shall be considered a public purpose in accordance with subdivision 1, clause (7) for a period not to exceed three years. This subdivision shall not operate to create an exemption from section 272.01, subdivision 2, 272.68; 273.19; or 462.575, subdivision 3; or other provision of law providing for the taxation of or for payments in lieu of taxes for publicly held property which is leased, loaned, or otherwise made available and used by a private person. This section is effective for taxes levied in 1979 and thereafter, and payable in 1980 and thereafter.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.11, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. (a) For assessments of property for the purpose of determining taxes to be levied in 1979, payable in 1980, the assessor, after determining the value of any property, shall compare the value with that determined in the preceding assessment. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 273.17, the amount of the increase entered in the current assessment shall not exceed ten percent of the value in the preceding assessment or ~~one-fourth~~ one-half of the total amount of the increase in valuation whichever is greater; the excess, together with any increase in value which has occurred since the previous assessment, shall be entered in a subsequent year or years; provided, however, that if the amount of the increase in market value is

(i) more than ten percent but no more than 20 percent, the excess shall be entered in the following year:

(ii) more than 20 percent but no more than 40 percent, ten percent shall be entered in each subsequent year until the amount remaining to be entered is less than 10 percent in which case the amount remaining will be entered in the next subsequent year; or

(iii) more than 40 percent, the excess shall be entered equally in the three subsequent years added to the market value of the property which shall be used for the purpose of determining taxes to be levied in 1980, payable in 1981. In all subsequent assessments, all real property shall be assessed at its full market value.

(b) In the case of property described in section 273.13, subdivisions 6, 7, 7b, 10, 12, 17, 17b and 19, plus all agricultural property and all real estate devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreational purposes which was not subject to the five

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percent limitation in valuation increase for the 1973 or the 1974 assessment that was previously provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 273.11, Subdivision 2; the value to be used for levying the 1976 taxes payable in 1977 shall be set at the average percent of market value used for the respective class of property in the 1976 tax levies in its assessment district if the market value as determined by the assessor pursuant to section 273.11, subdivision 1 exceeds by more than ten percent the limited market value established for that class of property. Such property shall subsequently increase in value for property tax purposes as prescribed in clause (a):

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 273, is amended by adding a section to read:

[273.115] STATE PAID WETLANDS CREDIT. Subdivision 1. The county auditor shall annually reduce the tax liability of each owner of wetlands exempt from property taxation pursuant to section 272.02, subdivision 1, clause (16), by an amount equal to three-fourths of one percent of the average level of estimated market value of an acre of tillable land in the township or city in which the qualifying wetland is located, multiplied by the number of acres of wetlands he owns. Any excess of credit over tax liability shall not be paid to the property owner.

Subd. 2. The total amounts of credits allowed pursuant to subdivision 1 and the total amounts of revenue lost as a result of the exemption provided in section 272.02, subdivision 1, clause (16), shall be submitted by the county auditor to the commissioner of revenue as part of the abstracts of tax lists required to be filed with the commissioner under the provisions of section 275.29. The amount of revenue lost as a result of the exemption shall be computed each year by applying the current mill rates of the taxing jurisdictions in which the wetlands are located to the assessed valuation of the wetlands for purposes of taxes levied in 1979, payable in 1980. Provided that payment to the county for lost revenue shall not be less than the revenue which would have been received in taxes if the wetlands had an assessed value of \$20 per acre. The commissioner of revenue shall review such certifications to determine their accuracy. He may make such changes in the certification as he may deem necessary or return a certification to the county auditor for corrections.

Subd. 3. Payment shall be made according to the procedure provided in section 273.13, subdivision 15a, for the purpose of replacing revenue lost as a result of the exemption provided in section 272.02, subdivision 1, clause (16), and the credit provided in this section.

Subd. 4. There is appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury to the commissioner of revenue the amount necessary to make the payments provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 5. In order to receive the wetlands credit provided in this section, an owner of wetlands shall agree not to drain the wetlands during the year for which he receives the credit. The local assessor shall certify that each land owner receiving the credit has so agreed.

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Subd. 6. The amounts of the wetlands credit and the tax that would have been due but for the exemption in section 272.02, subdivision 1, clause (16) shall be reflected on the property tax statement of each eligible taxpayer.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.122, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

273.122 FLEXIBLE HOMESTEAD BASE VALUE. Subdivision 1. **HOMESTEAD BASE VALUE.** For ~~1975 and prior years~~ 1979, the homestead base value shall mean ~~\$12,000~~ \$21,000 of market value of any property which qualifies as homestead property for assessment purposes. The homestead base value shall be increased in any subsequent assessment year as provided in subdivision 2.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.122, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **HOMESTEAD-BASE VALUE INDEX.** In assessment years subsequent to ~~1975~~ 1979, the homestead base value shall be adjusted pursuant to the homestead base value index. The homestead base value index shall be computed by the equalization aid review committee for each year immediately preceding an assessment year. This index is computed in the following manner. The annual statewide average market value of homestead property as indicated by bona fide real estate sales during the year shall be divided by the statewide average market value of all homestead property sold in ~~1974~~ 1978. This quotient is multiplied by 100. For each increase of a full 3-1/2 points in the index the homestead base value shall be increased ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 in the following assessment year. On or before December 1 of any year preceding an assessment year the commissioner of revenue shall certify the homestead base value for that year.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.13, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **CLASS 3.** (a) Tools, implements and machinery of an electric generating, transmission or distribution system or a pipeline system transporting or distributing water, gas, or petroleum products or mains and pipes used in the distribution of steam or hot or chilled water for heating or cooling buildings, which are fixtures, all agricultural land, except as provided by classes 1, 3b, 3e, all buildings and structures assessed as personal property and situated upon land of the state of Minnesota or the United States government which is rural in character and devoted or adaptable to rural but not necessarily agricultural use shall constitute class 3 and shall be valued and assessed at 33-1/3 percent of the market value thereof, except as provided in clause (b). Except as provided in subdivision 5a, all real property devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreational purposes, and which is not devoted to commercial purposes for more than 200 days in the year preceding the year of assessment, shall be class 3 property and assessed accordingly. For this purpose, property is devoted to commercial use on a specific day if it is used, or offered for use, and a fee is charged for such use.

(b) For taxes assessed in ~~1977~~ 1979, payable in ~~1978~~ 1980, agricultural land and real property devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreation

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purposes which is classified as class 3 shall be assessed at ~~34~~ 25 percent of its market value, and for taxes assessed in ~~1978~~ 1980, payable in ~~1979~~ 1981 and thereafter, it shall be assessed at ~~30~~ 22 percent of its market value.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.13, Subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **CLASS 3A.** Class 3a shall constitute commercial use real property which abuts a lakeshore line and is devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreational purposes but not devoted to commercial purposes for more than 200 days in the year preceding the year of assessment, which includes a portion used as a homestead by the owner, with the following limitations: the area of the property which shall be included in class 3a shall not exceed 100 feet of lakeshore footage for each cabin located on the property, up to a total of 800 feet, and 500 feet in depth measured away from the lakeshore. Class 3a shall be assessed at ~~18~~ 12 percent of the market value thereof in ~~1977~~ 1979, for taxes payable in ~~1978~~ 1980, and at ~~16 percent~~ thereafter. The remainder of the parcel shall be classified and assessed according to the provisions of subdivision 4.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.13, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **CLASS 3B.** Agricultural land, except as provided by class 1 hereof, and which is used for the purposes of a homestead shall constitute class 3b and shall be valued and assessed at ~~18~~ 12 percent of the ~~its~~ market value thereof in ~~1977~~ 1979, for taxes payable in ~~1978~~, 1980 and at ~~16 percent~~ thereafter. The property tax to be paid on class 3b property as otherwise determined by law ~~not exceeding 120 acres~~ less any reduction received pursuant to section 273.135, regardless of whether or not the market value is in excess of the homestead base value, shall be reduced by ~~45~~ 50 percent of the tax ~~for taxes payable in 1980, and 55 percent thereafter~~; provided that the amount of said reduction shall not exceed ~~\$325~~ \$550 for taxes payable in 1980, and \$600 thereafter. ~~Valuation subject to relief in 1977 for taxes payable in 1978 shall be limited to 120 acres of land, most contiguous surrounding, or bordering the house occupied by the owner as his dwelling place, and, such other structures as may be included thereon utilized by the owner in an agricultural pursuit. For taxes levied in 1978 payable 1979 and subsequent years, Valuation subject to relief shall be limited to 160~~ 240 acres of land, most contiguous surrounding, ~~or bordering,~~ or closest to the house occupied by the owner as his dwelling place, and such other structures as may be included thereon utilized by the owner in an agricultural pursuit, provided that noncontiguous land shall constitute class 3b only if the homestead is classified as class 3b and the detached land is located in the same township or city or not farther than two townships or cities or combination thereof from the homestead. If the market value is in excess of the homestead base value, the amount in excess of that sum shall be valued and assessed at ~~34~~ 25 percent of its market value in ~~1977~~ 1979, for taxes payable in ~~1978~~ 1980, and at ~~30~~ 22 percent thereafter. The first \$12,000 market value of each tract of real estate which is rural in character and devoted or adaptable to rural but not necessarily agricultural use, used for the purpose of a homestead shall be exempt from taxation for state purposes; except as specifically provided otherwise by law.

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Agricultural land as used herein, and in section 273.132, shall mean contiguous acreage of ten acres or more, primarily used during the preceding year for agricultural purposes. Agricultural use may include pasture, timber, waste, unusable wild land and land included in federal farm programs.

Real estate of less than ten acres used principally for raising poultry, livestock, fruit, vegetables or other agricultural products, shall be considered as agricultural land, if it is not used primarily for residential purposes.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.13, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **CLASS 3C, 3CC.** All other real estate and class 2a property, except as provided by classes 1 and 3cc, which is used for the purposes of a homestead, shall constitute class 3c, and shall be valued and assessed at ~~22~~ 18 percent of the market value thereof in ~~1977~~ 1979, for taxes payable in ~~1978~~, 1980 and at ~~20~~ 17 percent thereafter. The property tax to be paid on class 3c property as otherwise determined by law, less any reduction received pursuant to section 273.135, regardless of whether or not the market value is in excess of the homestead base value, shall be reduced by ~~45~~ 50 percent of the amount of such tax ~~for taxes payable in 1980, and 55 percent thereafter~~; provided that the amount of said reduction shall not exceed ~~\$325~~ \$550 ~~for taxes payable in 1980, and \$600 thereafter~~. If the market value is in excess of the sum of the homestead base value, the amount in excess of that sum shall be valued and assessed at ~~36~~ 30 percent of market value in ~~1977~~ 1979, for taxes payable in ~~1978~~, 1980 and at ~~33~~ 28 percent thereafter. The first \$12,000 market value of each tract of such real estate used for the purposes of a homestead shall be exempt from taxation for state purposes; except as specifically provided otherwise by law. Class 3cc property shall include only real estate which is used for the purposes of a homestead by (a) any blind person, if such blind person is the owner thereof or if such blind person and his or her spouse are the sole owners thereof; or (b) any person (hereinafter referred to as veteran) who: (1) served in the active military or naval service of the United States and (2) is entitled to compensation under the laws and regulations of the United States for permanent and total service-connected disability due to the loss, or loss of use, by reason of amputation, ankylosis, progressive muscular dystrophies, or paralysis, of both lower extremities, such as to preclude motion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair, and (3) with assistance by the administration of veterans affairs has acquired a special housing unit with special fixtures or movable facilities made necessary by the nature of the veteran's disability; or (c) any person who: (1) is permanently and totally disabled and (2) is receiving (i) aid from any state as a result of that disability, or (ii) supplemental security income for the disabled, or (iii) workers' compensation based on a finding of total and permanent disability, or (iv) social security disability, or (v) aid under the federal railroad retirement act of 1937, 45 United States Code Annotated, Section 228b(a)5; which aid is at least 90 percent of the total income of such disabled person from all sources. Class 3cc property shall be valued and assessed at five percent of the market value thereof. Permanently and totally disabled for the purpose of this subdivision means a condition which is permanent in nature and totally incapacitates the person from working at an occupation which brings him an income. The property tax to be paid on class 3cc property as otherwise determined by law, less any reduction received pursuant to section 273.135, regardless of whether or not

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the market value is in excess of the homestead base value, for all purposes shall be reduced by ~~45~~ 50 percent of the amount of such tax for taxes payable in 1980, and 55 percent thereafter; provided that the amount of said reduction shall not exceed ~~\$325~~ \$550 for taxes payable in 1980, and \$600 thereafter. If the market value is in excess of the sum of \$28,000, the amount in excess of that sum shall be valued and assessed at ~~34~~ 25 percent in ~~1977, 1979~~ for taxes payable in ~~1978~~ 1980 and ~~30~~ 22 percent thereafter, in the case of agricultural land used for a homestead and ~~36~~ 30 percent in the case of all other real estate used for a homestead for taxes payable in ~~1978~~ 1980 and ~~33~~ 28 percent for taxes payable in ~~1979~~ and subsequent years.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.13, Subdivision 14a, is amended to read:

Subd. 14a. **BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES ON LAND NOT OWNED BY OCCUPANT.** The property tax to be paid in respect of the value of all buildings and appurtenances thereto owned and used by the occupant as a permanent residence, which are located upon land subject to property taxes and the title to which is vested in a person or entity other than the occupant, for all purposes shall be reduced by ~~45~~ 50 percent of the amount of the tax in respect of said value as otherwise determined by law for taxes payable in 1980, and 55 percent thereafter, but not by more than ~~\$325~~ \$550 for taxes payable in 1980, and \$600 thereafter.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.13, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 17c. VALUATION OF LOWER INCOME HOUSING. A structure which is

(a) situated upon real property that is used for housing lower income families or elderly or handicapped persons, as defined in section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and

(b) owned by an entity which has entered into a housing assistance payments contract under section 8 which provides assistance for 100 percent of the dwelling units in the structure, other than dwelling units intended for management or maintenance personnel, shall, for the term of the housing assistance payments contract, including all renewals, or for the term of its permanent financing, whichever is shorter, be assessed at 20 percent of its market value. The market value determined by the assessor shall be based on the normal approach to value using normal unrestricted rents.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.13, Subdivision 19, is amended to read:

Subd. 19. **CLASS 3D, 3DD.** Residential real estate containing four or more units, other than seasonal residential, recreational and homesteads shall be classified as class 3d property and shall have a taxable value equal to 40 percent of market value. Residential real estate containing three or less units, other than seasonal residential, recreational and homesteads, shall be classified as class 3dd property and shall have a taxable value equal to 32 percent of market value.

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Residential real estate as used ~~herein~~ in this subdivision means real property used or held for use by the owner thereof, or by his tenants or lessees as a residence for rental periods of 30 days or more, but shall not include homesteads, or real estate devoted to temporary or seasonal residential occupancy for recreational purposes. Where a portion of a parcel of property qualified for class 3d ~~or 3dd~~ and a portion does not qualify for class 3d ~~or 3dd~~ the valuation shall be apportioned according to the respective uses.

Residential real estate containing less than three units when entitled to homestead classification for one or more units shall be classed as 3b, 3c or 3cc according to the provisions of subdivisions 6 and 7.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.132, is amended to read:

273.132 STATE PAID AGRICULTURAL CREDIT. The county auditor shall reduce the tax for school purposes on all property receiving the homestead credit pursuant to section 273.13, subdivision 6, by an amount equal to the tax levy that would be produced by applying a rate of 45 17 mills on the property. The county auditor shall reduce the tax for school purposes on all other agricultural lands and all real estate devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreational purposes, but not devoted to commercial purposes, by an amount that would be produced by applying a rate of ten mills on the property. The amounts so computed by the county auditor shall be submitted to the commissioner of revenue as part of the abstracts of tax lists required to be filed with the commissioner under the provisions of section 275.29. Any prior year adjustments shall also be certified in the abstracts of tax lists. The commissioner of revenue shall review such certifications to determine their accuracy. He may make such changes in the certification as he may deem necessary or return a certification to the county auditor for corrections.

In 1977, payment shall be made according to the procedure provided in section 273.13, subdivision 15a, for the purpose of replacing revenue lost as a result of the reduction of property taxes provided in this section. In 1978, payment shall be made pursuant to sections 124.212, subdivision 7b and 124.11, for the purpose of replacing revenue lost as a result of the reduction in property taxes provided in this section. There is appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury to the commissioner of revenue the amount necessary to make these payments in fiscal year 1978. There is appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury to the department of education the amount necessary to make these payments in fiscal year 1979 and thereafter.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.17, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

273.17 ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY. Subdivision 1. *In every year, on January 2, the assessor shall also assess all real property that may have become subject to taxation since the last previous assessment, including all real property platted since the last real estate assessment, and all buildings or other structures of any kind, whether completed or in process of construction, of over \$1,000 in value, the value of which has not been previously added to or included in the valuation of the land on which they have been erected. ~~The newly assessed property shall be valued initially at a value not~~*

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exceeding the average percent of market value used in the tax levies for its respective class of property in its assessment district if the market value as determined by the assessor pursuant to section 273.11, subdivision 1 exceeds by more than ten percent the limited market value established for that class of property. The assessment shall be increased to market value in annual increments as provided in section 273.11, subdivision 2 until such time as the property is reassessed. He shall make return thereof to the county auditor, with his return of personal property, showing the tract or lot on which each structure has been erected and the market value added thereto by such erection. Every assessor shall list, without revaluing, in each year, on a form to be prescribed by the commissioner of revenue, all parcels of land that shall have become homesteads or shall have ceased to be homesteads for taxation purposes since the last real estate assessment, and other parcels of land when the use of the land requires a change in classification or the land has been incorrectly classified in a previous assessment.

The county auditor shall note such change in the assessed valuation upon the tax lists, caused by a change in classification, and shall calculate the taxes for such year on such changed valuation. In case of the destruction by fire, flood, or otherwise of any building or structure, over \$100 in value, which has been erected previous to the last valuation of the land on which it stood, or the value of which has been added to any former valuation, the assessor shall determine, as nearly as practicable, how much less such land would sell for at private sale in consequence of such destruction, and make return thereof to the auditor.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.42, is amended to read:

273.42 RATE OF TAX; ENTRY AND CERTIFICATION; CREDIT ON PAYMENT; PROPERTY TAX CREDIT. Subdivision 1. The property set forth in section 273.37, subdivision 2, consisting of transmission lines, and distribution lines not taxed as provided in sections 273.38, 273.40 and 273.41 shall be taxed at the average rate of taxes levied for all purposes throughout the county and shall be entered on the tax lists by the county auditor against the owner thereof and certified to the county treasurer at the same time and in the same manner that other taxes are certified, and, when paid, shall be credited, 35 percent to the general revenue fund of the county, 50 percent to the general school fund of the county, and 15 percent to the townships within the county in which the lines are located, after deducting the amount required for the property tax credit as provided in subdivision 2. The amount available for distribution to the townships shall be divided among the townships in the same proportion that the length of transmission line in each township bears to the total length of transmission line in the county, except that if a payment to a town exceeds ten percent of the town's levy for the preceding year, the excess amount shall be paid to the county.

Subd. 2. Owners of land defined as class 3, 3b, 3c, 3cc, 3d or 3f pursuant to section 273.13 listed on records of the county auditor or county treasurer over which runs a high voltage transmission line as defined in section 116C.52, subdivision 3, except a high voltage transmission line the construction of which was commenced prior to July 1, 1974, shall receive a property tax credit in an amount determined by multiplying a fraction, the numerator of which is the length of high voltage transmission line which runs over that parcel and the denominator of which is the total length of that particular line running

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over all property within the county by ten percent of the transmission line tax revenue derived from the tax on that line pursuant to section 273.42. Where a right-of-way width is shared by more than one property owner, the numerator shall be adjusted by multiplying the length of line on the parcel by the proportion of the total width on the parcel owned by that property owner. The amount of credit for which the property qualifies shall not exceed 20 percent of the total gross tax on the parcel prior to deduction of the state paid agricultural credit and the state paid homestead credit.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 273, is amended by adding a section to read:

[273.425] ADJUSTMENT OF LEVY. When preparing tax lists pursuant to section 275.28 for each levy year for which credits will be payable under section 20, the county auditor shall deduct from the assessed valuation of the property within the county an amount equal to ten percent of the assessed valuation of transmission lines with respect to which a credit is to be paid. The mill rate necessary to be applied to this reduced total valuation in order to raise the required amount of tax revenue for the local taxing authorities shall be applied to the value of all taxable property in the county, including the entire valuation of those transmission lines. The proceeds of the tax levied against the excluded ten percent of the value of those transmission lines shall be available for purposes of funding of the credit provided in section 20. If the amount of that portion of the levy exceeds the amount necessary to fund the credits, the excess shall be distributed to the taxing districts within which the affected property is located in proportion to their respective mill rates, to be used for general levy purposes.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.125, Subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

Subd. 6a. (1) In addition to the excess levy authorized in subdivision 6, in 1976 any district within a city of the first class which was authorized in 1975 to make a retirement levy under sections 275.127 and 422A.01 to 422A.25 may levy an amount per pupil unit which is equal to the amount levied in 1975 payable 1976, under sections 275.127 and 422A.01 to 422A.25, divided by the number of pupil units in the district in 1976-1977.

(2) ~~In 1977~~ 1979 and each year thereafter, any district which qualified in 1976 for an extra levy under clause (1) shall be allowed to levy the same amount ~~per pupil unit allowed by that clause, as levied for retirement in 1978 under this clause~~ reduced each year by ten percent of the difference between the amount levied for retirement in 1971 under Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 275.127 and 422.01 to 422.54 and the amount levied for retirement in 1975 under Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 275.127 and 422A.01 to 422A.25.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.50, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. The cost to a governmental unit of implementing section 18.023, including sanitation and reforestation, as defined in section 18.023, subdivision 1, is a "special levy" and is not subject to tax levy limitations including those contained in sections 275.50 to

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275.56 and in Laws 1969, Chapter 593, as amended by Laws 1974, Chapter 108, commencing with the levy made in 1976, payable in 1977, and terminating with the levy made in 1978 1980, payable in 1979 1981. A governmental subdivision may make a supplementary levy in 1977; payable in 1978; for all costs of implementing section 18.023 incurred in calendar year 1977 for which a levy was not made in 1976; payable in 1977. For the purpose of calculating the tax levy limit base under section 275.51; for levy year 1977; taxes payable 1978; there shall be subtracted from the levy limit base of any governmental subdivision an amount equal to 112 percent of the amount levied under section 18.023 in levy year 1974; taxes payable 1975; and included in the levy limit base of the governmental subdivision as a result of Laws 1975; Chapter 437.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.51, Subdivision 3d, is amended to read:

Subd. 3d. The property tax levy limitation for governmental subdivisions in 1977 payable in 1978 and subsequent years shall be calculated as follows:

(a) The sum of the following amounts, shall be computed: (1) the property tax permitted to be levied in 1976 payable 1977 computed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 275.51, Subdivision 3c, plus

(2) the amount of any state aids the governmental subdivision was entitled to receive in calendar year 1977 pursuant to sections 477A.01; 298.26; 298.28, subdivisions 1 and 1a; 298.281, subdivision 1; 298.282; and 294.26, plus

(3) the amount levied in 1976 payable 1977 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 275.50, Subdivision 5, Clauses (a), (c), (d), (e), and (f), except for levies made to pay tort judgments and make settlements of tort claims or to pay the salaries and benefits of municipal and probate court judges, plus

(4) the amount levied in 1976 payable 1977 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 275.50, Subdivision 5, Clause (g) for the administrative costs of public assistance programs or county welfare systems, plus

(5) one-half of the amount of the special levy authorized under section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (n) shall be added to the permanent levy limit base of the governmental subdivision in the year following the year in which it has been discontinued as a special levy pursuant to the provisions of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (n).

(b) The sum computed in clause (a) shall be increased annually in the manner provided in section 275.52 to derive the levy limit base for successive years.

(c) For taxes levied in 1978 payable 1979 and subsequent years, the levy limit base is the levy limit base which was computed for the immediately preceding year under the provisions of this section increased according to the provisions of section 275.52. To determine the levy limit base for taxes levied in 1979 payable 1980 and subsequent years, (a) the levy limit base used for taxes levied in 1979 payable in 1980 shall be increased by the excess of the amount levied in 1979 for refuse collection and street maintenance over

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the amount levied in 1978 payable 1979 for those purposes; and (b) in the case of a city of the first class located within the metropolitan area defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, for the purpose of calculating the levy limit base to be used for taxes levied in 1979, payable 1980, the levy limit base used for taxes levied in 1978, payable 1979, shall be reduced by an amount sufficient to reduce the levy limitation for taxes levied in 1978 payable 1979 by 15 percent. Any amount levied in 1976 payable 1977 under the provisions of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clauses (a), (c), (d), (e) or (f) to meet the costs of programs, services or legal requirements which cease to exist in a subsequent year shall be subtracted from the levy limit base in the year in which the programs, services or legal requirements for which the levy was made cease to exist.

(d) The levy limit base shall be reduced by the total amount of state formula aids pursuant to section 477A.01 and taconite taxes and aids pursuant to sections 294.26; 298.26; 298.28, subdivision 1; ~~and 298.282~~ and state reimbursements for wetlands property tax exemptions provided in section 272.02, subdivision 1, clause (16), to be paid in the calendar year in which property taxes are payable. As provided in section 298.28, subdivision 1, for taxes payable in 1978 and 1979, two cents per taxable ton, and for taxes payable in 1980 and thereafter, one cent per taxable ton of the amount distributed under section 298.28, subdivision 1, clause (4)(c) shall not be deducted from the levy limit base of the counties that receive that aid. The resulting figure is the amount of property taxes which a governmental subdivision may levy for all purposes other than those for which special levies and special assessments are made.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.52, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. The levy limit base of a governmental subdivision may be increased upon approval by the levy limit review board established in section 275.551, for the following reasons:

(a) Any governmental subdivision which spent money from its surplus funds for nonspecial levy purposes in calendar year 1971 may have its levy limit base increased by an amount not to exceed the amount of revenue it used from surplus funds for nonspecial levy purposes in calendar year 1971.

(b) Any governmental subdivision which has been required to provide new services because of changes in state law, whether or not the changed law directly mandates new services, may have its levy limit base increased by an amount not to exceed the amount required to finance the services, provided that the services may not be financed by special levies or special assessments.

(c) Any governmental subdivision which has been required to provide new or expanded services because of annexations, consolidations, mergers or new incorporations since 1970 may have its levy limit base increased by an amount not to exceed the amount required to finance the general operating costs involved in such services.

(d) Any city or township having statutory city powers which has a levy limit base per capita that is below ~~80~~ 85 percent of the arithmetic average of the levy limit bases per

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capita for cities and townships having statutory city powers in the same county may have its levy limit base increased by an amount not to exceed the amount required to bring its levy limit base per capita up to ~~80~~ 85 percent of the arithmetic average of levy limit bases per capita for all cities and townships having statutory city powers in the county which are governed by the provisions of sections 275.50 to 275.59. On or before July 1 of ~~1977~~ and each subsequent year, the commissioner of revenue shall certify the average levy limit base per capita for each county for purposes of this clause. Provided that if a city or township having statutory powers has received a levy limit base adjustment from the levy limit review board prior to June 1, ~~1977~~ 1979, that city or township may also qualify for a base adjustment in accordance with this clause.

Any governmental subdivision which desires to have its levy limit base adjusted under the provisions of this subdivision shall apply to the commissioner of revenue, who shall submit all applications to the levy limit review board established in section 275.551. Applications shall be in the form and accompanied by the data required by the levy limit review board. Adjustments authorized by the levy limit review board shall become a permanent part of the levy limit base for the governmental subdivision. The levy limit review board may authorize only one levy limit base adjustment for any governmental subdivision under this subdivision.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.53, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

275.53 GOVERNING CENSUS. Subdivision 1. For the purpose of determining the amount of tax that a governmental subdivision may levy in accordance with a per capita limitation established by this chapter or the amount of aid that a city or township may receive pursuant to section 477A.01, the population of the governmental subdivision shall be that established by the last state or federal census, or by a special census taken within the entire governmental subdivision pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56 or to any other law, by a census taken pursuant to ~~subdivision subdivisions 1a or 2,~~ or by a population estimate made by the metropolitan council, by an order of the Minnesota municipal board pursuant to section 414.01, subdivision 14, or by an estimate made pursuant to subdivision 3, whichever is the most recent as to the stated date of count or estimate, up to and including October 1 of the current levy year. Population changes established after October 1 of the current levy year shall not be used in determining the levy limitation of a governmental subdivision for the current levy year under sections 275.50 to 275.56.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.53, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. Beginning in 1980, the state demographer shall prepare an annual population estimate for each city and town having a population of 2,500 or more for which the metropolitan council does not prepare an annual population estimate.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290A.03, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **INCOME.** "Income" means the sum of the following:

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(a) federal adjusted gross income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended through December 31, 1976; and

(b) the sum of the following amounts to the extent not included in clause (a):

(i) additions to federal adjusted gross income as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 290.01, Subdivision 20, Clause (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(10), (a) ~~(13)~~ (14), and (a) ~~(14)~~ (15);

(ii) all nontaxable income;

(iii) recognized net long term capital gains;

(iv) dividends excluded from federal adjusted gross income under section 116 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

(v) cash public assistance and relief;

(vi) any pension or annuity (including railroad retirement benefits, all payments received under the federal social security act, supplemental security income, and veterans disability pensions), which was not exclusively funded by the claimant or spouse, or which was funded exclusively by the claimant or spouse and which funding payments were excluded from federal adjusted gross income in the years when the payments were made;

(vii) nontaxable interest received from the state or federal government or any instrumentality or political subdivision thereof;

(viii) workers' compensation;

(ix) unemployment benefits;

(x) nontaxable strike benefits; and

(xi) the gross amounts of payments received in the nature of disability income or sick pay as a result of accident, sickness, or other disability, whether funded through insurance or otherwise. In the case of an individual who files an income tax return on a fiscal year basis, the term "federal adjusted gross income" shall mean federal adjusted gross income reflected in the fiscal year ending in the calendar year. "Income" does not include

(a) amounts excluded pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, Sections 101(a), 102, 117, and 121 as amended through December 31, 1978;

(b) amounts of any pension or annuity which was exclusively funded by the claimant or spouse and which funding payments were not excluded from federal adjusted gross income in the years when the payments were made;

(c) gifts from nongovernmental sources;

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(d) surplus food or other relief in kind supplied by a governmental agency; ~~or~~

(e) relief granted under sections 273.012, subdivision 2 or 290A.01 to 290A.21 ; or

(f) child support payments received under a temporary or final decree of dissolution or legal separation.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290A.03, Subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **RENT CONSTITUTING PROPERTY TAXES.** "Rent constituting property taxes" means ~~22~~ 23 percent of the gross rent actually paid in cash, or its equivalent, or that portion of gross rent which is paid in lieu of property taxes, in ~~1977~~ ~~or~~ any ~~subsequent~~ calendar year by a claimant solely for the right of occupancy of his Minnesota homestead in the calendar year, and which rent constitutes the basis, in the succeeding calendar year of a claim for relief under sections 290A.01 to 290A.21 by the claimant.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290A.03, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **PROPERTY TAXES PAYABLE.** "Property taxes payable" means the property tax exclusive of special assessments, penalties, and interest payable on a claimant's homestead before reductions made pursuant to section 273.13, subdivisions 6 and 7, but after deductions made pursuant to sections 273.132 and 273.135, in 1977 or any calendar year thereafter. No apportionment or reduction of the "property taxes payable" shall be required for the use of a portion of the claimant's homestead for a business purpose if the claimant does not deduct any business depreciation expenses for the use of a portion of the homestead in the determination of federal adjusted gross income. For homesteads which are mobile homes as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 8, "property taxes payable" shall also include ~~22~~ 23 percent of gross rent paid in the preceding year for the site on which the homestead is located, exclusive of charges for utilities or services. When a homestead is owned by two or more persons as joint tenants or tenants in common, such tenants shall determine between them which tenant may claim the property taxes payable on the homestead. If they are unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the commissioner of revenue and his decision shall be final. Property taxes are considered payable in the year prescribed by law for payment of the taxes.

In the case of a claim relating to "property taxes payable", the claimant must have owned and occupied the homestead on January 2 of the year in which the tax is payable.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290A.04, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The refund shall be paid to claimants whose property taxes payable exceed the following percentages of their income, up to the designated maximum credit amounts:

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For claimants earning:

- \$0 to \$2,999, 0.5 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 3,000 to 3,999, 0.6 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 4,000 to 4,999, 0.7 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 5,000 to 5,999, 0.8 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 6,000 to 6,999, 0.9 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 7,000 to 7,999, 1.0 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 8,000 to 8,999, 1.1 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 9,000 to 9,999, 1.2 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 10,000 to 10,999, 1.3 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 11,000 to 11,999, 1.4 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 12,000 to 19,999, 1.5 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 20,000 to 22,999, 1.6 percent, up to ~~\$475~~ \$650 ;
- 23,000 to 25,999, 1.8 percent, up to ~~\$425~~ \$600 ;
- 26,000 to 30,999, 2.0 percent, up to ~~\$375~~ \$550 ;
- 31,000 to 35,999, 2.2 percent, up to ~~\$350~~ \$525 ;
- 36,000 to 40,999, 2.4 percent, up to ~~\$325~~ \$500 ;
- 41,000 to 44,999, 2.6 percent, up to ~~\$325~~ \$500 ;
- 45,000 to 52,999, 2.8 percent, up to ~~\$325~~ \$500 ;
- 53,000 to 65,999, 3.0 percent, up to ~~\$325~~ \$500 ;
- 66,000 to 81,999, 3.2 percent, up to ~~\$325~~ \$500 ;
- 82,000 to 99,999, 3.5 percent, up to ~~\$325~~ \$500 ;
- 100,000 and over, 4.0 percent, up to ~~\$325~~ \$500 ;

provided that maximum credits for incomes above \$20,000 decline according to the following schedule:

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between \$20,000 and \$26,000 decline \$16.67 per \$1,000; between \$26,000 and \$36,000 decline \$5 per \$1,000.

The payment made to a claimant shall be the amount of refund calculated pursuant to this subdivision, but not exceeding ~~\$675~~ \$850, less the homestead credit given pursuant to section 273.13, subdivisions 6 and 7.

Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290A.04, Subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. An additional refund shall be allowed each claimant who was not disabled or who had not attained the age of 65 by June 1 of the year in which the taxes were payable ~~and whose claim is based on taxes paid on the home he owns~~ in an amount equal to ~~35~~ 50 percent of the amount by which property taxes payable ~~and~~ or rent constituting property taxes exceed the sum of (a) the refund calculated pursuant to subdivision 2 and (b) the percentage of the claimant's household income specified in subdivision 2. The sum of the refunds provided in subdivision 2 and this subdivision shall not exceed the maximum amounts provided below.

For claimants earning:

~~\$0 to 19,999, up to \$800;~~

~~20,000 to 25,999, up to \$800~~ \$1,000 ;

26,000 to 35,999, up to ~~\$650~~ \$850 ;

36,000 and over, up to ~~\$325~~ \$550 ;

provided that maximum refunds for incomes above \$20,000 decline according to the following schedule:

between \$20,000 and \$26,000 decline \$25 per \$1,000; between \$26,000 and \$36,000 decline ~~\$32.50~~ \$30 per \$1,000. A claimant who owns his own homestead part of the year and rents part of the year may add his rent constituting property taxes to the qualifying tax on his homestead and receive the additional refund provided in subdivision 2a.

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290A.04, Subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

Subd. 2b. An additional refund shall be allowed each claimant who is disabled or has attained the age of 65 by June 1 of the year in which the taxes were payable in an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount by which property taxes payable or rent constituting property taxes exceed the sum of (a) the refund calculated pursuant to subdivision 2 and (b) the percentage of the claimant's household income specified in subdivision 2. The sum of the refunds provided in subdivision 2 and this subdivision shall not exceed the maximum amounts provided below.

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For claimants earning:

\$0 to ~~19,999~~, up to ~~\$800~~;

~~20,000~~ to 22,999, up to ~~\$800~~ \$1,000 ;

23,000 to 25,999, up to ~~\$763~~ \$975 ;

26,000 to 35,999, up to ~~\$725~~ \$950 ;

36,000 and over, up to ~~\$525~~ \$750 ;

provided that maximum refunds for incomes above \$20,000 decline according to the following schedule:

between \$20,000 and \$26,000 decline ~~\$12.50~~ \$8.33 per \$1,000; between \$26,000 and \$36,000 decline \$20 per \$1,000.

In the case of a claimant who was disabled on or before June 1 or who attained the age of 65 on the date specified in subdivision 1, the refund shall not be less than the refund which the claimant's household income as defined in section 290A.03 and property tax or rent constituting property tax would have entitled him to receive under Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 290.0618.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290A.04, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. The commissioner of revenue shall construct and make available to taxpayers a comprehensive table showing the property taxes to be paid and credit allowed at various levels of income and assessment. The table shall follow the schedule of income percentages, maximums and other provisions specified in ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 2, 2a, and 2b, except that the commissioner may graduate the transition between income brackets.

For homestead property owners who are disabled or are 65 or older, as provided in subdivision 1, the commissioner shall base his determination of the credit on the gross qualifying tax reduced by the average statewide effective homestead credit percentage for taxes payable in 1975 calculated under section 273.13, subdivisions 6 and 7.

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 360.035, is amended to read:

360.035 EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION. Any ~~property properties, real or personal, acquired or~~ owned, leased, controlled, used, or occupied by a municipality pursuant to the provisions for any of the purposes of sections 360.011 to 360.076, shall be exempt from taxation to the same extent as other property used for public purposes are declared to be acquired, owned, leased, controlled, used, or occupied for public, governmental, and municipal purposes, and shall be exempt from taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions. Nothing contained in sections 360.011 to 360.076 shall be

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construed as exempting properties, real or personal, leased from the municipality to a tenant or lessee who is a private person, association, or corporation from assessments or taxes. If any such leased municipal airport property is taxable to the lessee, the municipality shall not be subject to payment of any portion of rentals under section 272.68, subdivision 3.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.04, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Beginning in calendar year ~~1980~~ 1982 and subsequent years, an assessment district shall be penalized according to the following schedule:

(a) \$1 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is more than 10 percent but less than 12.5 percent;

(b) \$3 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is at least 12.5 percent but no more than 15 percent;

(c) \$5 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is greater than 15 percent.

Sec. 37. **APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public welfare a sum sufficient to make the increased distribution required under sections 1 to 4. The sum of \$30,000 is appropriated to the state planning agency to meet the cost of providing the population estimates required in section 27.

Sec. 38. **REPEALER.** Subdivision 1, Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 273.11, Subdivision 2; and 272.59 are repealed.

Subd. 2, Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 116C.635 is repealed.

Sec. 39. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 5, 8, 18, 19 and 24, except as otherwise provided and 38, subdivision 2, are effective for taxes levied in 1980 payable in 1981 and thereafter.

Sections 6, 16 and 17 are effective for taxes levied in 1979 payable 1980 and thereafter.

Sections 20, 21 and 38, subdivision 2, are effective for 1981 payable 1982 and thereafter.

Sections 28 to 34 are effective for claims based on property taxes payable in 1980 and rent constituting property taxes in 1979 and subsequent years, except that section 28, subdivision 3, clause (f) is effective for property tax refund claims based on rent paid in 1976 and property taxes payable in 1977 and subsequent years.

ARTICLE III: INHERITANCE TAX

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.005, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

291.005 **DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the following terms used in this chapter shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Probate assets" means and includes property owned by a decedent at the time of his death required by section ~~524.3-706~~ to be listed on a personal representative's inventory and appraisal.

(2) "Non-probate assets" means and includes all property of every kind transferred from a decedent or at or by reason of the decedent's death which is subject to the inheritance tax imposed by this chapter (without regard to deductions or exemptions) and which does not consist of probate assets.

(1) "Federal gross estate" means the gross estate of a decedent as determined for federal estate tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) "Personal representative" means the executor, administrator or other person appointed by the court to administer and dispose of the property of the decedent. If there is no executor, administrator or other person appointed, qualified, and acting within this state, then any person in actual or constructive possession of any property having a situs in this state which is included in the federal gross estate of the decedent shall be deemed to be a personal representative to the extent of such property and the Minnesota estate tax due with respect to such property.

(3) "Resident decedent" means an individual whose residence at the time of his death was in Minnesota.

(4) "Nonresident decedent" means an individual who at the time of his death was not a resident.

(5) "Situs of property" means, with respect to real property, the state or country in which it is located; with respect to tangible personal property, the state or country in which it was normally kept or located at the time of the decedent's death; and with respect to intangible personal property, the state or country in which the decedent was a resident at death.

(3) (6) "Commissioner" means and refers to the commissioner of revenue of this state or any person or body within the state department of revenue to whom he may have delegated his functions under this chapter.

(4) "Dependent child" means a natural child of the decedent, or a child adopted by the decedent who is incapable of furnishing his own support by reason of a physical or mental ailment, illness or deformity. The commissioner may request verification of the physical or mental condition of the child before allowing the exemptions and rates applicable to a dependent child under this chapter.

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(5) "Stepchild" means a child who is not the decedent's natural or adopted child but is the natural or adopted child of the decedent's surviving or deceased spouse.

(7) "Internal Revenue Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended through December 31, 1978.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.01, is amended to read:

291.01 TAX IMPOSED. Subdivision 1: A tax shall be and is hereby imposed upon any the transfer of property, real, personal or mixed, or any interest therein, or income therefrom in trust or otherwise, to any person, association or corporation, except county, town or municipal corporation within the state, for strictly county, town or municipal purposes, in the following cases:

(1) When the transfer is by will or by the intestate laws of this state from any person dying possessed of the property while a resident of this state;

(2) When a transfer is by will or intestate law, of property within the state or within its jurisdiction and the decedent was a nonresident of the state at the time of his death;

(3) When the transfer is of property made by a resident or by a nonresident when such nonresident's property is within this state, or within its jurisdiction, by deed, grant, bargain, sale or gift, made in contemplation of the death of the grantor, vendor, or donor, or intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment at or after such death; any transfer of the material part of the property of a deceased in the nature of a final disposition or distribution thereof, made within three years prior to death, without adequate and full consideration in money or money's worth, shall, unless shown to the contrary, be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death; but no such transfer made prior to such three year period shall be deemed or held to have been made in contemplation of death; and

(4) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as imposing a tax upon any transfer, as defined in this chapter, of intangibles, however used or held, whether in trust or otherwise, by a person, or by reason of the death of a person, who was not a resident of this state at the time of his death.

Subd. 2: Such tax shall be imposed when any such person or corporation becomes beneficially entitled, in possession or expectancy, to any property or the income thereof, by any such transfer whether made before or after the passage of this chapter.

Subd. 3: A taxable transfer under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to have been made:

(1) To the extent of any property with respect to which the decedent has at the time of his death general power of appointment, created on or before October 21, 1942, is exercised by the decedent

(A) by will, or

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(B) by disposition which is of such nature that if it were a transfer of property owned by the decedent; such transfer would be taxable under the provisions of this chapter;

but the failure to exercise such a power or the complete release of such a power shall not be deemed an exercise thereof. If a general power of appointment created on or before October 21, 1942, has been partially released so that it is no longer a general power of appointment; the exercise of such power shall not be deemed to be the exercise of a general power of appointment if

(a) such partial release occurred before November 1, 1959; or

(b) the donee of such power was under a legal disability to release such power on October 21, 1942; and such partial release occurred not later than six months after the termination of such legal disability.

(2) To the extent of any property with respect to which the decedent has at the time of his death a general power of appointment created after October 21, 1942, or with respect to which the decedent has at any time exercised or released such a power of appointment by a disposition which is of such nature that if it were a transfer of property owned by the decedent; such transfer would be taxable under the provisions of this chapter. A disclaimer or renunciation of such a power of appointment shall not be deemed a release of such power. For purposes of this paragraph (2); the power of appointment shall be considered to exist on the date of the decedent's death even though the exercise of the power is subject to a precedent giving of notice or even though the exercise of the power takes effect only on the expiration of a stated period after its exercise; whether or not on or before the date of the decedent's death notice has been given or the power has been exercised:

(3) To the extent of any property with respect to which the decedent:

(A) by will; or

(B) by a disposition which is of such nature that if it were a transfer of property owned by the decedent such transfer would be taxable under the provisions of this chapter;

exercises a power of appointment created after October 21, 1942; by creating another power of appointment which can be validly exercised so as to postpone the vesting of any estate or interest in such property; or suspend the absolute ownership or power of alienation of such property; for a period ascertainable without regard to the date of the creation of the first power.

(4) The term "general power of appointment" means a power which is exercisable in favor of the decedent; his estate; his creditors or the creditors of his estate; except that:

(A) A power to consume, invade, or appropriate property for the benefit of the decedent which is limited by an ascertainable standard relating to the health, education;

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support, or maintenance of the decedent shall not be deemed a general power of appointment.

(B) A power of appointment created on or before October 21, 1942, which is exercisable by the decedent only in conjunction with another person shall not be deemed a general power of appointment.

(C) In the case of a power of appointment created after October 21, 1942, which is exercisable by the decedent only in conjunction with another person:

(a) If the power is not exercisable by the decedent except in conjunction with the creator of the power, such power shall not be deemed a general power of appointment.

(b) If the power is not exercisable by the decedent except in conjunction with a person having a substantial interest in the property, subject to the power, which is adverse to exercise of the power in favor of the decedent, such power shall not be deemed a general power of appointment. For the purposes of this clause a person who, after the death of the decedent, may be possessed of a power of appointment (with respect to the property subject to the decedent's power) which he may exercise in his own favor shall be deemed as having an interest in the property and such interest shall be deemed adverse to such exercise of the decedent's power.

(c) If, after the application of clauses (a) and (b), the power is a general power of appointment and is exercisable in favor of such other person, in such power shall be deemed a general power of appointment only in respect of a fractional part of the property subject to such power, such part to be determined by dividing the value of such property by the number of such persons, including the decedent, in favor of whom such power is exercisable. For purposes of clauses (b) and (c), a power shall be deemed to be exercisable in favor of a person if it is exercisable in favor of such person, his estate, his creditors, or the creditors of his estate.

(5) The lapse of a power of appointment created after October 21, 1942, during the life of the individual possessing the power shall be considered a release of such power. The preceding sentence shall apply with respect to the lapse of powers during any calendar year only to the extent that the property, which could have been appointed by exercise of such lapsed powers, exceeded in value, at the time of such lapse, the greater of the following amounts:

(a) \$5,000 or

(b) Five percent of the aggregate value, at the time of such lapse, of the assets out of which, or the proceeds of which, the exercise of the lapsed powers could have been satisfied.

(6) For purposes of this subdivision, a power of appointment created by a will executed on or before October 12, 1942, shall be considered a power created on or before such date if the person executing such will dies before July 1, 1949, without having republished such will, by codicil or otherwise, after October 21, 1942.

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Subd. 4: Whenever any property, real or personal, is held in the joint names of two or more persons; or is deposited in banks or in other institutions or depositories in the joint names of two or more persons payable to either or the survivor, upon the death of one of such persons the right of the survivor or survivors, to the immediate ownership or possession and enjoyment of such property, shall be deemed a transfer and subject to the inheritance tax imposed by this chapter, except such part thereof as may be shown to have originally belonged to the survivor or survivors and never to have been received or acquired by them from the decedent for less than an adequate and full consideration in money or money's worth; in which case there shall be excepted only such part as is proportionate to the consideration furnished by the survivor or survivors. Provided, where any property has been acquired prior to April 29, 1935, by the decedent and spouse, as joint tenants, not in excess of one-half of the value thereof shall be taxable. Provided, further, where property has been acquired at any time by gift, bequest, devise, or inheritance, by the decedent and any other person or persons, as joint tenants, the taxable portion shall be the value of a fractional part of said property to be determined by dividing the value of the property by the number of joint tenants.

Where personal property is held in joint names, such property shall be deemed to be transferred to the survivors as provided in this subdivision unless it is established to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the decedent intended a different disposition. Upon the showing of evidence of that intent to the commissioner, the right of survivorship shall not be deemed to be a transfer to the named survivors subject to the inheritance tax, provided the survivors make the disposition according to the evidenced intention of the decedent and present to the commissioner statements signed by the transferees acknowledging receipt of the property from the named survivors; the disposition by the survivors to the transferees shall be deemed a transfer from the decedent to the transferees and shall be subject to the inheritance tax imposed by this chapter. This paragraph shall not apply to cases where the aggregate value of joint tenancy assets exceeds \$30,000.

Subd. 5: (†) The proceeds of all life or accident insurance policies whether now in force or hereafter issued, payable on account of the decedent's death shall be subject to the tax herein imposed, as follows:

(a) To the extent of the amount receivable by the executor of the decedent as insurance under policies on the life of the decedent.

(b) To the extent of the amount receivable by all other beneficiaries as insurance under policies on the life of the decedent with respect to which the decedent possessed at his death any of the incidents of ownership, exercisable either alone or in conjunction with any other person. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term "incident of ownership" includes a reversionary interest (whether arising by the express terms of the policy or other instrument or by operation of law) only if the value of such reversionary interest exceeded five percent of the value of the policy immediately before the death of the decedent. As used in this paragraph, the term "reversionary interest" includes a possibility that the policy, or the proceeds of the policy, may return to the decedent or his estate, or may be subject to a power of disposition by him. The value of a reversionary interest at any time shall be determined (without regard to the fact of the decedent's

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death) by usual methods of valuation, including the use of tables of mortality and actuarial principles, pursuant to regulations prescribed by the commissioner of internal revenue or his delegate. In determining the value of a possibility that the policy or proceeds thereof may be subject to a power of disposition by the decedent, such possibility shall be valued as if it were a possibility that such policy or proceeds may return to the decedent or his estate.

(2) Such proceeds shall be deemed a transfer within the meaning of that term as used in this chapter and a part of decedent's estate, and shall be taxable to the person or persons entitled thereto.

(3) Every corporation, partnership, association, individual, order or society authorized to transact life, accident, fraternal, mutual benefit, or death benefit insurance business which shall pay to any person, association, or corporation any insurance or death benefit in excess of \$1,000 or shall transfer any unpaid balance of, or any interest in, any annuity contract or deposit, upon the death of a resident of this state, shall give notice of such payment or transfer to the commissioner within ten days from the date thereof. Such notice shall be given on the forms prescribed by the commissioner and such notice shall set forth such information as the commissioner shall prescribe the Minnesota taxable estate of every decedent as prescribed by chapter 291.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 291, is amended by adding a section to read:

[291.015] DETERMINATION OF MINNESOTA TAXABLE ESTATE. The Minnesota taxable estate of a decedent shall be his federal gross estate as defined in Section 2031 of the Internal Revenue Code less the sum of:

(1) The value of any gifts of real property located outside this state which are otherwise includable in the federal gross estate under Section 2035(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(2) The value of property owned by the decedent at the time of his death which has its situs outside Minnesota;

(3) The exemptions and deductions allowed pursuant to sections 291.05, 291.051, 291.065, 291.07, and 291.08; and

(4) The sum of \$200,000, provided that, in the case of a nonresident decedent, this amount shall be reduced by that proportion of the value of the decedent's federal gross estate which has its situs outside of this state.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.03, is amended to read:

291.03 RATES. When the property or any beneficial interest therein passes by any such transfer where the amount of the property shall exceed in value the exemption or exemptions hereinafter specified, where applicable, The tax hereby imposed shall be :

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(1) Where the person entitled to any beneficial interest in such property shall be the surviving spouse, minor or dependent child of the decedent, or any minor or dependent legally adopted child at computed by applying to the Minnesota taxable estate the following prescribed rates:

1 ~~1/2~~ 2 percent on that part of the first ~~\$25,000~~ \$25,000 which exceeds the applicable exemption or exemptions specified in section 291.05, clauses (3) through (7) \$100,000.

2 8 percent on the next ~~\$25,000~~ \$100,000 or part thereof.

3 9 percent on the next ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000 or part thereof.

4 10 percent on the next ~~\$50,000~~ \$200,000 or part thereof.

5 11 percent on the next ~~\$50,000~~ \$500,000 or part thereof.

6 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

7 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

8 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

9 percent on the next \$500,000 or part thereof.

10 12 percent on the excess over \$1,000,000.

(2) Where the person or persons entitled to any beneficial interest in such property shall be the adult child or other lineal descendant of the decedent; adult legally adopted child or issue; lineal ancestor of the decedent; stepchild as defined in section 291.005; or any child to whom such decedent for not less than ten years prior to such transfer stood in the mutually acknowledged relation of a parent; provided, such mutually acknowledged relationship began at or before the child's fifteenth birthday and was continuous for said ten years thereafter; or any lineal issue of such mutually acknowledged child; at the following prescribed rates:

2 percent on that part of the first \$25,000 which exceeds the applicable exemption or exemptions specified in section 291.05, clauses (3) through (7).

4 percent on the next \$25,000 or part thereof.

6 percent on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

7 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

8 percent on the next \$200,000 or part thereof.

9 percent on the next \$600,000 or part thereof.

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10 percent on the excess over \$1,000,000.

(3) Where the person or persons entitled to any beneficial interest in such property shall be the brother or sister or a descendant of a brother or sister of the decedent; a wife or widow of a son; or a husband or widower of a daughter of the decedent; at the following prescribed rates:

6 percent on that part of the first \$25,000 which exceeds the applicable exemption or exemptions specified in section 291.05, clauses (3) through (7):

8 percent on the next \$25,000 or part thereof.

10 percent on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

12 percent on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

14 percent on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

16 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

18 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

20 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

22 percent on the next \$500,000 or part thereof.

25 percent on the excess over \$1,000,000.

(4) Where the person or persons entitled to any beneficial interest in such property shall be in any other degree of collateral consanguinity than is hereinbefore stated; or shall be a stranger in blood to the decedent; or shall be a body politic or corporate; at the following prescribed rates:

8 percent on that part of the first \$25,000 which exceeds the applicable exemption or exemptions specified in section 291.05, clauses (3) through (7):

10 percent on the next \$25,000 or part thereof.

12 percent on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

14 percent on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

16 percent on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

18 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

20 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

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22 percent on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

26 percent on the next \$500,000 or part thereof.

30 percent on the excess over \$1,000,000.

Provided that the amount of tax imposed by this chapter on the transfer of any estate shall not be less than the maximum tax credit allowable for state death taxes against the federal estate tax imposed with respect to that part of the decedent's estate which has a taxable situs in this state.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.05, is amended to read:

291.05 EXEMPTIONS. The following exemptions from the tax are hereby allowed:

(1) Any devise, bequest, gift, or transfer ; (a) to or for the use of the United States of America or any state or any political subdivision thereof for public purposes exclusively; ~~and any devise, bequest, gift, or transfer ;~~ (b) to or for the use of any corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association operated within this state for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, education or public cemetery purposes exclusively, including the encouragement of art and the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of which devise, bequest, gift, or transfer inures to the profit of any private stockholder or individual ; ~~and any bequest or transfer or~~ to a trustee or trustees exclusively for such purposes; ~~shall be exempt. Any devise, bequest, gift, or transfer ;~~ (c) to an employee stock ownership trust as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 25, ~~shall be exempt. Where provided that, if~~ the beneficiaries of a stock ownership trust include the transferor, his spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings or their children, the amount of the exemption shall be reduced by the product of multiplying said amount by their percentage interest in the trust :

~~Any devise, bequest, gift, or transfer, not to exceed \$1,000 made ;~~ (d) to a clergyman, in an amount not exceeding \$1,000, the proceeds of which are to be used for religious purposes or rites designated by the testator ; ~~shall be exempt. Any devise, bequest, gift, or transfer ;~~ and (e) to or for the use of any corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association operated for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, education, or public cemetery purposes exclusively, including the encouragement of art, and the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of which devise, bequest, gift, or transfer inures to the profit of any private stockholder or any individual, ~~and any bequest or transfer or~~ to a trustee or trustees exclusively for such purposes, ~~shall be exempt~~, if, at the date of the decedent's death, the laws of the state under the laws of which the transferee was organized or existing, either (1) did not impose a death tax of any character, in respect of property transferred to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association, organized or existing under the laws of this state, or (2) contained a reciprocal provision under which transfers to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association, organized or existing under the laws of another state were exempted from death taxes of every character if such other state allowed a similar exemption to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association, organized under the laws of such state.

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(2) The homestead of a decedent, and the proceeds thereof if sold during administration; transferred to the spouse or to any minor or dependent child of the decedent; or to any minor or dependent legally adopted child of the decedent; shall be exempt to the extent of \$45,000 of the appraised value thereof. In no case shall the quantity of land considered to be the homestead of a decedent for the purpose of this exemption exceed 120 acres if the land is not included in the laid out or platted portion of a city. If the land is within a laid out or platted portion of a city, its area shall not exceed one-half of an acre. In the case of a decedent's estate wherein no property or beneficial interest therein passing by reason of death is eligible for the homestead exemption because the decedent did not have an interest in property constituting a homestead at the time of his death; there shall be allowed an exemption in lieu of the homestead exemption; in the amount of \$10,000. The exemption shall be allocated among the surviving spouse and the decedent's natural or adopted minor or dependent children in proportion to the total amount of property or any interest therein passing to such spouse and children.

Proceeds of any insurance policy issued by the United States and generally known as war risk insurance, United States government life insurance or national service life insurance payable upon the death of any person dying on or after June 24, 1950, shall be exempt.

Proceeds of life insurance issued pursuant to Public Law 89-214 and generally known as servicemen's group life insurance payable upon the death of any person on or after September 1, 1965, shall be exempt. Claims for refunds of inheritance tax paid on such proceeds shall be accepted by the commissioner if filed with him by December 31, 1970, or within 18 months after such payment, whichever is later.

Proceeds of payments made by the United States government as compensation for the decedent's service as a member of the armed forces of the United States during a period while he was classified as missing in action prior to being declared dead, shall be exempt. The commissioner shall make refunds for inheritance taxes paid which are attributable to payments exempt pursuant to this paragraph upon the filing of a claim by each beneficiary of the estate for his portion of the inheritance tax paid. Claims for refund must be filed with the commissioner no later than July 1, 1982.

(3) Proceeds of payments from the United States railroad retirement fund; or from the United States as social security benefit or veterans burial benefit, shall be exempt.

(3) (i) Property or any beneficial interest therein of the clear value of \$60,000 transferred to the surviving spouse, shall be exempt.

(ii) Provided, where the amount of family maintenance allowed by the probate court is less than the maximum deductible under the provisions of section 291.10; or if no such maintenance is allowed; there shall be allowed to the surviving spouse an additional exemption equal in amount to the difference between the maximum deduction as provided by section 291.10 and the amount of such family maintenance allowed by the probate court. Further provided; where no probate proceedings are had there shall be allowed to the surviving spouse an additional exemption equal to the maximum deduction

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allowed for family maintenance under the provisions of section 291.10:

(4) (i) Property or any beneficial interest therein of the clear value of \$30,000 transferred to each minor or dependent child of the decedent; or any minor or dependent legally adopted child of the decedent; shall be exempt:

(ii) Provided, where the decedent left no surviving spouse entitled to the exemption allowed by clause (3) of this section the exemption allowed by subparagraph (ii) of clause (3) shall be allowed to beneficiaries entitled to exemption under the provisions of this clause. In no event shall the aggregate amount of exemption so allowed be in excess of the additional amount that would have been allowed under subparagraph (ii) of clause (3) had such paragraph been applicable:

(5) Property or any beneficial interest therein of the clear value of \$6,000 transferred to any adult child or other lineal descendant of the decedent; any adult legally adopted child; stepchild as defined in section 291.005; or any child to whom the decedent; for not less than ten years prior to his death; stood in the mutually acknowledged relation of a parent; provided; such mutually acknowledged relationship began at or before the child's fifteenth birthday; and was continuous for ten years thereafter; or any lineal issue of such adopted or mutually acknowledged child; or any lineal ancestor of the decedent; shall be exempt:

(6) Property or any beneficial interest therein of the clear value of \$1,500 transferred to any brother or sister or a descendant of a brother or sister of the decedent; a wife or widow of a son; or a husband or widower of a daughter of the decedent; shall be exempt:

(7) Property or any beneficial interest therein of the clear value of \$500 transferred to any person in any other degree of collateral consanguinity than is hereinbefore stated; or shall be a stranger in blood to the decedent; or shall be a body politic or corporate not exempt under this chapter; shall be exempt:

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.051, is amended to read:

291.051 MARITAL DEDUCTION. Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this section; the terms defined in this subdivision shall have the meaning given them herein:

"Marital exemption" means 50 percent; but not more than \$250,000; of the net taxable value passing to the surviving spouse of a decedent domiciled in Minnesota at the time of his death:

"Net taxable value" means the gross value passing to the surviving spouse; reduced by the value of real property outside Minnesota and tangible personal property permanently located outside Minnesota included in the gross value passing to the surviving spouse; and reduced by the deductions attributable to such gross value pursuant to section 291.07; except subdivision 1, clause (5); but without regard to the exemptions allowed to the surviving spouse by sections 291.05; clauses (1); (2); and (3); and 291.10:

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"Marital exemption tax" means a tax imposed at the rates provided by this chapter on the value of property passing to the surviving spouse less the marital exemption, but without regard to the exemptions allowed to the surviving spouse by sections 291.05, clauses (1), (2) and (3) and 291.10.

Subd. 2: If the marital exemption tax on the property passing to the surviving spouse is less than a tax computed on that property under the other provisions of this chapter, the marital exemption tax shall be imposed in lieu of the tax computed under the other provisions. For the purpose of section 3, clause (3), the value of the Minnesota taxable estate shall, except as limited by subsection (b) of Section 2056 of the Internal Revenue Code and by subdivision 2, be determined by deducting from the value of the federal gross estate an amount equal to the value of any interest in property which passes or has passed from the decedent to his surviving spouse, but only to the extent that the interest has a taxable situs in this state and is included in determining the value of the federal gross estate. An interest in property shall be considered as passing from the decedent to his surviving spouse if it is considered as passing from the decedent to the surviving spouse under Section 2056(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Subd. 2. LIMITATION. The amount of the deduction allowed under this section for a resident decedent shall not exceed the greater of:

(a) \$250,000, or

(b) 50 percent of the value of the federal adjusted gross estate as defined in Section 2056(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code,

reduced by an amount equal to the adjustment made, if any, for federal estate tax purposes with respect to any gift or gifts made by the decedent to his spouse after December 31, 1976 under Section 2056(c)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, and further reduced by the value of any property passing from the decedent to his surviving spouse which is exempt from estate tax under section 291.065 and is included in determining the value of the federal gross estate. In the case of a nonresident decedent, the amount of the deduction allowed under this section shall be determined without reference to subpart (a) of this subdivision.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.06, is amended to read:

291.06 CREDIT FOR PREVIOUSLY PAID TAXES. (a) Where property is transferred to any person described in section 291.03, clauses (1) and (2), which can be identified as having been transferred to the decedent at death from a person who died within five years prior to the death of the decedent, and such transfer to the decedent was within the class of transfer described in said section 291.03, clauses (1) and (2), such property shall be exempt to the extent of the value thereof at the date of death of the prior decedent but not to exceed the value at the date of death of the second decedent. Provided, (1) no such exemption shall be allowed unless an inheritance tax was determined and paid to this state on the transfer thereof from the said prior decedent; (2) the exemption shall be limited to the value of property which is in excess of the amount of the exemption provided in section 291.05 allowed on the transfer to the decedent; (3)

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unless such previously transferred property is specifically devised or bequeathed, the exempt property for purposes of taxation shall be considered as belonging to the residue of the estate; (4) property exempt under this section shall not be included in computing the rate applicable to other transfers to the beneficiary receiving such exempt property or can be identified as having been acquired in exchange for property so received, a credit for any transfer taxes paid pursuant to the provisions of this act or any inheritance tax paid pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 291 in effect prior to the effective date of this act upon that property during the preceding five years shall be allowed upon the transfer tax at his death. This credit shall not exceed the allocable portion of the tax due with respect to that property for estate tax purposes.

(b) A credit shall also be allowed in the amount of any gift tax paid pursuant to chapter 292, if that transfer of property is subject to taxation under chapter 291 because it was made within three years of the decedent's death. The credit shall not exceed the amount of the tax imposed on the transfer pursuant to chapter 291.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.065, is amended to read:

291.065 **EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS, EXEMPTION.** To the extent included in the federal gross estate, the value of an annuity or other payment receivable by a surviving spouse or minor or dependent child of the decedent or a trust for their benefit after December 31, 1956, shall be exempt from inheritance estate tax if received under (1) an employees' trust (or under a contract purchased by an employees' trust) forming part of a pension, stock bonus, or profit-sharing plan, which at the time of the decedent's separation from employment (whether by death or otherwise), or at the time of termination of the plan if earlier, met the requirement of section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as adapted to the provisions of this chapter under regulations issued by the commissioner of revenue; (2) a retirement annuity contract purchased by an employer (and not by an employees' trust) pursuant to a plan, which at the time of the decedent's separation from employment (by death or otherwise), or at the time of termination of the plan if earlier, met the requirements of paragraph (3) of section 401(a) of such code, as adapted to the provisions of this chapter under regulations issued by the commissioner of revenue; or (3) a retirement annuity contract purchased by an employer which is an organization referred to in section 503(b) (1) (2) or (3) of such code and which is exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code, as adapted to the provisions of this chapter under regulations issued by the commissioner of revenue any plan, which at the time of the decedent's separation from employment, whether by death or otherwise, or at the time of termination of the plan if earlier, qualified under section 401, 403, 404, 405, 408 or 409 of the Internal Revenue Code; (2) a benefit plan for employees of the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, the Federal Reserve Bank, the state of Minnesota or any of its political or governmental subdivisions or any other state or its political or governmental subdivisions; or (3) for members of a Minnesota volunteer firefighters' relief association . If such amounts payable after the death of the decedent under a plan described in clause (1) (2) or (3) are attributable to any extent to payments or contributions made by the decedent, no exemption shall be allowed for that part of the value of such amounts in the proportion that the total payments or contributions made by the decedent bears to the total payments or contributions made. For purposes of the preceding sentence, contributions or payments made by the decedent's employer or

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former employer under a trust or plan described in clause (1) (2) or (3) shall not be considered to be contributed by the decedent.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.07, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

291.07 **DEDUCTIONS.** Subdivision 1. In determining the tax imposed by section 291.01, where, a personal representative has been appointed for the estate, or where a decree of descent for the estate has been entered under section 525.34 or where there have been summary proceedings for the estate if under section 525.51, the following deductions shall be allowed:

- (1) funeral expenses;
- (2) probate reasonable legal, accounting, fiduciary and administration expenses and fees with respect to both probate and nonprobate assets, including but not limited to expenses incurred during administration in converting real and personal property held by the estate into cash;
- (3) expenses of last illness unpaid at death;
- (4) valid claims against and debts of the decedent, unpaid at death, which have been properly paid;
- (5) family maintenance to the extent provided by section 291.10
- (6) value of personal property to the extent of the amount allowed under the provisions of section 525.15
- (7) federal estate taxes determined as follows:
 - (a) the value of the net estate taxable in Minnesota reduced by the deduction allowable for transfer for public, charitable and religious use as prescribed by Internal Revenue Code, Section 2055 and by the marital deduction as prescribed by Internal Revenue Code, Section 2056, shall be the numerator of a fraction;
 - (b) the denominator of the fraction shall be the value of the net estate everywhere reduced by the same class of deductions allowable in subparagraph (a) above;
 - (c) the ratio of the fraction so derived shall be multiplied by the federal estate tax due and payable to the United States Treasury;
 - (d) for purposes of this clause, the net estate is defined as the gross value of the estate on the applicable valuation date reduced by any unpaid mortgages on, or any indebtedness in respect of, property where the decedent's interest therein, undiminished by such mortgage or indebtedness, is included in the value of the gross estate.
- (8) other taxes which have accrued and are a lien on property in the estate at the time of death

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(9) ~~reasonable fees for legal or fiduciary services incident to non-probate assets~~

~~(10)~~ (5) Minnesota and federal income taxes on "income in respect of a decedent," as computed under subdivision 3.

(6) federal estate taxes allocable to the Minnesota taxable estate. The portion of federal estate taxes allocable to the Minnesota taxable estate shall be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying the total federal estate tax by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Minnesota taxable estate plus the amount of the federal estate tax on the estate of the decedent and the denominator of which is the federal taxable estate for federal estate tax purposes;

(7) real estate taxes due and payable prior to or in the year of the decedent's death with respect to real estate subject to taxation under chapter 291 and other taxes which have accrued and are a lien on property in the estate at the time of death;

(8) liens and mortgages on property subject to taxation under chapter 291 which are not deductible as claims or debts of the decedent.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 291, is amended by adding a section to read:

[291.075] ALTERNATE VALUATION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY. When property subject to the tax imposed by chapter 291 qualifies for valuation based on its use pursuant to section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code, it shall have the same value for Minnesota estate tax purposes as it has for federal estate tax purposes.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.08, is amended to read:

291.08 NONRESIDENT ESTATES; ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS. (a) Where ~~any~~ a tax is due on the transfer of any property or interest therein owned by a nonresident, the following deductions and exemptions shall be allowed as provided in clauses (b) and (c) below:

(b) ~~Deductions:~~

(1) Funeral expenses to the extent incurred in Minnesota;

(2) ~~Minnesota probate administration expense;~~

(3) ~~Family maintenance to the extent provided by section 291.10, reduced by the maximum amount allowed or allowable under the laws of the state of residence of the decedent;~~

(4) ~~Value of personal property to the extent of the amount allowed under section 525.15, reduced by the maximum amount allowed or allowable under the laws of the state of residence of the decedent;~~

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~~(5) Reasonable legal, accounting, fiduciary and administration fees and expenses allocable to both probate and nonprobate property included in the Minnesota gross estate;~~

(3) Federal estate taxes subject to the limitations imposed by as computed in section 291.07;

~~(6) Other (4) Real estate taxes which have accrued and are a lien on Minnesota property at the time of death, or which are owed to Minnesota in respect of taxable income; due and payable prior to or in the year of the decedent's death;~~

(5) Liens and mortgages on property included in the Minnesota gross estate.

~~(7) Reasonable fees for legal or fiduciary services incident to nonprobate assets taxable in Minnesota.~~

(e) Exemptions: The exemptions applicable to the person entitled to a beneficial interest shall be allowed as in the case of residents under section 291.05, reduced by the maximum exemption allowed or allowable under the laws of the state of residence of the decedent.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. In all instances in which a resident decedent dies after December 31, 1979 and before January 1, 1981 leaving a federal gross estate in excess of \$161,000 and in all instances in which a resident decedent dies after December 31, 1980 leaving a federal gross estate in excess of \$175,000, and the decedent has an interest in property with a situs in Minnesota, and in all instances in which a nonresident decedent has a liability under chapter 291, the personal representative shall submit to the commissioner, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, a Minnesota estate tax return. The return shall be accompanied by a federal estate tax return and shall contain a computation of the Minnesota estate tax due. The return shall be signed by the personal representative.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. The commissioner may designate on the return the documents that are required to be filed together with the return in order to determine the proper valuation of assets and computation of tax. The commissioner shall not be bound by any item on the return unless he has received all required documents and unless all items of information on the return have been completed.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. (a) The commissioner may challenge matters of valuation or taxability of any assets reported on the return, or any deductions claimed, or the computation of tax,

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only if within 90 days of receipt of the return and all documents required to be filed with the return, the commissioner mails or delivers a written notice to the personal representative objecting to the return as filed and specifying the reasons for the objection.

(b) If the personal representative disagrees with the objection or does not wish to fully comply with the objection, he may request that the commissioner hold a hearing on the objection. Within 30 days of receipt of a request, the commissioner shall set a time and place for hearing. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the hearing date shall not be earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date of the notice setting the hearing. The notice of hearing shall set forth the rights available to the personal representative under chapter 15. Not later than 30 days after the commissioner receives the report and recommendation of the hearing examiner, or a written waiver of his hearing rights by the personal representative, the commissioner shall issue an order determining the tax. Any such determination made by the commissioner may be appealed to the tax court as provided in section 271.09.

(c) At any time together with or after the objection, the commissioner, on his own initiative, may set a time and place for a hearing in accordance with (b) above.

(d) In his objection, or at any time thereafter, the commissioner may assess any additional tax as the facts may warrant, subject to the right of the personal representative to demand a hearing under chapter 15. If the personal representative does not demand a hearing within 90 days of the date of the assessment, the tax so assessed shall be legally due and the commissioner may proceed to collect any unpaid tax after one year from the date of death. If the commissioner later finds the tax assessment to be erroneous, he may adjust the assessment prior to collection.

(e) The commissioner shall not be required to object to any subsequent original, amended or supplemental return in order to preserve his rights. The commissioner shall not be precluded from objecting to a subsequent original, amended or supplemental return even though an original return was accepted as filed. If the commissioner had accepted an original return showing no tax due and a subsequent original, amended or supplemental return discloses additional assets not disclosed on the original return, the commissioner may object to any matter of valuation, taxability, deduction or computation of tax on the original return within 90 days of receipt of the subsequent original, amended or supplemental return.

(f) Subject to the provisions of section 291.11, the Minnesota estate tax liability shall be considered as finally determined on the date notification of acceptance is issued to the personal representative or, if no objection is filed, on the 91st day after the return, together with all other documents required to be filed with the return, is received.

(g) Subject to the time limits imposed elsewhere in this chapter, the commissioner may refund an overpayment of tax penalty or interest even though the personal representative has not made an application for refund.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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Subd. 4a. If any estate tax return required to be filed pursuant to the provisions of this section has not been filed, the commissioner may make and file a return including a computation of the tax resulting from the transfers therein reported. At the time of the filing the commissioner shall mail copies of the return to the personal representative, if any, and to each person from whom any portion of the tax is due. The return may be objected to and a hearing held on the objections in the manner provided in subdivision 3a.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.09, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, when agreed in writing between the commissioner and the representative, values for purposes of the ~~inheritance~~ estate tax on both probate and non-probate assets shall be the same as those finally determined for purposes of the federal estate tax on a decedent's estate.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.09, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. The ~~inheritance~~ estate tax return, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be filed with the commissioner within ~~42~~ nine months after the decedent's death.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.11, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

291.11 **TIME EFFECTIVE.** Subdivision 1. **UPON DEATH; TIME OF ASSESSMENT.** (a) All taxes imposed by this chapter shall take effect at and upon the death of the person ~~from whom the transfer is made~~ whose estate is subject to taxation and shall be due and payable at the expiration of ~~42~~ nine months from such death, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Provided, that any taxpayer who owes at least \$5,000 in taxes may choose to pay these taxes in five equal installments over a period of time not to exceed five years from the death of the person ~~from whom the transfer is made~~ whose estate is subject to taxation or five years from the expiration of the extension granted by the commissioner pursuant to section 291.132, whichever is later. When a taxpayer elects to pay the tax in installments, he shall notify the commissioner in writing no later than ~~42~~ nine months after the death of the person ~~from whom the transfer is made~~ whose estate is subject to taxation. If the taxpayer fails to pay an installment on time, the election shall be revoked and the entire amount of unpaid tax shall be due and payable 90 days after the date on which the installment was payable.

(b) (A) False return - in the case of a false or fraudulent return with the intent to evade tax, any additional tax resulting therefrom may be assessed at any time.

(B) No return - in the case of failure to file a return, the tax may be assessed at any time.

(C) Omissions - in the case where there is omitted from the estate items subject to **Changes or additions indicated by underline deletions by strikeout**

tax under this chapter the tax on such omitted items may be assessed at any time.

In determining the items omitted, there shall not be taken into account any item which has been disclosed in the return or in a statement attached to the return in a manner adequate to apprise the commissioner of the nature and amount of such item.

(c) Where, before the expiration of the time prescribed in this chapter for the determination or adjustment of the tax, the commissioner and the taxpayer shall consent in writing to the extension of time for such determination or adjustment the tax may be determined at any time prior to the expiration agreed upon and in the manner agreed upon. The period so agreed upon may be extended by subsequent agreements in writing made before the expiration of the period previously agreed upon.

~~(d) The estate tax prescribed in section 291.34, notwithstanding the period of limitations prescribed for determination of the inheritance tax in this chapter shall be determined by the commissioner not later than 90 days following the filing of the Minnesota estate tax return with the commissioner, together with a copy of the federal audit report or the closing letter accepting the federal return as originally filed.~~

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.111, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

291.111 TAXATION OF DISCLAIMED INTERESTS. Subdivision 1. Transfers of any interest in real or personal property and all rights and powers relating to the same which have been duly disclaimed pursuant to the provisions of sections 501.211 and 525.532, or in any manner provided in subdivision 2 shall be subject to the ~~inheritance~~ estate tax imposed by this chapter, and acts amendatory thereof only if, and to the same extent and in the same manner as, the same would have been subject to said tax if said interests, rights or powers had been originally created in favor of and transferred to the same persons and in the same shares in which they are effectively distributed or otherwise disposed of, after giving full effect to such disclaimers, pursuant to the governing instrument, if any, and sections 501.211 and 525.532 and all other applicable law.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.132, is amended to read:

291.132 EXTENSION TO FILE OR PAY. Subdivision 1. The commissioner may extend the time for filing returns or making payment of the tax, without penalty, for a period not to exceed six months. In lieu of the six month extension, the commissioner may extend the time for payment of the tax, without penalty, for a period not to exceed two years if the payment of the tax would result in an undue hardship on the estate. The written request for the undue hardship extension shall be made to the commissioner no later than 12 months after the death of the person from whom the transfer is made. The taxpayer may elect to pay the taxes in installments as specified in section 291.11, subdivision 1, provided that the period of time for the payment of the taxes shall not exceed five years from the expiration of the extension granted by the commissioner. Where an extension of time has been granted, interest shall be payable at the rate specified in section 270.75 from the date when such payment should have been made, if no extension had been granted, until such tax is paid.

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Subd. 2. In lieu of an extension provided pursuant to subdivision 1 or payment of the estate tax in installments pursuant to section 291.11 on the property which qualifies under this subdivision, the commissioner may extend the time for payment of the tax on property which qualifies for valuation under section 10. The personal representative of an estate containing such property may elect to pay all or part of the tax imposed by chapter 291 in two or more, but not to exceed ten, equal installments, provided that the maximum amount of tax which may be paid in installments pursuant to this subdivision shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to the estate's tax liability under chapter 291 as the value of property determined pursuant to section 12 bears to the amount of the taxable estate. The first installment shall be paid on or before the date selected by the personal representative. The date may be no more than five years after the date prescribed by section 291.11, subdivision 1, for payment of the estate tax. Each succeeding installment shall be paid on or before that same date each year. An election under this subdivision shall be made not later than the time prescribed by section 291.11 for filing of the estate tax return and shall be made in the manner as the commissioner shall prescribe by rule.

Subd. 3. If the time for payment of estate tax has been extended under subdivision 2, interest shall be payable as provided in this subdivision.

(a) Interest payable under section 291.15 on any unpaid portion of the amount attributable to the first five years after the date prescribed by section 291.11 for payment of the tax shall be paid annually.

(b) Interest payable under section 291.15 on any unpaid portion of the amount attributable to any period after the five year period referred to in clause (a) shall be paid annually at the same time as, and as part of, each installment payment of the tax.

(c) If the executor has selected a period shorter than five years under subdivision 2 the shorter period shall be substituted for five years in clauses (a) and (b).

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.14, is amended to read:

291.14 PERSONAL LIABILITY OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND TRANSFEREE. Subdivision 1. Every tax imposed by this chapter shall be a lien upon the property embraced in any inheritance, devise, bequest, legacy, or gift until paid; and The personal representative and person to whom such property which is subject to taxation under chapter 291 is transferred shall be personally liable for such tax, until its payment, to the extent of the value of such the property. No such lien shall be enforced against real property, included in the probate estate, unless the state shall assert the same by filing a statement of its lien in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county wherein such real estate may be situated, within ten years after the date of any deed of distribution or decree of distribution which may be entered in the estate involved:

Subd. 1a: (1) Where an order approving distribution of property is not issued by the court, any tax due on the transfer of such property or interest to a devisee or to heirs who are entitled under the statutes of intestate succession shall be a lien upon such property until the tax imposed by this chapter is paid.

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(2) The lien shall not be enforced against real property subject to the provisions of clause (1) unless the state asserts it by filing a statement of lien in the office of the county recorder or the registrar of titles in the county where the real estate is situated within ten years from the date of recording a copy of the death record of the testate or intestate decedent, as the case may be, together with a statement by the commissioner acknowledging receipt of an inventory and appraisal listing the real property.

(3) When the tax on property subject to the provisions of this subdivision has been paid; or if there be deposited with the commissioner a sum of money in an amount equal to the tax which, in the judgment of the commissioner may be due upon the transfer of the property; or if there is no tax required to be paid; the commissioner shall certify on an affidavit prescribed by him or instrument of conveyance that the lien for inheritance tax has been satisfied or has been waived, as the case may be. The affidavit or instrument of conveyance so certified may be recorded as are other instruments affecting the title to real estate.

Subd. 2: (1) Except as provided in clause (4) of this subdivision, Where a lien for inheritance tax imposed under this chapter may be enforced against real property transferred to surviving joint tenants; or upon property transferred by a decedent during such decedent's lifetime; the surviving joint tenants or the transferees of the property so transferred by the decedent shall file on a form prescribed by the commissioner a schedule of non-probate assets listing the property or interest taxable. Any tax due on the transfer of such property or interest to the surviving joint tenants or to the transferees of the property so transferred by the decedent shall be reported on an inheritance tax return filed with the commissioner pursuant to section 291.09; and shall be a lien upon the interest of the surviving joint tenants or the transferees; until paid; and the surviving joint tenants or the transferees shall be personally liable for such tax to the extent of the value of such property.

(2) No lien shall be enforced against real property subject to the provision of clause (1) of this subdivision unless the state shall assert the same by filing a statement of such lien in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county wherein such real estate may be situated within ten years from the date of recording a copy of the death record of the deceased joint tenant or deceased transferor; together with a copy of the schedule of non-probate assets required to be filed with the commissioner pursuant to clause (1) of this subdivision; which copy shall have been duly acknowledged by the commissioner.

(3) Where the tax on property subject to the provisions of clause (1) of this subdivision has been paid; or if there is deposited with the commissioner cash in an amount equal to the tax which, in the judgment of the commissioner, may be due upon the transfer of such property; or if there is no tax required to be paid; the commissioner shall certify on an affidavit of survivorship-remainderman, described by the commissioner; that the lien has been satisfied or waived as the case may be. The affidavit so certified may be recorded as are other instruments affecting the title to real estate.

(4) (a) (i) When the decedent's death occurred subsequent to April 20, 1939, the provisions of this clause shall apply to the spouse, minor or dependent natural or adopted

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child of the decedent, or to the combination of classes of persons included herein;

(ii) When decedent's death occurred in the period beginning on April 21, 1939, and ending April 25, 1949, the provisions of this clause shall apply to the spouse, minor or dependent natural or adopted child or any other issue of the decedent, or to any combination of classes of persons included in this subparagraph (ii);

(b) Where the homestead is held in joint tenancy with the right of survivorship by the decedent and persons meeting the conditions described in (a) above, an affidavit in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, may be delivered to the county recorder or the registrar of titles. Such affidavit shall declare

(i) that the surviving joint tenant or tenants were members of the classes described in (a) above at the date of decedent's death (if any of the surviving joint tenants were minors, state date of such minor's birth);

(ii) that the property described as the homestead was owned and occupied by the decedent as his principal dwelling place at date of death;

(iii) that the quantity of land included in such property is not in excess of 120 acres, and not included in the laid out or platted portion of any city. If the land is within a laid out or platted portion of a city, its area shall not exceed one-half of an acre;

(iv) that the gross market value of such property at date of death was not in excess of \$45,000;

(v) the affidavit to be delivered to the county recorder or registrar of titles shall have attached thereto a certified copy of the death certificate with respect to the death of the deceased joint tenant.

The affidavit shall be in lieu of an affidavit of survivorship certified by the commissioner and shall extinguish the lien imposed on such property by clause (2) of this subdivision, and shall be recorded or filed as a document affecting the title to the real estate. The county recorder or registrar of titles shall not be required to verify the declarations made in such affidavit.

(e) A copy of the affidavit (which need not bear a copy of the death certificate) shall be supplied to the county recorder or registrar of titles; he will forward this copy to the commissioner at his office in St. Paul, Minnesota.

(d) Where it appears that a schedule of non-probate assets would otherwise not be required to be filed, the property, the lien on which has been extinguished in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) above, need not be reported on a schedule of non-probate assets.

Subd. 4. The lien of the state for inheritance taxes payable by a personal representative shall not extend to any right acquired by a bona fide purchaser, mortgagee, or lessee through any conveyance made by such personal representative, provided that

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such personal representative delivers to the county recorder or registrar of titles, as the case may be, a declaration that the property described therein has been sold to a bona fide purchaser, or has been mortgaged or leased, as the case may be. The declaration so submitted shall have attached thereto a certified copy of letters evidencing the appointment of such personal representative. The county recorder or registrar of titles shall submit a copy of such declaration to the commissioner at his office in St. Paul, Minnesota, without any requirement that the statements made therein by such personal representative have been verified. The lien so extinguished with respect to such bona fide purchaser, mortgagee or lessee shall not be reinstated or challenged by the commissioner.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.19, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Any personal representative, trustee, heir or legatee of a nonresident decedent desiring to transfer property having its situs in this state may make application to the commissioner of revenue for the determination of whether there is any tax due to the state on account of the transfer of the decedent's property and such applicant shall furnish to the commissioner of revenue therewith an affidavit setting forth a description of all property owned by the decedent at the time of his death and having its situs in the state of Minnesota, the value of such property at the time of said decedent's death; also when required by the commissioner of revenue, a description of and statements of the true value of all the property owned by the decedent at the time of his death and having its situs outside the state of Minnesota, and also a schedule or statement of the valid claims against the estate of the decedent, including the expenses of his last sickness and funeral and the expenses of administering his estate, to the extent that such claims were incurred within this state. Such person shall also, on request of the commissioner of revenue, furnish to the latter a certified copy of the last will of the decedent in case he died testate, or an affidavit setting forth the names, ages and residences of the heirs at law of the decedent in case he died intestate and the proportion of the entire estate of such decedent inherited by each of said persons; ~~and the relation, if any, with each legatee, devisee, heir, or transferee sustained to the decedent or person from whom the transfer was made~~. Such affidavits shall be subscribed and sworn to by the personal representative of the decedent or some other person having knowledge of the facts therein set forth.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.20, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

291.20 SAFETY DEPOSIT COMPANIES NOT TO TRANSFER FUNDS.

Subdivision 1. No person holding securities or assets belonging at the time of death of a decedent to him or to him and another or others as joint tenants, or having on deposit funds in excess of \$1,000 to the credit of a decedent, or to the decedent and another or others as joint tenants, or to the credit of the decedent as trustee for another or others, or renting a safe deposit box or other place of safekeeping to a decedent, individually or as joint tenant or tenant in common, shall deliver or transfer the same to any person, or permit any person to have access thereto, unless notice of the time and place of such intended transfer or access be served upon the county treasurer, personally or by representative, in which event the county treasurer, personally or by representative, may

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examine said securities, assets, funds or contents of such safe deposit box, at the time of such delivery, transfer or access. If, upon such examination the county treasurer or his representative shall for any cause deem it advisable that such securities, assets or funds should not be immediately delivered or transferred, or access to said safe deposit box or other place of safekeeping should not immediately be granted, he may forthwith notify in writing such person to defer delivery or transfer or access, as the case may be, for a period not to exceed ten days from the date of such notice, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the person notified to defer such delivery, transfer or access until the time stated in such notice or until prior revocation thereof. Failure to serve the notice first above mentioned, or to allow such examination, or to defer delivery or transfer of such securities, assets, or funds, or to refuse access to such safe deposit box or other place of safekeeping for the time stated in the second of such notices, shall render such person liable to the payment of the tax due, not exceeding \$1,000, upon the transfer of said securities, assets, or funds, or upon securities, assets, or moneys in such safe deposit box or other place of safekeeping, pursuant to the provisions of this act; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall subject such person to liability for the payment of any such tax unless such person had knowledge of the death of the decedent prior to such delivery or transfer of such securities, assets, or funds, or entry to said safe deposit box or other place of safekeeping. *The word "person" as used herein shall include individual persons, safe deposit companies, banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, partnerships and all other organizations.*

Any person seeking access to any safe deposit box upon the death of any person who at the time of his death was a tenant thereof either individually or as joint tenant or tenant in common, or seeking to withdraw securities, assets or funds belonging to the decedent or which decedent had the right to withdraw, shall notify the person renting such safe deposit box or holding such securities, assets or funds of the decedent's death. *Any person who wilfully fails to give the notice of the death of the decedent required by this paragraph with intent to evade taxes due hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. It shall be a complete defense to any prosecution under the provisions of this subdivision that no inheritance estate tax was due from the decedent's estate.*

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 291, is amended by adding a section to read:

[291.215] VALUATION OF ESTATE; REPORTING. Subdivision 1. The valuation of all property includable in the Minnesota taxable estate of a decedent shall be subject to review and approval of the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 2. Before the final settlement of an estate the personal representative shall furnish an amended estate tax return listing all property and taxable transfers or other events of which he has become aware since the first estate tax return was made which would result in a change in either the amount of the estate tax initially determined or the statements made by the affiant therein. He also shall furnish copies of any documents or records and any other information relating to the estate or its value upon request of the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 3. The personal representative shall file an amended estate tax return within
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90 days after any amended estate tax return is filed pursuant to the provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code. If no amended federal estate tax return is filed but the federal estate tax return is changed or corrected, the change or correction shall be reported to the commissioner of revenue within 90 days after the final determination of the change or correction is made. Upon receipt of an amended federal estate tax return or upon notification of any change or correction made on the federal estate tax return, the commissioner of revenue may reassess the estate tax.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.27, is amended to read:

291.27 UNPAID TAX; OMITTED PROPERTY. If any tax is due and unpaid under the provisions of this chapter, the representative, the county attorney of the county in which an estate is probated, the attorney general or the commissioner may apply to the probate court for a citation, citing the persons liable to pay such tax to appear before the court on a day specified, not more than three months from the date of such citation, and show cause why the tax should not be paid. The judge of the probate court, upon such application, and whenever it shall appear to him that any such tax accruing under this chapter has not been paid as required by law, shall issue such citation, and the service of such citation, and the time, manner, and proof thereof, and the hearing and determination thereon, shall conform, as near as may be, to the provisions of the probate code of this state, and whenever it shall appear that any such tax is due and payable and the payment thereof cannot be enforced under the provisions of this chapter in the probate court, the person or corporation from whom the same is due is hereby made liable to the state for the amount of such tax.

Any tax due and unpaid under the provisions of this chapter may be enforced and collected from any transferee of property included in the Minnesota estate by action in a the court of administration of the estate of the decedent or in a court of general jurisdiction by the personal representative of any estate, or by action, in the name of the state, brought by the attorney general, the county attorney or the commissioner in the name of the state.

Any property which for any cause is omitted from ~~an appraisal, inventory, or schedule of non-probate assets~~ the Minnesota estate tax return so that its value is not taken into consideration in the determination of the ~~inheritance taxes~~ estate tax, may be subsequently taxed against the persons receiving the same, or any part thereof, to the same effect as if included in the ~~original appraisal, inventory, schedule of non-probate assets, inheritance estate tax return and determination,~~ except that any personal representative of an estate discharged from his trust in the meantime shall not be liable for the payment of such tax. When any property has been ~~thus~~ omitted in the determination of an ~~inheritance estate tax~~, such taxes ~~the tax~~ thereon may be determined and recovered in a civil action brought by the attorney general or the commissioner, in the name of the state, in any court of general jurisdiction, or may be prosecuted to collection by citation and subsequent proceedings in the probate court wherein the estate was administered.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 291, is amended by adding a section to read:

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[291.48] PUBLICITY OF RETURNS; INFORMATION. It shall be unlawful for the commissioner or any other public official, employee or former employee to divulge or otherwise make known in any manner any particulars set forth or disclosed in any report or return required by chapter 291 or 292 or information acquired while examining or auditing any taxpayer's liability for taxes thereunder, except in connection with a proceeding involving taxes due under chapter 291 or 292 from the taxpayer making the return. The commissioner may furnish a copy of any return or report to any official of the United States or any state having duties to perform in respect to the assessment or collection of any inheritance, estate, or gift tax, if the taxpayer is required by the laws of the United States or of the other state to make a return therein. Prior to the release of any information to any official of the United States or any other state under the provisions of this section, the person to whom the information is to be released shall sign an agreement which provides that he will protect the confidentiality of the returns and information revealed to the extent that it is protected under the laws of the state of Minnesota. The commissioner and all other public officials and employees shall keep and maintain the same secrecy with respect to any information furnished by any department, commission, or official of the United States or of any other state. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the commissioner from publishing statistics so classified as not to disclose the identity of particular property, decedents, heirs, or personal representatives, returns or reports and the contents thereof. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

The return of a decedent or donor shall, upon written request, be open to inspection by or disclosure to (a) the administrator, executor, or trustee of his estate, and (b) any heir at law, next of kin, or beneficiary under the will of the decedent, and any other person whose basis in property is determined in whole or part by values set forth in the return, or (c) a donee of the property, but only if the commissioner finds that the heir, next of kin, beneficiary or other person or donee has a material interest which will be affected by information contained therein.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 291.33, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

291.33 PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES. Subdivision 1. On or before the first of November in each year the commissioner shall determine the net amount of ~~inheritance tax, Minnesota~~ estate tax and interest collected thereon which has been paid to the commissioner during the fiscal year ending June 30 next preceding from estates in each of the several counties of this state wherein probate proceedings have been had or where, if no probate proceedings have been required, wherein are located the probate courts that would have had venue under the provisions of section 524.3-201, had there been assets of decedents subject to probate.

For purposes of this subdivision net amount shall be the total amount paid from each of the several counties under the provisions of this chapter, during the appropriate fiscal year, reduced by the refunds made by the commissioner applicable to each of the several counties under the provisions of this chapter, during the same fiscal year.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 352.15, Subdivision 1, is amended to
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read:

352.15 EXEMPTION FROM PROCESS AND TAXATION. Subdivision 1. None of the moneys, annuities, or other benefits mentioned herein shall be assignable either in law or in equity or be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, or to any ~~state income tax or state inheritance~~ estate tax; ~~except that none shall be exempt from taxation under chapter 291, unless transferred to a surviving spouse or minor or dependent child of the decedent or a trust for their benefit.~~ Provided, however, the executive director may pay an annuity, benefit or refund to a banking institution, qualified under chapter 48, that is trustee for a person eligible to receive such annuity, benefit or refund. Upon the request of a retired, disabled or former employee, the executive director may mail the annuity, benefit or refund check to a banking institution, savings association or credit union for deposit to such employee's account or joint account with his spouse. The board of directors may prescribe the conditions under which such payments will be made.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 353.15, is amended to read:

353.15 NONASSIGNABILITY AND EXEMPTION OF ANNUITIES AND BENEFITS FROM JUDICIAL PROCESS AND TAXATION. No money, annuity, or benefit provided for in this chapter is assignable or subject to a power of attorney, execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or legal process, including actions for divorce, legal separation, and child support, or to any ~~state income tax or state inheritance~~ estate tax; ~~except that none shall be exempt from taxation under chapter 291, unless transferred to a surviving spouse or minor or dependent child of the decedent or a trust for their benefit.~~ Provided, however, the association may pay an annuity, benefit or refund to a trust company, qualified under chapter 48, that is trustee for a person eligible to receive such annuity, benefit or refund. Upon the request of a retired, disabled or former member, the association may mail the annuity, benefit or refund check to a banking institution, savings association or credit union for deposit to such person's account or joint account with his spouse. The association may prescribe the conditions under which such payment will be made. If in the judgment of the executive director conditions so warrant, payment may be made to a public body in behalf of an annuitant, disabled, or survivor upon such terms as the executive director may prescribe.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 354.10, is amended to read:

354.10 FUND NOT SUBJECT TO ASSIGNMENT OR PROCESS; BENEFICIARIES. The right of a teacher to avail himself of the benefits provided by this chapter, is a personal right only and shall not be assignable. All moneys to the credit of a teacher's account in the fund or any moneys payable to him from the fund shall belong to the state of Minnesota until actually paid to the teacher or his beneficiary pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Any power of attorney, assignment or attempted assignment of a teacher's interest in the fund, or of the beneficiary's interest therein, by a teacher or his beneficiary, including actions for divorce, legal separation, and child support, shall be null and void and the same shall be exempt from garnishment or levy under attachment or execution and from ~~all taxation by the state of Minnesota; except that none shall be exempt from taxation under chapter 291, unless transferred to a surviving spouse or minor~~

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~~or dependent child of the decedent or a trust for their benefit.~~ Provided however, the board may pay an annuity or benefit to a banking institution, qualified under chapter 48, that is a trustee for a person eligible to receive such annuity or benefit. Upon completion of the proper forms as provided by the board, the annuity or benefit check may be mailed to a banking institution, savings association or credit union for deposit to the recipient's individual account or joint account with his or her spouse. The board shall prescribe the conditions which shall govern these procedures. If in the judgment of the executive director conditions so warrant, payment may be made to a public body in behalf of an annuitant, disablitant, or survivor upon such terms as the executive director may prescribe. Any beneficiary designated by a teacher under the terms of this chapter, may be changed or revoked by the teacher at his pleasure, in such manner as the board may prescribe. In case a designated beneficiary dies before the teacher designating him dies, and a new beneficiary is not designated, the teacher's estate shall be the beneficiary.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 354A.11, is amended to read:

354A.11 CERTAIN MONEYS AND CREDITS OF TEACHERS EXEMPT. All moneys deposited by a teacher or member or deposited by any other person or corporation, municipal or private, to the credit of such teacher or member in a corporation organized as a "Teachers Retirement Fund Association" under sections 354A.03 to 354A.10, and all moneys, rights, and interests or annuities due or to become due to such teacher, member, or annuitant, or their beneficiaries, from any such association shall not be assignable, shall be exempt from garnishment, attachment, and execution or sale on any final process issued from any court and shall not be subject to the ~~inheritance estate~~ tax provisions of this state if ~~transferred to a surviving spouse or minor or dependent child of the decedent or a trust for their benefit.~~

Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 524.3-706, is amended to read:

524.3-706 DUTY OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE; INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT. Within three months after his appointment, a personal representative, who is not a special administrator or a successor to another representative who has previously discharged this duty, shall prepare and file with the court or registrar and mail to the surviving spouse, if there be one, and to all residuary distributees an inventory of property owned by the decedent at the time of his death, listing it with reasonable detail, and indicating as to each listed item, its fair market value as of the date of the decedent's death, and the type and amount of any encumbrance that may exist with reference to any item.

The personal representative shall also mail a copy of the inventory to interested persons or creditors who request it; ~~and shall file an executed copy of the Minnesota inheritance tax return with the court or registrar.~~

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 524.3-916, is amended to read:

524.3-916 APPORTIONMENT OF ESTATE TAXES. (a) For purposes of this section:

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(1) "estate" means the gross estate of a decedent as determined for the purpose of federal estate tax and the estate tax payable to this state;

(2) "person" means any individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, corporation, government, political subdivision, governmental agency, or local governmental agency;

(3) "person interested in the estate" means any person entitled to receive, or who has received, from a decedent or by reason of the death of a decedent any property or interest therein included in the decedent's estate. It includes a personal representative, conservator, and trustee;

(4) "state" means any state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

(5) "tax" means the federal estate tax and the state estate tax determined by the commissioner of revenue pursuant to ~~section 291.34~~ chapter 291 and interest and penalties imposed in addition to the tax;

(6) "fiduciary" means personal representative or trustee.

(b) Unless the will or other written instrument otherwise provides, the tax shall be apportioned among all persons interested in the estate. The apportionment is to be made in the proportion that the value of the interest of each person interested in the estate bears to the total value of the interests of all persons interested in the estate. The values used in determining the tax are to be used for that purpose. If the decedent's will or other written instrument directs a method of apportionment of tax different from the method described in this code, the method described in the will or other written instrument controls.

(c)(1) The court in which venue lies for the administration of the estate of a decedent, on petition for the purpose may determine the apportionment of the tax.

(2) If the court finds that it is inequitable to apportion interest and penalties in the manner provided in subsection (b), because of special circumstances, it may direct apportionment thereof in the manner it finds equitable.

(3) If the court finds that the assessment of penalties and interest assessed in relation to the tax is due to delay caused by the negligence of the fiduciary, the court may charge him with the amount of the assessed penalties and interest.

(4) In any action to recover from any person interested in the estate the amount of the tax apportioned to the person in accordance with this code the determination of the court in respect thereto shall be prima facie correct.

(d)(1) The personal representative or other person in possession of the property of the decedent required to pay the tax may withhold from any property distributable to any person interested in the estate, upon its distribution to him, the amount of tax attributable to his interest. If the property in possession of the personal representative or other person

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required to pay the tax and distributable to any person interested in the estate is insufficient to satisfy the proportionate amount of the tax determined to be due from the person, the personal representative or other person required to pay the tax may recover the deficiency from the person interested in the estate. If the property is not in the possession of the personal representative or the other person required to pay the tax, the personal representative or the other person required to pay the tax may recover from any person interested in the estate the amount of the tax apportioned to the person in accordance with Laws 1975, Chapter 347.

(2) If property held by the personal representative is distributed prior to final apportionment of the tax, the distributee shall provide a bond or other security for the apportionment liability in the form and amount prescribed by the personal representative.

(e)(1) In making an apportionment, allowances shall be made for any exemptions granted, any classification made of persons interested in the estate and for any deductions and credits allowed by the law imposing the tax.

(2) Any exemption or deduction allowed by reason of the relationship of any person to the decedent or by reason of the purposes of the gift inures to the benefit of the person bearing such relationship or receiving the gift; but if an interest is subject to a prior present interest which is not allowable as a deduction, the tax apportionable against the present interest shall be paid from principal.

(3) Any deduction for property previously taxed and any credit for gift taxes or death taxes of a foreign country paid by the decedent or his estate inures to the proportionate benefit of all persons liable to apportionment.

(4) Any credit for inheritance, succession or estate taxes or taxes in the nature thereof applicable to property or interests includable in the estate, inures to the benefit of the persons or interests chargeable with the payment thereof to the extent proportionately that the credit reduces the tax.

(5) To the extent that property passing to or in trust for a surviving spouse or any charitable, public or similar gift or devisee is not an allowable deduction for purposes of the tax solely by reason of an ~~inheritance tax or other death estate~~ tax imposed upon and deductible from the property, the property is not included in the computation provided for in subsection (b) hereof, and to that extent no apportionment is made against the property. The sentence immediately preceding does not apply to any case if the result would be to deprive the estate of a deduction otherwise allowable under section 2053(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States, relating to deduction for state death taxes on transfers for public, charitable, or religious uses.

(f) No interest in income and no estate for years or for life or other temporary interest in any property or fund is subject to apportionment as between the temporary interest and the remainder. The tax on the temporary interest and the tax, if any, on the remainder is chargeable against the corpus of the property or funds subject to the temporary interest and remainder.

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(g) Neither the personal representative nor other person required to pay the tax is under any duty to institute any action to recover from any person interested in the estate the amount of the tax apportioned to the person until the expiration of the three months next following final determination of the tax. A personal representative or other person required to pay the tax who institutes the action within a reasonable time after the three month period is not subject to any liability or surcharge because any portion of the tax apportioned to any person interested in the estate was collectible at a time following the death of the decedent but thereafter became uncollectible. If the personal representative or other person required to pay the tax cannot collect from any person interested in the estate the amount of the tax apportioned to the person, the amount not recoverable shall be equitably apportioned among the other persons interested in the estate who are subject to apportionment.

(h) A personal representative acting in another state or a person required to pay the tax domiciled in another state may institute an action in the courts of this state and may recover a proportionate amount of the federal estate tax, of an estate tax payable to another state or of a death duty due by a decedent's estate to another state, from a person interested in the estate who is either domiciled in this state or who owns property in this state subject to attachment or execution. For the purposes of the action the determination of apportionment by the court having jurisdiction of the administration of the decedent's estate in the other state is prima facie correct.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 524.3-1001, is amended to read:

524.3-1001 FORMAL PROCEEDINGS TERMINATING ADMINISTRATION; TESTATE OR INTESTATE; ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION, DECREE, AND GENERAL PROTECTION. (a) (1) A personal representative or any interested person may petition for an order of complete settlement of the estate. The personal representative may petition at any time, and any other interested person may petition after one year from the appointment of the original personal representative except that no petition under this section may be entertained until the time for presenting claims which arose prior to the death of the decedent has expired. The petition may request the court to determine testacy, if not previously determined, to consider the final account or compel or approve an accounting and distribution, to construe any will or determine heirs and adjudicate the final settlement and distribution of the estate. After notice to all interested persons and hearing the court may enter an order or orders, on appropriate conditions, determining the persons entitled to distribution of the estate, and, as circumstances require, approving settlement and directing or approving distribution of the estate and discharging the personal representative from further claim or demand of any interested person.

(2) In such petition for complete settlement of the estate, the petitioner may apply for a decree. Upon the hearing, if in the best interests of interested persons, the court may issue its decree which shall determine the persons entitled to the estate and assign the same to them in lieu of ordering the assignment by the personal representative. The decree shall name the heirs and distributees, state their relationship to the decedent, describe the property, and state the proportions or part thereof to which each is entitled. In the estate of a testate decedent, no heirs shall be named in the decree unless all heirs be ascertained.

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(3) In solvent estates, the hearing may be waived by written consent to the proposed account and decree of distribution or order of distribution by all heirs or distributees, and the court may then enter its order allowing the account and issue its decree or order of distribution.

(4) The court shall have the power in its decree or order of distribution to waive the lien of inheritance estate taxes, find that the taxes have been satisfied by payment or, decree the property subject to the lien; provided, however, where a decree or order for distribution is issued, the personal representative shall not be discharged until all property is paid or transferred to the persons entitled thereto, and has otherwise fully discharged his trust. If objections are filed with the court by the commissioner of revenue, no discharge shall be issued until the objections are determined. ~~The court shall send a copy of the decree, upon issuance, to the commissioner of revenue. If no objection is filed, the court shall have the power to settle and distribute the estate and discharge the personal representative without regard to tax obligations.~~

(b) If one or more heirs or devisees were omitted as parties in, or were not given notice of, a previous formal testacy proceeding, the court, on proper petition for an order of complete settlement of the estate under this section, and after notice to the omitted or unnotified persons and other interested parties determined to be interested on the assumption that the previous order concerning testacy is conclusive as to those given notice of the earlier proceeding, may determine testacy as it affects the omitted persons and confirm or alter the previous order of testacy as it affects all interested persons as appropriate in the light of the new proofs. In the absence of objection by an omitted or unnotified person, evidence received in the original testacy proceeding shall constitute prima facie proof of due execution of any will previously admitted to probate, or of the fact that the decedent left no valid will if the prior proceedings determined this fact.

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 525.091, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

525.091 DESTRUCTION AND REPRODUCTION OF PROBATE RECORDS. Subdivision 1. The clerk of court of any county upon order of the probate judge may destroy all the original documents in any proceeding of record in his office five years after the file in such proceeding has been closed provided the original or a Minnesota state archives commission approved photographic, photostatic, microphotographic, microfilmed, or similarly reproduced copy of the original of the following enumerated documents in the proceeding are on file in his office.

Enumerated original documents:

(a) In estates, the jurisdictional petition and proof of publication of the notice of hearing thereof; will and certificate of probate; letters; inventory and appraisal; ~~inheritance tax return or schedule of non-probate assets; inheritance tax return waiver or self assessed inheritance tax return;~~ orders directing and confirming sale, mortgage, lease, or for conveyance of real estate; order setting apart statutory selection; receipts for federal estate taxes and state inheritance estate taxes; orders of distribution and general protection; decrees of distribution; federal estate tax closing letter, consent to discharge

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by commissioner of revenue and order discharging representative; and any amendment of the listed documents.

When an estate is deemed closed as provided in clause (d) of this subdivision, the enumerated documents shall include all claims of creditors.

(b) In guardianships or conservatorships, the jurisdictional petition and order for hearing thereof with proof of service; letters; orders directing and confirming sale, mortgage, lease or for conveyance of real estate; order for restoration to capacity and order discharging guardian; and any amendment of the listed documents.

(c) In mental, inebriety, and indigent matters, the jurisdictional petition; report of examination; warrant of commitment; notice of discharge from institution, or notice of death and order for restoration to capacity; and any amendment of the listed documents.

(d) Except for the enumerated documents described in this subdivision, the clerk of probate court may destroy all other original documents in any proceeding without retaining any reproduction of the document. For the purpose of this subdivision, a proceeding in the probate court is deemed closed if no document has been filed in the proceeding for a period of 15 years, except in the cases of wills filed for safe-keeping and those containing wills of decedents not adjudicated upon.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 525.091, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The clerk of probate court of any county upon order of the probate judge may destroy the original record books as enumerated in this subdivision provided a Minnesota state archives commission approved photographic, photostatic, microphotographic, microfilmed, or similarly reproduced copy of the original record book is on file in his office.

Enumerated original record books:

~~(a)~~ All record books kept for recording in compliance with section 525.03, clauses (3), (4), (5) and (6).

~~(b) All record books kept for inheritance tax purposes in compliance with section 294.29, subdivisions 1 and 2, after the expiration of 15 years from the date of the last proceeding entered therein.~~

Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 525.312, is amended to read:

525.312 DECREE OF DESCENT. Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall fix the time and place for the hearing thereof, notice of which shall be given pursuant to section 524.1-401. Notice of the hearing, in the form prescribed by court rule, shall also be given under direction of the clerk of court by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in the county where the hearing is to be held, the last publication of which is to be at least ten days before the time set for hearing. Upon proof

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of the petition and of the will if there be one, or upon proof of the petition and of an authenticated copy of a will duly proved and allowed outside of this state in accordance with the laws in force in the place where proved, if there be one, the court shall allow the same and enter its decree of descent assigning the real or personal property, or any interest therein, to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the will or such authenticated copy, if there be one, otherwise pursuant to the laws of intestate succession in force at the time of the decedent's death. The court may appoint two or more disinterested persons to appraise the property. ~~No decree of descent shall be entered until the inheritance tax, if any, has been determined and paid.~~

Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 525.71, is amended to read:

525.71 **APPEALABLE ORDERS.** Appeals to the district court may be taken from any of the following orders, judgments, and decrees issued by a judge of the court under chapters 524 or 525:

- (1) An order admitting, or refusing to admit, a will to probate;
- (2) An order appointing, or refusing to appoint, or removing, or refusing to remove, a representative other than a special administrator or special guardian;
- (3) An order authorizing, or refusing to authorize, the sale, mortgage, or lease of real estate, or confirming, or refusing to confirm, the sale or lease of real estate;
- (4) An order directing, or refusing to direct, a conveyance or lease of real estate under contract;
- (5) An order permitting, or refusing to permit, the filing of a claim, or allowing or disallowing a claim or counterclaim, in whole or in part, when the amount in controversy exceeds \$100;
- (6) An order setting apart, or refusing to set apart, property, or making, or refusing to make, an allowance for the spouse or children;
- (7) An order determining, or refusing to determine, venue; an order transferring, or refusing to transfer, venue;
- (8) An order directing, or refusing to direct, the payment of a bequest or distributive share when the amount in controversy exceeds \$100;
- (9) An order allowing, or refusing to allow, an account of a representative or any part thereof when the amount in controversy exceeds \$100;
- (10) An order adjudging a person in contempt;
- (11) An order vacating a previous appealable order, judgment, or decree; an order refusing to vacate a previous appealable order, judgment, or decree alleged to have been procured by fraud or misrepresentation, or through surprise or excusable inadvertence or

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neglect;

(12) A judgment or decree of partial or final distribution or an order determining or confirming distribution or any order of general protection;

(13) An order entered pursuant to section 576.142;

(14) An order granting or denying restoration to capacity;

(15) An order made directing, or refusing to direct, the payment of representative's fees or attorneys' fees, and in such case the representative and the attorney shall each be deemed an aggrieved party and entitled to take such appeal;

(16) An order, judgment, or decree relating to or affecting ~~inheritance~~ estate taxes or refusing to amend, modify, or vacate such an order, judgment, or decree; but nothing herein contained shall abridge the right of direct review by the supreme court;

(17) An order extending the time for the settlement of the estate beyond five years from the date of the appointment of the representative.

Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 525.74, is amended to read:

525.74 DIRECT APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT. A party aggrieved may appeal direct to the supreme court from an order determining or refusing to determine ~~inheritance~~ estate taxes upon a hearing on a prayer for reassessment and redetermination. Within 30 days after service of notice of the filing of such order, the appellant shall serve a notice of appeal upon all parties adversely interested or upon their attorneys and upon the probate judge. An appellant, other than the state, the veterans' administration, or a representative appealing on behalf of the estate, shall file in the probate court a bond in such amount as that court may direct, conditioned to prosecute the appeal with due diligence to a final determination, pay all costs and disbursements and abide the order of the court therein. The notice of appeal with proof of service and the bond, if required, shall be filed in the probate court within ten days after the service of such notice and the appellant shall pay to such court the sum of \$15, of which \$10 shall be transmitted to the clerk of the supreme court, as provided by law for appeals in civil actions.

Such appeal shall stay all proceedings on the order appealed from. When a party in good faith gives due notice of appeal from such order and omits through mistake to do any other act necessary to perfect the appeal, or to stay proceedings, the court may permit an amendment on such terms as may be just. Upon perfection of the appeal, the probate court shall transmit to the clerk of the supreme court the \$10 aforementioned together with a certified copy of the notice of appeal and bond, if required. The filing thereof shall vest in the supreme court jurisdiction of the cause, and records shall be transmitted to the supreme court, and records and briefs shall be printed, served, and filed, and such appeal shall be heard and disposed of as in the case of appeals in civil actions from the district court. If a settled case be necessary, the probate court may settle a case upon the application of any party. The notice of the hearing upon such application and the case proposed to be settled shall be served on all other parties interested in the appeal at least

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eight days prior to the hearing.

Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 525.841, is amended to read:

525.841 ESCHEAT RETURNED. In all such cases the commissioner of finance shall be furnished with a certified copy of the court's order assigning the escheated property to the persons entitled thereto, and upon notification of payment of the ~~inheritance estate~~ tax, the commissioner of finance shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer, or execute a proper conveyance to the persons designated in such order. In the event any escheated property has been sold pursuant to sections 11.08 or 94.09 to 94.16, then the warrant shall be for the appraised value as established during the administration of the decedent's estate. There is hereby annually appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated an amount sufficient to make payment to all such designated persons. No interest shall be allowed on any amount paid to such persons.

Sec. 41. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 3A.08; 291.02; 291.07, Subdivisions 2 and 2a; 291.09, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4; 291.10; 291.11, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; 291.12, Subdivision 4; 291.19, Subdivision 5; 291.20, Subdivision 3; 291.21, Subdivision 2; 291.22; 291.23; 291.24; 291.25; 291.26; 291.29, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4; 291.30; 291.34; 291.35; 291.36; 291.37; 291.38; 291.39; 291.40; 292.01; 292.02; 292.03; 292.031; 292.04; 292.05; 292.06; 292.07; 292.08; 292.09; 292.105; 292.111; 292.112; 292.12; 292.125; 292.14; and 292.15 are repealed.

Sec. 42. There is appropriated for fiscal years 1980, 1981 and 1982 from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue the amounts necessary to make the refunds provided by section 5.

Sec. 43. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of section 5 which relate to payments for military service while the decedent was missing in action shall be effective for estates of decedents declared dead after January 1, 1975. The provisions of section 26 shall be effective the day following final enactment and shall relate to returns filed pursuant to chapters 291 and 292 prior to and after the effective date of this article. The remainder of this article is effective for estates of decedents dying after December 31, 1979 and gifts made after December 31, 1979.

ARTICLE IV: BUSINESS RELIEF

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, Subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

Subd. 2c. **SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES AND TRUSTS.** (a) For taxable years beginning after December 31, ~~1977~~ 1979, the income taxes imposed by this chapter upon individuals, estates and trusts, other than those taxable as corporations, shall be computed by applying to their taxable net income in excess of the applicable credits allowed by section 290.21, the following schedule of rates:

- (1) On the first \$500, one and six-tenths percent;

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- (2) On the second \$500, two and two-tenths percent;
- (3) On the next \$1,000, three and five-tenths percent;
- (4) On the next \$1,000, five and eight-tenths percent;
- (5) On the next \$1,000, seven and three-tenths percent;
- (6) On the next \$1,000, eight and eight-tenths percent;
- (7) On the next \$2,000, ten and two-tenths percent;
- (8) On the next \$2,000, eleven and five-tenths percent;
- (9) On the next \$3,500, twelve and eight-tenths percent;
- (10) On all over \$12,500, and not over \$20,000, fourteen percent;
- (11) On all over \$20,000 and not over \$27,500, fifteen percent;
- (12) On all over \$27,500 and not over \$40,000, sixteen percent;
- (13) On all over \$40,000, seventeen percent.

(b) In lieu of a tax computed according to the rates set forth in clause (a) of this subdivision, the tax of any individual taxpayer whose taxable net income for the taxable year, reduced by the applicable credits allowed by section 290.21, is less than \$20,000 shall be computed in accordance with tables prepared and issued by the commissioner of revenue based on income brackets of not more than \$100. The amount of tax for each bracket shall be computed at the rates set forth in this subdivision, provided that the commissioner may disregard a fractional part of a dollar unless it amounts to 50 cents or more, in which case it may be increased to \$1.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, Subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT, CREDIT.** (a) A credit of five percent of the net cost of equipment used primarily to abate or control pollutants to meet or exceed state laws, rules or standards to the extent the property is so used and which is included in section 290.09, subdivision 7, paragraph (A) (a) that is installed and operated within Minnesota exclusively to prevent pollution of air, water, or land in accordance with engineering principles approved by the Minnesota pollution control agency; may be deducted from the tax due under this chapter in the first year for which a depreciation deduction is allowed for the equipment. The credit allowed by this subdivision shall not exceed so much of the liability for tax for the taxable year as does not exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$75,000. The credit shall apply only if the equipment meets rules prescribed by the Minnesota pollution control agency and is installed or operated in accordance with a permit or order issued by the agency.

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(b) If the amount of the credit determined under (a) for any taxable year for which a depreciation deduction is allowed exceeds the limitation provided by (a) for such taxable year (hereinafter in this subdivision referred to as the "unused credit year"), such excess shall be,

~~(1) a credit carryback to each of the three taxable years preceding the unused credit year, and~~

(2) a credit carryover to each of the ~~seven~~ four taxable years following the unused credit year.

The entire amount of the unused credit for an unused credit year shall be carried to the earliest of the ~~ten~~ four taxable years to which ~~(by reason of (1) and (2))~~ such credit may be carried and then to each of the other ~~nine~~ three taxable years; provided, however, the maximum credit allowable in any one taxable year under this subdivision (including the credit allowable under (a) and the ~~carryback or~~ carryforward allowable under this paragraph) shall in no event exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$75,000.

(c) This subdivision shall apply to property acquired in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~1969~~ 1977.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, Subdivision 9a, is amended to read:

Subd. 9a. **FEEDLOT POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT.** A credit of ten percent of the net cost of pollution control and abatement equipment, including but not limited to, lagoons, concrete storage pits, slurry handling equipment, and other equipment and devices approved by the pollution control agency, purchased, installed and operated within the state by a feedlot operator to prevent pollution of air, land, or water in connection with the operation of a livestock feedlot, poultry lot or other animal lot, may be deducted from the tax due under this chapter in the taxable year in which such equipment is purchased; provided that no deduction shall be taken for any portion of the cost of the same equipment pursuant to subdivision 9. ~~The credit provided for in subdivision 9 shall terminate on December 31, 1976. The credit provided for in this subdivision shall terminate on December 31, 1980, except any amounts that are carried forward to a subsequent year may be taken as a credit in such subsequent years.~~

If the amount of the credit provided by this subdivision exceeds the taxpayer's liability for taxes pursuant to chapter 290 in the taxable year, beginning after December 31, 1972, in which the equipment is purchased, the excess amount may be carried forward to the four taxable years following the year of purchase. The entire amount of the credit not used in the year purchased shall be carried to the earliest of the four taxable years to which the credit may be carried and then to each of the three successive taxable years.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 298, is amended by adding a section to read:

[298.028] POLLUTION CONTROL TAX CREDIT. Subdivision 1. A credit of five
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percent of the net cost of equipment used primarily to abate or control pollutants to meet or exceed state laws, rules or standards to the extent the property is so used may be deducted from the tax imposed by section 298.01 in the first year in which the equipment is installed.

The credit allowed by this subdivision shall not exceed so much of the liability for tax for the taxable year as does not exceed \$75,000. The credit shall apply only if the equipment meets rules prescribed by the Minnesota pollution control agency and is installed or operated in accordance with a permit or order issued by the agency.

Subd. 2. If the amount of the credit determined under subdivision 1 for any taxable year exceeds the limitation provided in subdivision 1 for such taxable year, hereinafter referred to as the "unused credit year", such excess shall be a credit carryover to each of the four taxable years following the unused credit year.

The entire amount of the unused credit for an unused credit year shall be carried to the earliest of the four taxable years to which such credit may be carried and then to each of the other three taxable years; provided, however, the maximum credit allowable in any one taxable year under this subdivision, including the credit allowable under subdivision 1 and the carryforward allowable under this paragraph, shall in no event exceed \$75,000.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 1 is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1979. Sections 2 and 3 are effective the day following final enactment. Section 4 is effective for property acquired in a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1978.

ARTICLE V: ENERGY CREDIT

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14. RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CREDIT. A credit of 20 percent of the first \$10,000 of renewable energy source expenditures, including the expenditures described in clauses (a), (b) and (d) if made by an individual taxpayer on a Minnesota building of six dwelling units or less and expenditures for biomass conversion equipment described in clause (c), may be deducted from the tax due under this chapter for the taxable year in which the expenditures were made. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "building" shall include a condominium or townhouse used by the taxpayer as a residence. In the case of qualifying expenditures incurred in connection with a building under construction by a contractor, the credit shall be deducted from the tax liability of the first individual to purchase the building for use as a principal residence or for residential rental purposes; the contractor shall not be eligible for the credit given pursuant to this subdivision for that expenditure.

A "renewable energy source expenditure" which qualifies shall include:

(a) Expenditures which qualify for the federal renewable energy credit, pursuant to Section 44C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31,

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1978, and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto;

(b) Expenditures for earth sheltered dwelling units. For purposes of this credit, an "earth sheltered dwelling unit" shall mean a structure which complies with applicable building standards and which is constructed so that:

(1) 80 percent or more of the wall area is covered with a minimum depth of 12 inches of earth; and

(2) 50 percent or more of the wall area is covered with a minimum depth of 12 inches of earth; and

(3) Those portions of the structure not insulated with a minimum of seven feet of earth shall have additional insulation;

(c) Expenditures for biomass conversion equipment which produces ethanol, methane or methanol for use as a liquid fuel which is not offered for sale; and

(d) Expenditures for passive solar energy systems. For purposes of this credit, a "passive solar energy system" is defined to include systems which utilize elements of the building and its operable components to heat or cool a building unit the sun's energy by means of conduction, convection, radiation, or evaporation. A passive system shall include:

(1) Collection aperture, including glazing installed in south facing walls and roofs; and

(2) Storage element, including thermal mass in the form of water, masonry, rock, concrete, or other mediums which is designed to store heat collected from solar radiation.

A passive system may include:

(1) Control and distribution element, including fans, louvers, and air ducts; and/or

(2) Retention element, including movable insulation used to minimize heat loss caused by nocturnal radiation through areas used for direct solar heat gain during daylight hours.

Eligible passive expenditures shall be for equipment, materials or devices that are an integral part of the components listed above and essential to the functioning of a passive design which qualifies pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of revenue in cooperation with the director of the energy agency. Expenditures for equipment, materials, or devices which are a part of the normal heating, cooling, or insulation system of a building are not eligible for the credit.

If a credit was allowed to a taxpayer under this subdivision for any prior taxable year, the dollar amount of the maximum expenditure for which a taxpayer may qualify for a credit under this subdivision in subsequent years shall be \$10,000 reduced by the

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amount of expenditures which a credit was claimed pursuant to this subdivision in prior years.

The credit provided in this subdivision shall not be allowed in a taxable year if the amount of the credit would be less than \$10.

If the credit allowable under this subdivision exceeds the amount of tax due in a taxable year, the excess credit shall not be refunded but may be carried forward to the succeeding taxable year and added to the credit allowable for that year. No amount may be carried forward to a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1984.

A shareholder in a family farm corporation and each partner in a partnership operating a family farm shall be eligible for the credit provided by this subdivision in the same manner and to the same extent allowed a joint owner of property under clause (a). "Family farm corporation" and "family farm" have the meanings given in section 500.24.

The credit provided in this subdivision is subject to the provisions of Section 44C, (c) (7), (d) (1) to (3), and (e), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

Sec. 2. [290.06] [Subd. 14. additional paragraph] RULES. The commissioner of revenue in cooperation with the director of the energy agency shall promulgate rules establishing additional qualifications and definitions for the credits provided in clauses (a) to (d).

Sec. 3. [290.06] [Subd. 14. additional paragraph] EFFECTIVE DATE. This article is effective for expenditures made during taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978 and before January 1, 1983.

ARTICLE VI: LOCAL AIDS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

477A.01 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID. Subdivision 1. The state shall ~~distribute~~ \$52 ~~make available for distribution~~ \$64 for each person residing in the ~~territory comprising each county state~~ for the calendar year ~~1978~~ 1980 and ~~\$59~~ \$70 for calendar year ~~1979~~ 1981 to the several taxing authorities, except school districts, with authority to impose taxes on property located in the ~~county's territory state~~. For purposes of this subdivision the number of persons residing in a ~~county~~ the state shall be the 1970 federal census population. ~~For the purposes of subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 4a and 4b, the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, excluding the city of New Prague, and Washington shall be considered a single county. That portion of the city of New Prague which is in Scott county shall be treated as if it is in LeSueur county.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. Every county government except that of a county containing a city of the first class shall receive a distribution equal to the distribution it was entitled to receive in the preceding year pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 477A.01 plus an additional aid payment as follows: for 1980, the sum of \$1 for each person residing in the county according to the 1970 federal census and, for 1981, the sum of \$2 for each person residing in the county according to the 1970 federal census. The amount necessary to make the payments to the counties in excess of the amount of their 1979 local government aid payments shall be appropriated in addition to the amount required to be appropriated pursuant to subdivision 1.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. (a) The balance of the distributions in 1978 1980 pursuant to subdivision 1, shall be divided among the several cities and towns in the county's territory in the proportion that the product of

the city or town's 1970 federal census population or the average of the city's or town's 1970 federal census population and its current population as determined under the provisions of section 275.53, whichever is greater; times

(a) In the case of a city or town outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, or a city other than a city of the first class or town inside the metropolitan area, the sum of its average city or town mill rate for the three immediately preceding years divided by three; or

(b) In the case of a first class city located within the metropolitan area, the sum of (i) 60 percent of the dollar amount of its levy limitation and its special levies plus (ii) 40 percent of the dollar amount of its actual levy; divided by its taxable value adjusted for the contributions and distribution required by chapter 473F; for each of the three immediately preceding years divided by three; times

its city or town 1976 aggregate sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue bears to the sum of the product of that calculation for all cities and towns in the territory; state as provided herein:

(1) Funds shall be distributed to all cities and towns which are not subject to the levy limitations imposed pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56, with the distribution to be based on the average equalized mill rate of each city or town. For purposes of this clause, "average equalized mill rate" shall be defined as the sum of the 1979 mill rate of the city or town plus its 1978 mill rate plus its 1977 mill rate, multiplied by its 1978 aggregate sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue, divided by three.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is ten or less, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, plus, in the case of a city, the sum of \$1 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

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If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than ten but less than or equal to 20, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, plus the sum of \$3 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than 20, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, for 1979, plus the sum of \$5 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

(2) Funds shall be distributed to the city of Minneapolis in an amount equal to the amount distributed to that city for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01.

(3) The funds remaining after distribution has been made pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be distributed according to the provisions of this paragraph among the cities and towns, other than the city of Minneapolis, which are subject to the levy limitations imposed pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56.

(i) For purposes of the 1980 distribution, the "local revenue base" of a city or town shall be the sum of its levy limitation for taxes levied in 1978 plus the amount of the distribution it received for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, except that the "local revenue base" of a city of the first class located within the metropolitan area defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2 shall be the sum of its levy limitation for taxes levied in 1978, multiplied by .85, plus the amount of the distribution it received for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01.

(ii) A preliminary state aid factor shall be established for each city and town by subtracting from the local revenue base, an amount equal to ten mills multiplied by the 1979 taxable valuation of the city or town, adjusted for the contributions and distributions required by chapter 473F in the case of a city or town located within the metropolitan area and less the captured value in any tax increment district, divided by its 1978 aggregate sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue.

(iii) A final state aid factor shall be established for each city and town by adjusting the preliminary state aid factor to comply with the following restrictions:

The final state aid factor for a city or town shall be an amount which is equal to or greater than an amount computed pursuant to the following:

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is ten or less, the final state aid factor of the city or town shall be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, plus the sum of \$1 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than ten but less than or equal to 20, the final state aid factor of the city or town will be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section

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477A.01 for 1979, plus the sum of \$3 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than 20, the final state aid factor of the city or town will be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, for 1979, plus the sum of \$5 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

The final state aid factor for any city or town shall not exceed the previous year's distribution under Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, using the population determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(iv) The amount of the distribution for which a city or a town is eligible under this paragraph shall be determined as follows: For each city or town, its final state aid factor increase shall be the difference between its final state aid factor determined pursuant to this paragraph and the amount of distribution which it received for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01. The final state aid factor increase of each city or town shall be divided by the sum of the final state aid factor increases for all cities and towns receiving distributions under this paragraph; that quotient shall be multiplied by the amount of the increase in funds available for distribution under this paragraph over the sum of the amounts distributed to those cities and towns for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01. That product, plus the distribution the city or town received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, shall equal the distribution to be distributed to the city or town for 1980.

(v) The final distribution made to each city or town pursuant to this paragraph shall be in an amount which is at least equal to the distribution received by that city or town for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, but which does not exceed the amount of the city's or town's 1979 distribution by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, using the population determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(vi) If the amount distributed to a city or town by paragraph (iv) is limited by paragraph (v) the distribution to other cities and towns that receive aid under paragraph (3) shall be proportionately increased as necessary to absorb the difference. In no event shall a city's or town's distribution exceed the city's or town's 1979 distribution by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, using the population determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20

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percent.

(b) The balance of the distributions in ~~1979~~ 1981 pursuant to subdivision 1 shall be divided among the several cities and towns in the ~~county's~~ territory in the proportion that the product of

the city or town's 1970 federal census population or the average of the city's or town's 1970 federal census population and its current population as determined under the provisions of section 275.53, whichever is greater; times

(a) In the case of a city or town outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2; or a city other than a city of the first class or town inside the metropolitan area; the sum of its average city or town mill rate for the three immediately preceding years divided by three; or

(b) In the case of a first class city located within the metropolitan area; the sum of (i) 60 percent of the dollar amount of its levy limitation and its special levies plus (ii) 40 percent of the dollar amount of its actual levy; divided by its taxable value adjusted for the contributions and distribution required by chapter 473F; for each of the three immediately preceding years divided by three; times

its city or town 1977 aggregate sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue bears to the sum of the product of that calculation for all cities and towns in the territory; state as provided herein;

(1) Funds shall be distributed to all cities and towns which are not subject to the levy limitations imposed pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56, with the distributions to be based on the average equalized mill rate of each city or town. For purposes of this clause, "average equalized mill rate" shall be defined as the sum of the 1980 mill rate of the city or town plus its 1979 mill rate plus its 1978 mill rate, multiplied by its 1979 aggregate sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue, divided by three.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is ten or less, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus, in the case of a city, the sum of \$1 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than ten but less than or equal to 20, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus the sum of \$4 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than 20, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to clause (a), for 1980, plus the sum of \$6 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

(2) The funds remaining after distribution has been made pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be distributed according to the provisions of this paragraph among the cities and

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towns which are subject to the levy limitations imposed pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56.

(i) For purposes of the 1981 distribution, the "local revenue base" of a city or town shall be its local revenue base computed according to clause (a) paragraph (3) for purposes of the 1980 distribution, provided that, in the case of a city which received its 1980 aid distribution pursuant to clause (a), paragraph (2), a local revenue base shall be computed for it according to the provisions of clause (a), paragraph (3); these revenue bases shall be increased as follows:

The 1980 local revenue base will be multiplied by the percentage of increase from June, 1979, to June, 1980 in the revised consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area prepared by the United States department of labor with 1967 as a base year. The product of that computation will be added to the 1980 local revenue base. The inflation-adjusted base shall also be increased by the percentage increase in the population of the city or town during the preceding year as determined according to section 275.53. After adjustment for population increase the inflation-adjusted local revenue base of each city and town shall also be increased by (1) the amount of its special levies levied in 1979 to pay the costs of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness incurred in 1979 or thereafter for the purpose of providing capital replacement for streets, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and bridges plus (2) any adjustments made to the levy limit base of the city or town pursuant to article II, section 24 for purposes of refuse collection and street maintenance; and (3) any adjustments made to the levy limit base of the city or town pursuant to section 275.52, subdivision 4, clause (d).

(ii) A preliminary state aid factor shall be established for each city and town by subtracting from the local revenue base, ten mills multiplied by the 1980 taxable valuation of the city or town adjusted for the contributions and distributions required by chapter 473F if applicable and less the captured value in any tax increment financing district divided by its 1979 sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue.

(iii) A final state aid factor shall be established for each city and town by adjusting the preliminary state aid factor to comply with the following restrictions:

The final state aid factor for a city or town shall be an amount which is equal to or greater than an amount computed pursuant to the following:

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is ten or less, the final state aid factor of the city or town shall be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus the sum of \$1 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than ten but less than or equal to 20, the final state aid factor for the city or town shall be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus the sum of \$4 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than 20, the final
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state aid factor for the city or town shall be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus the sum of \$6 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

The final state aid factor for any city or town shall not exceed the previous year's distribution under section 477A.01 by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1980 pursuant to clause (a) of this subdivision using the population determined pursuant to section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(iv) The amount of the distribution for which a city or town is eligible under this paragraph shall be determined as follows: For each city or town, its final state aid factor increase shall be the difference between its final state aid factor determined pursuant to this paragraph and the amount of distribution which it received pursuant to clause (a). The final state aid factor increase of each city or town shall be divided by the sum of the final state aid factor increases for all cities and towns receiving distributions under this paragraph; that quotient shall be multiplied by the amount of the increase in funds available for distribution under this paragraph over the amount distributed under clause (a), paragraphs (2) and (3). That product, plus the distribution the city or town received pursuant to clause (a), shall equal the distribution to be distributed to the city or town for 1981.

(v) The final distribution made to each city or town pursuant to this paragraph shall be in an amount which is at least equal to the distribution received by that city or town for 1980 pursuant to clause (a), but which does not exceed the amount of the city's or town's 1980 distribution by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1980 pursuant to clause (a) of this subdivision using the population determined pursuant to section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(vi) If the amounts distributed to a city or town by paragraph (iv) is limited by paragraph (v) the distribution to other cities and towns who receive aid under paragraph (2) shall be proportionately increased as necessary to absorb the difference. In no event shall a city's or town's distribution exceed the city's or town's 1980 distribution by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1980 pursuant to clause (a) of this subdivision using the population determined pursuant to section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.03, is amended to read:

477A.03 **APPROPRIATION.** A sum sufficient to discharge the duties imposed by section 477A.01, subdivisions 1, 2 and 4e is annually appropriated from the general fund

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to the commissioner of revenue.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 353.01, Subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **INCLUDED EMPLOYEES.** The following persons are included in the meaning of "public employee":

- (a) Elected or appointed officers and employees of elected officers.
- (b) District court reporters.
- (c) Officers and employees of the public employees retirement association.
- (d) Employees of the League of Minnesota Cities.
- (e) Officers and employees of public hospitals, owned or operated by or an integral part of, any governmental subdivision or governmental subdivisions.
- (f) Employees of a school district who receive separate salaries for driving their own buses.
- (g) Employees of the Association of Minnesota Counties.
- (h) Employees of the Metropolitan Inter-County Council.
- (i) Employees of the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association.
- (j) Elected or appointed officers and employees of the city of Minneapolis, or any of the boards, departments or commissions operated as a department of the city of Minneapolis or independently if financed in whole or in part by funds of the city of Minneapolis, if the officer's assumption of the position or the employee's employment initially commences on or after the effective date of this section.
- (k) Employees of the metropolitan airports commission if employment initially commences on or after the effective date of this section.
- (l) Employees of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund, if employment initially commences on or after the effective date of this section.
- (m) Employees of special school district number 1 who are not members of the Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association if employment initially commences on or after the effective date of this section.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 353, is amended by adding a section to read:

[353.023] **TRANSFER OF PENSION COVERAGE OF MINNEAPOLIS**
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MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND COORDINATED PROGRAM. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, as of the effective date of this section, all active members of the coordinated program of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 422A.30 to 422A.39, shall cease to be members of the program of that fund and shall cease to have any accrual of service credit, rights, or benefits under the benefit plan of that program. From and after the effective date of this section, all active members of the coordinated program will have their retirement coverage transferred to the coordinated program of the public employees retirement association. The accrued liability for retirement coverage of these members to date shall be transferred to the coordinated program of the public employees retirement association and shall no longer be the liability of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund. Within 30 days of the effective date of this section, the board of trustees of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund shall transfer the entire assets attributable to the coordinated program of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund to the coordinated program of the public employees retirement association. The assets transferred shall be an amount equal in value to the amount of employee contributions made by coordinated program members since July 1, 1978, the amount of employer matching contributions made by an employing unit on behalf of a coordinated program member since July 1, 1978, an amount equal to the employer additional contribution for the members of the coordinated program, and an amount equal to the investment income earned by the fund on the invested assets of the program since July 1, 1978. The assets transferred to the public employees retirement fund shall only include securities which are proper investments pursuant to section 11.16. Within 30 days of the effective date of this section, the board of trustees and the actuary of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund shall transfer to the public employees retirement association original copies of all records and documents which are in their possession relating to the coordinated program of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund and any of its members and shall provide from time to time whatever additional relevant information which the board of trustees of the public employees retirement association may request. Upon the transfer of the assets, liabilities and records of the coordinated program of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund to the coordinated program of the public employees retirement association, the coordinated program of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund shall terminate and shall cease to exist.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 355, is amended by adding a section to read:

[355.311] SECOND SOCIAL SECURITY REFERENDUM. Subdivision 1. ELECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE. Any member of the basic program of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund shall be entitled to elect social security coverage retroactive to July 1, 1978 in a second social security referendum. Any member who so elects shall become a member of the coordinated program of the public employees retirement association and sufficient assets shall be transferred by the board of trustees of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund to the coordinated program of the public employees retirement association pursuant to section 6.

Subd. 2. PAYMENT OF RETROACTIVE SOCIAL SECURITY EMPLOYEE

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AND EMPLOYER TAXES. Effective retroactively with respect to any employment after the date of retroactive coverage by municipal employees who are employed on the date of the agreement or modification of the agreement with the secretary of health, education and welfare, the executive secretary of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund shall cause to be paid out of the fund an amount for each municipal employee retroactively included equal to the employee and employer taxes which would have been imposed by the federal insurance contribution act if the service by the employee constituted employment within the meaning of that act. This payment shall be computed from the date of retroactive coverage to the date that deductions are first taken from the wages of each municipal employee pursuant to section 355.309. Amounts paid to meet the required employee contribution shall first be deducted from the accumulated deductions of the municipal employee and then from the remaining assets of the fund.

Subd. 3. APPROPRIATION. The amounts required by this section are hereby appropriated from the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund and the executive secretary of the fund is authorized to make any necessary disbursements and transfers. The amounts so required shall be paid to the contribution fund provided for in the enabling act.

Subd. 4. BALANCES DUE AFTER PAYMENT OF RETROACTIVE SOCIAL SECURITY EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER TAXES. Any municipal employee who elects social security coverage from and after January 1, 1979 and thereby transfers from the basic program of the Minneapolis municipal employees fund to the coordinated program of the Minneapolis municipal employees fund and from whose account retroactive social security employee taxes are paid by the board of the Minneapolis municipal employees fund shall be required to reimburse the fund in an amount equal to the difference between employee contributions at the rate of eight percent of his total salary for the period of retroactive social security coverage and the aggregate of four percent of his total salary for the period of retroactive social security coverage plus the rate of retroactive social security employee taxes paid on the salary of the municipal employee restricted to the earnings limitations imposed by the federal insurance contribution act covering service as a municipal employee rendered from and after July 1, 1978. In the event that a municipal employee does not reimburse the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund within 30 days following notification by the executive secretary of the amount of reimbursement which is due, interest at the rate of six percent per annum compounded annually from the date the amount was first payable following notification until the date payment is made shall accrue. The city or the public corporation which employs a municipal employee electing social security coverage from and after January 1, 1979 for service on which retroactive social security employer taxes are paid from the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund shall reimburse the fund in an amount equal to the reimbursement amount payable by the municipal employee. The employer reimbursement may be paid from the proceeds of a tax levy made for this purpose or from any other funds available to the employer.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 422A.10, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

422A.10 SALARY DEDUCTIONS. Subdivision 1. There shall be deducted and
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withheld from the basic salary, pay or compensation of each employee in the contributing class, prior to January 1, 1980 an amount equal to 7-1/4 percent, after December 31, 1979 but prior to January 1, 1981 an amount equal to 8-1/4 percent and after December 31, 1980 an amount equal to 9-1/4 percent of such salary, pay or compensation, except as hereinafter provided. The retirement board may increase the percentage rate of contribution to the retirement fund of any employee or employees for the purpose of establishing and maintaining on an actuarial basis a plan of insurance, survivors' benefits, or other type of benefit or benefits, the cost of which shall be paid out of such extra percentage so authorized and deducted from the employee's compensation, except as hereinafter provided. Any plan or plans so established and placed in operation may be amended from time to time, or may be abandoned, but if abandoned, any surplus remaining from the operation of a plan shall be the property of the fund, and shall be credited to the reserve for loss in investment account.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 422A, is amended by adding a section to read:

[422A.101] EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS. Subdivision 1. CITY CONTRIBUTIONS. Prior to August 31 of each year, the retirement board shall prepare an itemized statement of the financial requirements of the fund payable by the city for the succeeding fiscal year, and a copy of the statement shall be submitted to the board of estimate and taxation and to the city council by September 15. The financial requirements of the fund payable by the city shall be calculated as follows:

(a) a regular employer contribution of an amount equal to the percentage rounded to the nearest two decimal places of the salaries and wages of all employees covered by the basic program of the retirement fund which equals the difference between the level normal cost plus administrative cost and the employee contributions provided for in section 422A.10 less any amounts contributed toward the payment of the balance of the normal cost not paid by employee contributions by any city owned public utility, improvement project, other municipal activities supported in whole or in part by revenues other than real estate taxes, any public corporation, any employing unit of metropolitan government, or by special school district number 1 pursuant to section 422A.081;

(b) an additional employer contribution of an amount equal to the percent, provided in section 353.27, subdivision 3a, clause (a), multiplied by the salaries and wages of all employees covered by the basic program of the retirement fund less any amounts contributed toward amortization of the unfunded accrued liability by the year 2017 attributable to their respective covered employees by any city owned public utility, improvement project, other municipal activities supported in whole or in part by revenues other than real estate taxes, any public corporation, any employing unit of metropolitan government, or by special school district number 1 pursuant to section 422A.081; and

(c) a proportional share of an additional employer amortization contribution of an amount equal to \$3,900,000 annually until the year 2017 based upon the share of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund's unfunded liability attributed to the city.

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Subd. 2. Contributions by or for any city owned public utility, improvement project and other municipal activities supported in whole or in part by revenues other than real estate taxes, any public corporation, any employing unit of metropolitan government or by special school district number 1, shall be calculated as follows:

(a) a regular employer contribution of an amount equal to the percentage rounded to the nearest two decimal places of the salaries and wages of all employees covered by the basic program of the retirement fund which equals the difference between the level normal cost plus administrative cost and the employee contributions provided for in section 422A.10;

(b) an additional employer contribution of an amount equal to the percent, provided in section 353.27, subdivision 3c, clause (a), multiplied by the salaries and wages of all employees covered by the basic program of the retirement fund;

(c) a proportional share of an additional employer amortization contribution of an amount equal to \$3,900,000 annually until the year 2017 based upon the share of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund's unfunded liability attributed to the employer.

Subd. 3. STATE CONTRIBUTIONS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund annually an amount equal to the financial requirements of the basic program of the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund reported by the actuary in the actuarial valuation of the fund prepared pursuant to section 356.215 for the most recent year but based on a target date for full amortization of the unfunded liabilities by the year 2017 less the amount of employee contributions made pursuant to section 422A.10, and the amount of employer contributions made pursuant to subdivision 1, clauses (a), (b) and (c), and subdivision 2, clauses (a), (b) and (c). Payments made pursuant to this subdivision shall be made at the same time and in the same manner as for payments made pursuant to section 477A.01, subdivision 4b.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 422A, is amended by adding a section to read:

[422A.26] COVERAGE BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION. Notwithstanding section 422A.09, or any other law to the contrary, any person whose employment by, or assumption of a position as an appointed or elected officer of, the city of Minneapolis, any of the boards, departments, or commissions operated as a department of the city of Minneapolis or independently if financed in whole or in part by funds of the city of Minneapolis, the metropolitan airports commission, the Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund, or special school district number 1 if the person is not a member of the Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association by virtue of that employment or position, initially commences on or after the effective date of this section shall be a member of the public employees retirement association unless excluded from membership pursuant to section 353.01, subdivision 2b. In no event shall there be any new members of the contributing class of the Minneapolis municipal employees fund in either the basic program or the coordinated program on or after the

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effective date of this section.

Sec. 11. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, Subdivisions 3 and 4a are repealed.

ARTICLE VII: RAILROADS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.80] DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. The following words and phrases when used in sections 1 to 13, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

Subd. 2. "Railroad company" means any company which as a common carrier operates a railroad or a line or lines of railway situated within or partly within Minnesota.

Subd. 3. "Operating property" means all property owned or used by a railroad company in the performance of railroad transportation services, including without limitation franchises, rights-of-way, bridges, trestles, shops, docks, wharves, buildings and structures.

Subd. 4. "Nonoperating property" means and includes all property other than property defined in subdivision 3. Nonoperating property shall include real property which is leased or rented or available for lease or rent to any person which is not a railroad company. Vacant land shall be presumed to be available for lease or rent if it has not been used as operating property for a period of one year preceding the valuation date. Nonoperating property also includes land which is not necessary and integral to the performance of railroad transportation services and which is not used on a regular and continual basis in the performance of these services.

Subd. 5. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of revenue.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.81] TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT OF RAILROAD COMPANY PROPERTY. Subdivision 1. The operating property of every railroad company doing business in Minnesota shall be valued by the commissioner in the manner prescribed by sections 1 to 13.

Subd. 2. The nonoperating property of every railroad company doing business in Minnesota shall be assessed as otherwise provided by law.

Subd. 3. The commissioner shall have exclusive primary jurisdiction to determine what is operating property and what is nonoperating property. In making such determination, the commissioner shall solicit information and opinions from outside his department and afford all interested persons an opportunity to submit data or views on

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the subject in writing or orally. Local assessors may submit written requests to the commissioner, asking that he determine the nature of specific property owned by a railroad and located within their assessing jurisdiction. Any determination made by the commissioner may be appealed by the assessor to the tax court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 271.

Subd. 4. In no event shall property owned or used by a railroad, whether operating property or nonoperating property, be subject to tax hereunder unless such property is of a character which would otherwise be subject to tax under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 272.

Subd. 5. Prior to the promulgation of permanent rules the commissioner may exercise temporary rule-making authority as provided in section 15.0412, subdivision 5, to implement the provisions of this act. The commissioner shall solicit information and opinions from outside his department as provided in section 15.0412, subdivision 6, before adopting these rules. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15.0412, subdivision 5, rules adopted pursuant to this section shall be effective until permanent rules are adopted pursuant to chapter 15 or until May 1, 1980, whichever occurs first.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.82] REPORTS OF RAILROAD COMPANIES. Subdivision 1. Every railroad company doing business in Minnesota shall annually file with the commissioner on or before April 30 a report under oath setting forth the information prescribed by the commissioner to enable him to make the valuation and equalization required by sections 1 to 13.

Subd. 2. The commissioner for good cause may extend the time for filing the report required by subdivision 1.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.83] EXAMINATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS. Subdivision 1. The commissioner shall have the power to examine or cause to be examined any books, papers, records, or memoranda relevant to the determination of the valuation of operating property as herein provided. The commissioner shall have the further power to require the attendance of any person having knowledge or information in the premises, to compel the production of books, papers, records, or memoranda by persons so required to attend, to take testimony on matters material to such determination and administer oaths or affirmations.

Subd. 2. For the purpose of making such examinations, the commissioner may appoint such persons as he may deem necessary. Such persons shall have the rights and powers of the examining of books, papers, records or memoranda, and of subpoenaing witnesses, administering oaths and affirmations, and taking of testimony, which are conferred upon the commissioner hereby. The clerk of any court of record, upon demand

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of any such person, shall issue a subpoena for the attendance of any witness or the production of any books, papers, records, or memoranda before such person. The commissioner may also issue subpoenas for the appearance of witnesses before him or before such persons. Disobedience of subpoenas so issued shall be punished by the district court of the district in which the subpoena is issued for a contempt of the district court.

Subd. 3. If any railroad company shall refuse or neglect to make the report required by this section to the commissioner, or shall refuse or neglect to permit an inspection and examination of its property, records, books, accounts or other papers when requested by the commissioner, or shall refuse or neglect to appear before the commissioner or a person appointed under subdivision 2 when required so to do, the commissioner shall make the valuation provided for by sections 1 to 13 against the railroad company according to his best judgment on available information.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.84] ANNUAL VALUATION OF OPERATING PROPERTY. Subdivision 1. The commissioner shall annually between April 30 and July 31 make a determination of the fair market value of the operating property of every railroad company doing business in this state as of January 2 of the year in which the valuation is made. In determining the fair market value of the portion of operating property within this state, the commissioner shall value the operating property as a unit, taking into consideration the value of the operating property of the entire system, and shall allocate to this state that part thereof which is a fair and reasonable proportion of said entire system valuation. If the commissioner uses original cost as a factor in determining the unit value of operating property, no depreciation or obsolescence allowance shall be permitted. However, if the commissioner uses replacement cost as a factor in determining the unit value of operating property, then a reasonable depreciation and obsolescence allowance may be used.

The commissioner shall give a report to the legislature in February 1980 and in February 1981 on the formula which he has used to determine the unit value of railroad operating property pursuant to this act. This report shall also contain the valuation for payable 1980 and 1981 by company and the taxes payable in 1980 and 1981 by company based upon the valuation of operating property. The legislature may review the formula, the valuation, and the resulting taxes and may make changes in the formula that it deems necessary.

Subd. 2. After the commissioner has determined the fair market value of the operating property of each railroad company, he shall give notice by first class mail to the railroad company of the valuation.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.85] REVIEW OF VALUATION. A railroad company may within 15 days of receipt of the notice of valuation file a written request for a conference with the commissioner relating to the value of its operating property. The commissioner shall

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thereupon designate a time and place for the conference which he shall conduct, upon commissioner's entire files and records and such further information as may be offered. Said conference shall be held no later than 30 days after mailing of the commissioner's valuation notice. At a reasonable time after such conference the commissioner shall make a final determination of the fair market value of the operating property of the railroad company and shall notify the company promptly thereof.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.86] APPORTIONMENT OF VALUATION. Upon determination by the commissioner of the fair market value of the operating property of each railroad company, he shall apportion such value to the respective counties and to the taxing districts therein in conformity with fair and reasonable rules and standards to be established by the commissioner pursuant to notice and hearing, except as provided in section 2. In establishing such rules and standards the commissioner may consider (a) the physical situs of all station houses, depots, docks, wharves, and other buildings and structures with an original cost in excess of \$10,000; (b) the proportion that the length and type of all the tracks used by the railroad in such county and taxing district bears to the length and type of all the track used in the state; and (c) other facts as will result in a fair and equitable apportionment of value.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.87] CERTIFICATION TO COUNTY ASSESSORS. When the commissioner has made his annual determination of the fair market value of the operating property of each company in each of the respective counties, and in the taxing districts therein, he shall certify the fair market value to the county assessor, which shall constitute the fair market value of the operating property of the railroad company in such county and the taxing districts therein upon which taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as on the commercial and industrial property of such county and the taxing districts therein.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.88] PROCEEDINGS AND APPEALS. The commissioner's final determination under section 6 and his certification to county assessors under section 8 shall be final orders appealable to the tax court in accordance with chapter 271. Appeals by railroad companies under this act shall be taken against the commissioner and not against the county or taxing district to which payment is made. Upon the filing of any appeal by a railroad company, the commissioner shall give notice thereof by first class mail to each county which would be affected by the appeal.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

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[270.89] APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS. Section 297A.25, subdivision 1, clause (l) shall remain applicable to railroad companies subject to this act.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 270, is amended by adding a section to read:

[270.90] PAYMENT OF TAXES IN 1980 AND 1981 ONLY. For the years 1979 and 1980 only, after the commissioner has determined the market value of the operating property of each company under the provisions of sections 5 and 6, he shall compute the assessed value of the operating property by applying the classification percentage contained in section 273.13, subdivision 9. By March 1, 1980 and 1981, the commissioner shall compute the tax due from each company by applying the average statewide mill rate. The statement of taxes shall be sent to each company on or before April 1, 1980 and 1981, and shall indicate the assessed value of operating property, the mill rate applied in determining the taxes and the total amount of taxes due and payable. That amount shall be compared to the amount of gross earnings tax imposed under section 13 of this act. If the amount paid pursuant to section 13 is less than the amount computed in this section, the additional tax shall be payable to the commissioner and shall be deposited by him in the general fund of the state treasury. The provisions of section 279.01 pertaining to due dates and penalties for late payment of taxes for nonhomestead property shall be applicable to the taxes payable under this section. If the amount paid pursuant to section 13 exceeds the amount computed in this section, the commissioner shall refund the amount of excess within 60 days. The amounts necessary to make the refunds provided in this section are appropriated to the commissioner from the general fund in the state treasury.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 272.02, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

272.02 **EXEMPT PROPERTY.** Subdivision 1. Except as provided in other subdivisions of this section or in section 272.025, all property described in this section to the extent herein limited shall be exempt from taxation:

- (1) All public burying grounds;
- (2) All public schoolhouses;
- (3) All public hospitals;
- (4) All academies, colleges, and universities, and all seminaries of learning;
- (5) All churches, church days property, and houses of worship;
- (6) Institutions of purely public charity;
- (7) All public property exclusively used for any public purpose;
- (8) All natural cheese held in storage for aging by the original Minnesota

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manufacturer;

(9) (a) Class 2 property of every household of the value of \$100, maintained in the principal place of residence of the owner thereof. The county auditor shall deduct such exemption from the total valuation of such property as equalized by the revenue commissioner assessed to such household, and extend the levy of taxes upon the remainder only. The term "household" as used in this section is defined to be a domestic establishment maintained either (1) by two or more persons living together within the same house or place of abode, subsisting in common and constituting a domestic or family relationship, or (2) by one person.

(b) During the period of his active service and for six months after his discharge therefrom, no member of the armed forces of the United States shall lose status of a householder under paragraph (a) which he had immediately prior to becoming a member of the armed forces.

In case there is an assessment against more than one member of a household the \$100 exemption shall be divided among the members assessed in the proportion that the assessed value of the Class 2 property of each bears to the total assessed value of the Class 2 property of all the members assessed. The Class 2 property of each household claimed to be exempt shall be limited to property in one taxing district, except in those cases where a single domestic establishment is maintained in two or more adjoining districts.

Bonds and certificates of indebtedness hereafter issued by the state of Minnesota, or by any county or city of the state, or any town, or any common or independent school district of the state, or any governmental board of the state, or any county or city thereof, shall hereafter be exempt from taxation; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as exempting such bonds from the payment of a tax thereon, as provided for by section 291.01, when any of such bonds constitute, in whole or in part, any inheritance or bequest, taken or received by any person or corporation.

(10) Farm machinery manufactured prior to 1930, which is used only for display purposes as a collectors item;

(11) The taxpayer shall be exempted with respect to, all agricultural products, inventories, stocks of merchandise of all sorts, all materials, parts and supplies, furniture and equipment, manufacturers material, manufactured articles including the inventories of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and contractors; and the furnishings of a room or apartment in a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel or trailer camp, tools and machinery which by law are considered as personal property, and the property described in section 272.03, subdivision 1 (c), except personal property which is part of an electric generating, transmission, or distribution system or a pipeline system transporting or distributing water, gas, or petroleum products or mains and pipes used in the distribution of steam or hot or chilled water for heating or cooling buildings and structures. Railroad docks and wharves which are part of the operating property of a railroad company as defined in section 1 are not exempt.

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(12) Containers of a kind customarily in the possession of the consumer during the consumption of commodities, the sale of which are subject to tax under the provisions of the excise tax imposed by Extra Session Laws 1967, Chapter 32;

(13) All livestock, poultry, all horses, mules and other animals used exclusively for agricultural purposes;

(14) All agricultural tools, implements and machinery used by the owners in any agricultural pursuit.

(15) Real and personal property used primarily for the abatement and control of air, water, or land pollution to the extent that it is so used.

Any taxpayer requesting exemption of all or a portion of any equipment or device, or part thereof, operated primarily for the control or abatement of air or water pollution shall file an application with the commissioner of revenue. Any such equipment or device shall meet standards, regulations or criteria prescribed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and must be installed or operated in accordance with a permit or order issued by that agency. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall upon request of the commissioner furnish information or advice to the commissioner. If the commissioner determines that property qualifies for exemption, he shall issue an order exempting such property from taxation. Any such equipment or device shall continue to be exempt from taxation as long as the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency remains in effect.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 295.02, is amended to read:

295.02 **ANNUAL RETURN.** Every railroad company owning or operating any line of railroad situated within, or partly within, this state shall, annually, pay to the commissioner of revenue, in lieu of all taxes upon all property within this state owned or operated for railway purposes by such company, including equipment, appurtenances, appendages and franchises thereof, a sum of money equal to ~~five~~ two percent of the gross earnings derived from the operation of such line of railway within this state.

On or before September first, annually, each such railroad company shall file a true and just return of all such gross earnings for the six months ending June thirtieth, next preceding, and the tax of ~~five~~ two percent thereon shall become due and payable to the state of Minnesota, in manner provided by law, on September first.

On or before March first, annually, each such railroad company shall file a true and just return of all such gross earnings for the six months ending December thirty-first, next preceding, and tax of ~~five~~ two percent thereon shall become due and payable to the state of Minnesota, in manner provided by law, on March first. The payments of such sums at the times hereinbefore set forth shall be in full and in lieu of all other taxes upon the property and franchises so taxed.

Such returns shall be filed with the commissioner, in such form as he shall prescribe, and the provisions of chapter 294 and acts amendatory thereto, shall be

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applicable to such railroad companies and to the returns and the taxes submitted therewith by them.

The lands acquired by public grant shall be and remain exempt from taxation until sold or contracted to be sold or conveyed, as provided in the respective acts whereby such grants were made or recognized.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 475.53, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **SCHOOL DISTRICTS.** Except as otherwise provided by law, no school district shall be subject to a net debt in excess of ten percent of the actual market value of all taxable property and of exempt property referred to in section 275.49, situated within its corporate limits, as computed in accordance with this subdivision. The county auditor of each county containing taxable real or personal property situated within any school district shall certify to the district upon request the market value of all such property. The county auditor of each county containing exempt property referred to in section 275.49, situated within any school district, shall certify to the district upon request the total market value of all such property as determined under section 275.49. ~~If 20 percent or more in value of the taxable property in any school district consists of property on which taxes are paid into the state treasury under gross earnings tax laws applicable to common carrier railroads,~~ The ~~public service commission~~ commissioner of revenue shall certify to the district upon request the market value of railroad property within the district as most recently determined ~~by the commission under section 270.87~~ . Whenever the state equalization aid review committee, in accordance with section 124.212, subdivision 10, has determined that the assessed valuation of any district furnished by county auditors is not based upon the market value of taxable property in the district, the commissioner of revenue shall certify to the district upon request the ratio most recently ascertained to exist between such value and the actual market value of property within the district. The actual market value of property within a district, on which its debt limit under this subdivision is based, is (a) the value certified by the county auditors and, where applicable, by the ~~public service commission~~ commissioner of revenue under section 270.87 , or (b) this value divided by the ratio certified by the commissioner of revenue, whichever results in a higher value.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 295.01, Subdivisions 2 and 3; 295.02; 295.03; 295.04; 295.05; 295.12; 295.13; and 295.14 are repealed.

Sec. 16. Section 15 shall be effective beginning for taxable years after December 31, 1980. The remainder of this article is effective after December 31, 1978.

ARTICLE VIII: PAYMENTS IN LIEU

Section 1. **[477A.11] NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS, PAYMENTS, IN LIEU; DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. For the purpose of sections 1 to 5, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

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Subd. 3. "Acquired natural resources land" means any land presently administered by the commissioner in which the state acquired by purchase, condemnation, or gift, a fee title interest in lands which were previously privately owned.

Subd. 4. "Other natural resources land" means any other land presently owned in fee title by the state and administered by the commissioner, or any tax-forfeited land, other than platted lots within a city, which is owned by the state and administered by the commissioner or by the county in which it is located.

Sec. 2. [477A.12] ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS; LANDS ELIGIBLE; CERTIFICATION OF ACREAGE. There is annually appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources from the general fund for payment to counties within the state an amount equal to \$3 multiplied by the number of acres of acquired natural resources land, 75 cents multiplied by the number of acres of county-administered other natural resources land, and 37.5 cents multiplied by the number of acres of commissioner-administered other natural resources land located in each county as of July 1 of each year. Lands for which payments in lieu are made pursuant to section 97.49, subdivision 7, and Laws 1973, Chapter 567, shall not be eligible for payments under this section. Each county auditor shall certify to the department of natural resources during July of each year the number of acres of county-administered other natural resources land within his county. The department of natural resources may, in addition to the certification of acreage, require descriptive lists of land so certified. The commissioner of natural resources shall determine and certify the number of acres of acquired natural resources land and commissioner-administered natural resources land within each county.

Sec. 3. [477A.13] TIME OF PAYMENT, DEDUCTIONS. Payments to the counties shall be made from the general fund during the month of January of the year next following certification. There shall be deducted from amounts paid any amounts paid to a county or township during the preceding year pursuant to sections 84A.51, 89.036, 97.49, subdivision 3, and 272.68, subdivision 3 with respect to the lands certified pursuant to section 2.

Sec. 4. [477A.14] USE OF FUNDS. Forty percent of the total payment to the county shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund to be used to provide property tax levy reduction. The remainder shall be distributed by the county in the following priority:

(a) 37.5 cents for each acre of county-administered other natural resources land shall be deposited in a resource development fund to be created within the county treasury for use in resource development, forest management, game and fish habitat improvement, and recreational development and maintenance of county-administered other natural resources land. Any county receiving less than \$5,000 annually for the resource development fund may elect to deposit that amount in the county general revenue fund;

(b) From the funds remaining, each organized township shall receive 30 cents per acre of acquired natural resources land and 7.5 cents per acre of other natural resources land located within its boundaries. Payments for natural resources lands not located in an

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organized township shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund. Payments to counties and townships pursuant to this paragraph shall be used to provide property tax levy reduction. Provided that, if the total payment to the county pursuant to section 2 is not sufficient to fully fund the distribution provided for in this clause, the amount available shall be distributed to each township and the county general revenue fund on a pro rata basis; and

(c) Any remaining funds shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund. Provided that, if the distribution to the county general revenue fund exceeds \$35,000, the excess shall be used to provide property tax levy reduction.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.51, Subdivision 3d, is amended to read:

Subd. 3d. The property tax levy limitation for governmental subdivisions in 1977 payable in 1978 and subsequent years shall be calculated as follows:

(a) The sum of the following amounts shall be computed: (1) the property tax permitted to be levied in 1976 payable 1977 computed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 275.51, Subdivision 3c, plus

(2) the amount of any state aids the governmental subdivision was entitled to receive in calendar year 1977 pursuant to sections 477A.01; 298.26; 298.28, subdivisions 1 and 1a; 298.281, subdivision 1; 298.282; and 294.26, plus

(3) the amount levied in 1976 payable 1977 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 275.50, Subdivision 5, Clauses (a), (c), (d), (e), and (f), except for levies made to pay tort judgments and make settlements of tort claims or to pay the salaries and benefits of municipal and probate court judges, plus

(4) the amount levied in 1976 payable 1977 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 275.50, Subdivision 5, Clause (g) for the administrative costs of public assistance programs or county welfare systems, plus

(5) one-half of the amount of the special levy authorized under section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (n) shall be added to the permanent levy limit base of the governmental subdivision in the year following the year in which it has been discontinued as a special levy pursuant to the provisions of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (n).

(b) The sum computed in clause (a) shall be increased annually in the manner provided in section 275.52 to derive the levy limit base for successive years.

(c) For taxes levied in 1978 payable 1979 and subsequent years, the levy limit base is the levy limit base which was computed for the immediately preceding year under the provisions of this section increased according to the provisions of section 275.52. Any amount levied in 1976 payable 1977 under the provisions of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clauses (a), (c), (d), (e) or (f) to meet the costs of programs, services or legal requirements which cease to exist in a subsequent year shall be subtracted from the levy limit base in

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the year in which the programs, services or legal requirements for which the levy was made cease to exist.

(d) The levy limit base shall be reduced by the total amount of state formula aids pursuant to section 477A.01 and taconite taxes and aids pursuant to sections 294.26; 298.26; 298.28, subdivision 1; and 298.282; ; and the payments in lieu of taxes to a county pursuant to section 2 which are required to be used to provide property tax levy reduction, to be paid in the calendar year in which property taxes are payable. As provided in section 298.28, subdivision 1, for taxes payable in 1978 and 1979, two cents per taxable ton, and for taxes payable in 1980 and thereafter, one cent per taxable ton of the amount distributed under section 298.28, subdivision 1, clause (4)(c) shall not be deducted from the levy limit base of the counties that receive that aid. The resulting figure is the amount of property taxes which a governmental subdivision may levy for all purposes other than those for which special levies and special assessments are made.

Sec. 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This article is effective July 1, 1979.

ARTICLE IX: SALES TAX

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 297A.01, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. A "sale" and a "purchase" includes, but is not limited to, each of the following transactions:

(a) Any transfer of title or possession, or both, of tangible personal property, whether absolutely or conditionally, and the leasing of or the granting of a license to use or consume tangible personal property, for a consideration in money or by exchange or barter;

(b) The production, fabrication, printing or processing of tangible personal property for a consideration for consumers who furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used in the production, fabrication, printing or processing;

(c) The furnishing, preparing or serving for a consideration of food, meals or drinks, not including hospitals, sanatoriums, nursing homes or senior citizens homes, meals or drinks purchased for and served exclusively to individuals who are 60 years of age or over and their spouses or to the handicapped and their spouses by governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, agencies, or churches or pursuant to any program funded in whole or part through 42 USCA sections 3001 through 3045, wherever delivered, prepared or served, meals and lunches served at public and private schools, universities or colleges, or the occasional meal thereof by a charitable or church organization;

(d) The granting of the privilege of admission to places of amusement or athletic events and the privilege of use of amusement devices;

(e) The furnishing for a consideration of lodging and related services by a hotel,

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rooming house, tourist court, motel or trailer camp and of the granting of any similar license to use real property other than the renting or leasing thereof for a continuous period of 30 days or more;

(f) The furnishing for a consideration of electricity, gas, water, or steam for use or consumption within this state, or local exchange telephone service and intrastate toll service except such service provided by means of coin operated telephones; the tax imposed on amounts paid for telephone services is the liability of and shall be paid by the person paying for the services. Sales by municipal corporations in a proprietary capacity are included in the provisions of this clause. The furnishing of water and sewer services for residential use shall not be considered a sale.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This article is effective July 1, 1979 for sales made after June 30, 1979.

ARTICLE X: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 93.55, is amended to read:

93.55 FAILURE TO FILE OR RE-FILE; FORFEITURE AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING; LEASING; RECOVERY OF FAIR MARKET VALUE OF FORFEITED INTEREST. Subdivision 1. If the owner of a mineral interest fails to file the verified statement required by section 93.52, before January 1, 1975, as to any interests owned on or before December 31, 1973, or within one year after acquiring such interests as to interests acquired after December 31, 1973, and not previously filed under section 93.52, the mineral interest shall forfeit to the state after notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in this section. ~~Thereafter~~

Subd. 2. The commissioner shall notify the last owner of record on file in either the county recorder's or registrar of titles' office of a hearing on an order to show cause why the mineral interest should not forfeit to the state absolutely. The notice shall be served in the same manner as provided for the service of summons in a civil action to determine adverse claims under chapter 559 and shall contain the following: (1) the legal description of the property upon or beneath which the interest exists; (2) a recitation that the statement of severed mineral interest either did not comply with the requirements specified by section 93.52 for such a statement or was not filed within the time specified in section 93.55, or both; and (3) that the court will be requested to enter an order adjudging the forfeiture of the mineral interest to be absolute in the absence of a showing that there was substantial compliance with laws requiring the registration and taxation of severed mineral interests. For the purposes of this section, substantial compliance with laws requiring the registration and taxation of severed mineral interests means: (1) that the records in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles specified the true ownership of the severed mineral interest during the time period within which the statement of severed mineral interest should have been registered with the county recorder or the registrar of titles, or that probate, divorce, bankruptcy, mortgage foreclosure, or other proceedings affecting the title had been timely initiated and diligently pursued by the true owner during the time period within which the severed mineral interest statement should have been registered, and (2) that all taxes relating to severed mineral interests had

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been timely paid, including any taxes which would have been due and owing under section 273.13, subdivision 2a, had the interest been properly filed for record as required by section 93.52 within the time specified in section 93.55. For the purposes of this section, "timely paid" means paid within the time period during which tax forfeiture would not have been possible had a real property tax been assessed against the property.

Subd. 3. After the forfeiture of the mineral interest is adjudged to be absolute, the mineral interest may be leased in the same manner as provided in section 93.335, for the lease of minerals and mineral rights becoming the absolute property of the state under the tax laws, except that no permit or lease issued pursuant to this section shall afford the permittee or lessee any of the rights of condemnation provided in section 93.05, as to overlying surface interests.

Subd. 4. After the mineral interest has forfeited to the state pursuant to this section, a person claiming an ownership interest before the forfeiture may recover the fair market value of the interest, only in the following manner either: (1) as an alternative claim raised in the hearing on the order to show cause why the mineral interest should not forfeit absolutely, with fair market value to be determined and paid as provided in this subdivision, or (2) in a separate action brought as follows. An action ~~must~~ may be commenced within six years after the forfeiture under this section to determine the ownership and the fair market value of the mineral interests in the property both at the time of forfeiture and at the time of bringing the action. The action shall be brought in the manner provided in chapter 559, for an action to determine adverse claims, to the extent applicable. The person bringing the action shall serve notice of the action on the commissioner of natural resources in the same manner as is provided for service of notice of the action on a defendant. The commissioner may appear and contest the allegations of ownership and value in the same manner as a defendant in such actions. Persons determined by the court to be owners of the interests at the time of forfeiture to the state under this section may present to the commissioner of finance a verified claim for refund of the fair market value of the interest. A copy of the court's decree shall be attached to the claim. Thereupon the commissioner of finance shall refund to the claimant the fair market value at the time of forfeiture or at the time of bringing the action, whichever is lesser, less any taxes, penalties, costs, and interest which could have been collected during the period following the forfeiture under this section, had the interest in minerals been valued and assessed for tax purposes at the time of forfeiture under this section. There is appropriated from the general fund to the persons entitled to a refund an amount sufficient to pay the refund.

Subd. 5. The forfeiture provisions of this section do not apply to mineral interests valued and taxed under other laws relating to the taxation of minerals, gas, coal, oil, or other similar interests, so long as a tax is imposed and no forfeiture under the tax laws is complete. However, if the mineral interest is valued under other tax laws, but no tax is imposed, the mineral interest forfeits under this section if not filed as required by this section.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 93, is amended by adding a section to read:

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[93.55] VALIDATION OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS; CORRECTION OF CERTAIN ERRORS. A statement of severed mineral interests which was filed within the time limits specified by section 93.55 is validly and timely filed even if the interest claimed by the owner does not correctly set forth the whole or fractional interest actually owned; the statement erroneously contained interests from more than one government section; the statement was not properly verified; or the interest, if registered property, was erroneously filed with the county recorder, or, if the interest was not registered property, was filed with the registrar of titles. The owner may file an amendment or supplement to the original statement for the purpose of correcting any or all of the errors described in this section.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 121.904, Subdivision 11b, is amended to read:

Subd. 11b. (1) Each district affected by the provisions of subdivision 11a shall account for and expend according to the provisions of this subdivision the total amount by which its 1976 payable 1977 and its 1977 payable 1978 permissible levies pursuant to section 275.125 were reduced on account of payments pursuant to sections 294.21 or 294.28; 298.23 to 298.28; 298.32; 298.34 to 298.39; 298.391 to 298.396; 298.405; 298.51 to 298.67; any law imposing a tax upon severed mineral values, or under any other law distributing proceeds in lieu of ad valorem tax assessments on copper or nickel properties. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 124.212, subdivision 8a, clause (2) and the provisions of section 275.125, subdivision 9, clause (2) or any other law to the contrary, this total amount shall not be applied to reduce the foundation aid which the district is entitled to receive pursuant to section 124.212 or again be applied to reduce the permissible levies of the district.

(2) The lesser of the amount in (1) or an amount equal to \$200 times the pupil units in the district computed pursuant to section 124.17 for the 1977-1978 school year shall be reflected in an "appropriated fund balance reserve account for current use of taconite payments" which shall be established in the general fund. Each school year, beginning in 1978-1979, each affected district shall transfer an amount equal to \$20 times the number of pupil units in the district in 1977-1978 out of this account into other operating accounts in the general fund, until the amount transferred equals the amount originally reflected in the reserve account; provided that in the last year in which the district is required to make this transfer, it shall transfer the balance of the reserve account, not to exceed an amount equal to \$20 times the number of pupil units in the district in 1977-1978. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 121.917, each affected district may use the amount so transferred each year to increase its expenditures above the amount it would otherwise be authorized to expend in that school year.

(3) Of the amount in (1), any amount not reflected in the account established pursuant to clause (2) shall be reflected in the district's appropriated fund balance reserve account for purposes of reducing statutory operating debt, if the district has established this account pursuant to section 275.125, subdivision 9a. The June 30, 1977 statutory operating debt of the district shall be reduced by the amount so reflected and shall be recertified accordingly by the commissioner.

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(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 121.912, any portion of the amount in (1) remaining after the application of clauses (2) and (3) shall be transferred to the district's capital expenditure fund; provided that before July 1, 1979 not exceeding \$75,000 of the amount transferred to the capital expenditure fund pursuant to this clause may be transferred to the district's general fund.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 270.06, is amended to read:

270.06 **POWERS AND DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the commissioner of revenue and he shall have power and authority:

(1) To have and exercise general supervision over the administration of the assessment and taxation laws of the state, over assessors, town, county, and city boards of review and equalization, and all other assessing officers in the performance of their duties, to the end that all assessments of property be made relatively just and equal in compliance with the laws of the state;

(2) To confer with, advise and give the necessary instructions and directions to local assessors and local boards of review throughout the state as to their duties under the laws of the state, and to that end call meetings of local assessors of each county, to be held at the county-seat of such county, for the purpose of receiving necessary instructions from the commissioner as to the laws governing the assessment and taxation of all classes of property, which meetings at least one member of each local board of review shall attend.

(3) To direct proceedings, actions, and prosecutions to be instituted to enforce the laws relating to the liability and punishment of public officers and officers and agents of corporations for failure or negligence to comply with the provisions of the laws of this state governing returns of assessment and taxation of property, and to cause complaints to be made against local assessors, members of boards of equalization, members of boards of review, or any other assessing or taxing officer, to the proper authority, for their removal from office for misconduct or negligence of duty.

(4) To require county attorneys to assist in the commencement of prosecutions in actions or proceedings for removal, forfeiture and punishment for violation of the laws of this state in respect to the assessment and taxation of property in their respective districts or counties;

(5) To require town, city, county, and other public officers to report information as to the assessment of property, collection of taxes received from licenses and other sources, and such other information as may be needful in the work of the department of revenue, in such form and upon such blanks as he may prescribe;

(6) To require individuals, copartnerships, companies, associations, and corporations to furnish information concerning their capital, funded or other debt, current assets and liabilities, earnings, operating expenses, taxes, as well as all other statements now required by law for taxation purposes;

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(7) To summon witnesses to appear and give testimony, and to produce books, records, papers and documents relating to any tax matter which he may have authority to investigate or determine;

(8) To cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the state, or absent therefrom, to be taken, upon notice to the interested party, if any, in like manner that depositions of witnesses are taken in civil actions in the district court, in any matter which he may have authority to investigate or determine;

(9) To investigate the tax laws of other states and countries and to formulate and submit to the legislature such legislation as he may deem expedient to prevent evasions of assessment and taxing laws, and to secure just and equal taxation and improvement in the system of assessment and taxation in this state;

(10) To consult and confer with the governor upon the subject of taxation, the administration of the laws in regard thereto, and the progress of the work of the department of revenue, and to furnish the governor, from time to time, such assistance and information as he may require relating to tax matters;

(11) To transmit to the governor, on or before the third Monday in December of each even-numbered year, and to each member of the legislature, on or before November 15 of each even numbered year, the report of the department of revenue for the preceding years, showing all the taxable property in the state and the value of the same, in tabulated form;

(12) To visit at least one-half of the counties of the state annually and every county in the state at least once in two years and inquire into the methods of assessment and taxation and ascertain whether the assessors faithfully discharge their duties, particularly as to their compliance with the laws requiring the assessment of all property not exempt from taxation;

(13) To exercise and perform such further powers and duties as may be required or imposed upon the commissioner of revenue by law;

(14) The commissioner of revenue may promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of the property tax. Such rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law;

(15) To execute and administer any agreement with the secretary of the treasury of the United States regarding the exchange of information and administration of the tax laws of both the United States and the state of Minnesota; ;

(16) To administer and enforce the provisions of sections 325.64 to 325.76, the Minnesota unfair cigarette sales act.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.13, Subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2a. **CLASS 1B.** "Mineral interest", for the purpose of this subdivision, means an interest in any minerals, including but not limited to gas, coal, oil, or other similar interest in real estate, which is owned separately and apart from the fee title to the surface of such real property. Mineral interests which are filed for record in the offices of either the county recorder or registrar of titles, whether or not filed pursuant to sections 93.52 to 93.58, constitute class 1b, and shall be taxed as provided in this subdivision unless specifically excluded by this subdivision. A tax of \$.25 per acre or portion of an acre of mineral interest is hereby imposed and is due and payable annually. If an interest ~~filed pursuant to sections 93.52 to 93.58~~ is a fractional undivided interest in an area, the tax due on the interest per acre or portion of an acre is equal to the product obtained by multiplying the fractional interest times \$.25, computed to the nearest cent. However, the minimum annual tax on any mineral interest is \$2. No such tax on mineral interests is due and payable on the following: (a) Mineral interests valued and taxed under other laws relating to the taxation of minerals, gas, coal, oil, or other similar interests; (b) Mineral interests which are exempt from taxation pursuant to constitutional or related statutory provisions. Tax money received under this subdivision shall be apportioned to the taxing districts included in the area taxed in the same proportion as the surface interest mill rate of a taxing district bears to the total mill rate applicable to surface interests in the area taxed. The tax imposed by this subdivision is not included within any limitations as to rate or amount of taxes which may be imposed in an area to which the tax imposed by this subdivision applies. The tax imposed by this subdivision shall not cause the amount of other taxes levied or to be levied in the area, which are subject to any such limitation, to be reduced in any amount whatsoever. The tax imposed by this section is effective for taxing years beginning January 1, 1975. Twenty percent of the revenues received from the tax imposed by this section shall be distributed under the provisions of section 362.40.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 290.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. GASOLINE AND SPECIAL FUEL TAX REFUND. Subject to the provisions of section 296.18, a credit equal to the amount paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year as excise tax on gasoline bought and used for any purpose other than use in motor vehicles or snowmobiles or on special fuel bought and used for any purpose other than use in licensed motor vehicles may be deducted from any tax due under chapter 290. Any amount by which the credit exceeds the tax due shall be refunded.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 292.04, is amended to read:

292.04 **EXEMPTIONS.** The following transfers by gift shall be exempt from and excluded in computing the tax imposed by this chapter:

(1) Gifts to or for the use of the United States of America or any state or any political subdivision thereof for exclusively public purposes;

(2) Gifts to or for the use of any fund, foundation, trust, association, organization or corporation operated within this state for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes exclusively, including the promotion of the arts, or the conduct of a public cemetery, if no part thereof inures to the profit of any private shareholder or

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individual. Gifts to or for the use of any corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association operated for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, including the promotion of the arts, or the conduct of a public cemetery, no part of which inures to the profit of any private shareholders or individual, shall be exempt, if at the date of the gift, the laws of the state under the laws of which the donee is organized or existing either (1) do not impose a gift tax in respect of property transferred to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association, organized or existing under the laws of this state, or (2) contain a reciprocal provision under which gifts to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association organized or existing under the laws of another state are exempt from gift taxes if such other state allows a similar exemption to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association, organized or existing under the laws of such state;

(3) Gifts to a fraternal society, order, or association operating under the lodge system, but only if such gifts are to be used exclusively for the purposes designated in clause (2);

(4) Gifts to or for the use of posts or organizations of war veterans, or auxiliary units or societies of any such posts or organizations, if such posts, organizations, units or societies are organized within the state of Minnesota and if such gifts are to be used exclusively for the purposes designated in clause (2);

(5) All property transferred, money, service, or other thing of value, paid, furnished, or delivered by any person, corporation, organization, or association to his or its employees, or to any organization of his or its employees, directly or indirectly, or to any person, firm, or corporation for them or it, including payments to cover insurance, sickness, and death benefits, pensions, relief activities, or to any other employees benefit fund of any kind, and medical service to such employees and their families;

(6) The first \$3,000 in value of gifts (other than of future interests in property) made to any person by the donor during any calendar year. No part of a gift to a minor donee shall be considered a gift of future interest in property for purposes of this clause if it complies with the provisions of the Minnesota uniform gifts to minors act, chapter 527, or if it is a transfer for the benefit of a minor, and if the property and income therefrom:

(a) May be expended by or for the benefit of the donee before his attaining the age of 18 21 years; and

(b) Will to the extent not so expended

(1) pass to the donee on his attaining the age of 18 21 years and

(2) in the event the donee dies before attaining the age of 18 21 years, be payable to the estate of the donee, or as he may appoint under a general power of appointment as defined in section 2514(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

(7) Gifts to an employee stock ownership trust as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 5. Where the beneficiaries of a stock ownership trust include the transferor,

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his spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings or their children, the amount of the exemption shall be reduced by the product of multiplying said amount by their percentage interest in the trust.

Sec. 8. **REFUND.** Persons who paid gift taxes after June 1, 1973 on a transfer excludable pursuant to section 7 shall be entitled to a refund of taxes paid provided a claim is made to the commissioner pursuant to the procedures of section 292.12.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 296.18, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

296.18 **CREDIT.** Subdivision 1. **GASOLINE OR SPECIAL FUEL USED IN OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES.** *Any person who shall buy and use gasoline for any purpose other than use in motor vehicles or snowmobiles, or special fuel for any purpose other than use in licensed motor vehicles, and who shall have paid the excise tax directly or indirectly through the amount of the tax being included in the price of the gasoline or special fuel, or otherwise, shall be reimbursed and repaid eligible to receive the credit provided in section 290.06, subdivision 13, in the amount of the tax paid by him upon filing with the commissioner a signed claim in writing in such form and containing such information as the commissioner shall require and accompanied by the original invoice thereof. By signing any such claim which is false or fraudulent, the applicant shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section for knowingly making a false claim. The claim shall set forth The taxpayer claiming this credit shall include with his income tax return information including the total amount of the gasoline so purchased and used by him other than in motor vehicles, or special fuel so purchased and used by him other than in licensed motor vehicles, and shall state when and for what purpose it was used. When a claim contains an error in computation or preparation, the commissioner is authorized to adjust the claim in accordance with the evidence shown on the claim or other information available to him. If the commissioner be satisfied that the claimant is entitled to payment, he shall approve the claim and transmit it to the commissioner of finance. No repayment shall be made unless the claim and invoice shall be filed with the commissioner within one year from the date of the purchase. The postmark on the envelope in which the claim is mailed shall determine the date of filing. The words "gasoline" or "special fuel" as used in this subdivision do not include aviation gasoline or special fuel for aircraft.*

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 296.18, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **FAILURE TO USE OR SELL GASOLINE OR SPECIAL FUEL FOR INTENDED PURPOSES; REPORTS REQUIRED.** (1) Any person who shall buy aviation gasoline or special fuel for aircraft use and who shall have paid the excise taxes due thereon directly or indirectly through the amount of the tax being included in the price thereof, or otherwise, and shall use said gasoline or special fuel in motor vehicles or shall knowingly sell it to any person for use in motor vehicles shall, on or before the twenty-third day of the month following that in which such gasoline or special fuel was so used or sold, report the fact of such use or sale to the commissioner in such form as he may prescribe.

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(2) Any person who shall buy gasoline other than aviation gasoline and who shall have paid the motor vehicle gasoline excise tax directly or indirectly through the amount of the tax being included in the price of the gasoline, or otherwise, who shall knowingly sell such gasoline to any person to be used for the purpose of producing or generating power for propelling aircraft, or who shall receive, store, or withdraw from storage such gasoline to be used for that purpose, shall, on or before the twenty-third day of the month following that in which such gasoline was so sold, stored, or withdrawn from storage, report the fact of such sale, storage, or withdrawal from storage to the commissioner in such form as he may prescribe.

(3) Any person who shall buy aviation gasoline or special fuel for aircraft use and who shall have paid the excise taxes directly or indirectly through the amount of the tax being included in the price thereof, or otherwise, who shall not use it in motor vehicles or receive, sell, store, or withdraw it from storage for the purpose of producing or generating power for propelling aircraft, shall be reimbursed and repaid the amount of the tax paid by him upon his making a verified claim in the same manner as is provided in subdivision 1 of this section with reference to claims for refunds of motor vehicle gasoline excise taxes, and the provisions of that subdivision as to the procedure on claims shall apply to claims made under this clause filing with the commissioner a signed claim in writing in such form and containing such information as the commissioner shall require and accompanied by the original invoice thereof. By signing any such claim which is false or fraudulent, the applicant shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section for knowingly making a false claim. The claim shall set forth the total amount of the aviation gasoline or special fuel for aircraft use so purchased and used by him, and shall state when and for what purpose it was used. When a claim contains an error in computation or preparation, the commissioner is authorized to adjust the claim in accordance with the evidence shown on the claim or other information available to him. If the commissioner be satisfied that the claimant is entitled to payment, he shall approve the claim and transmit it to the commissioner of finance. No repayment shall be made unless the claim and invoice shall be filed with the commissioner within one year from the date of the purchase. The postmark on the envelope in which the claim is mailed shall determine the date of filing.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 296.18, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **PENALTIES FOR FILING FALSE CLAIMS.** Every person who shall make any false statement in any claim or invoice filed with the commissioner, or knowingly file with the commissioner any claim or invoice containing any false statement or collect or cause to be paid to him or to any other person a refund without being entitled thereto, when acting pursuant to the provisions of ~~subdivision 1~~ or subdivision 2, clause 3, shall forfeit the full amount of the claim and be guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person who is convicted under the provisions of this subdivision shall be prohibited from filing with the commissioner any claim for refund upon gasoline purchased within six months after such conviction.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 296.18, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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Subd. 8. **APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated to the persons entitled to such refund under this section, from the fund or account in the state treasury to which the money was credited, an amount sufficient to make the refund and payment. There is annually appropriated from the highway user tax distribution fund to the general fund the amount required to make the refunds required to be paid as income tax credits pursuant to sections 6 and 9.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 298.24, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. A credit in the amount of two cents per gross ton of merchantable iron ore concentrate produced shall be allowed against the tax imposed by subdivision 1, with respect to the production of iron ore concentrate from taconite plants which, together with the lands upon which they are located and lands used in connection with the mining, quarrying and concentration of taconite and buildings, machinery, equipment and other fixtures used in the production of taconite, and notwithstanding the provisions of section 298.25, have heretofore by law been made subject to direct taxes for the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by a school district or city; provided however, that the total amount of credit allowable hereunder with respect to production from any plant heretofore subjected to such direct taxes shall not exceed the amount of the direct taxes levied against such plant and payable after January 1, 1969, and until said bonds and the indebtedness secured thereby have been paid in full; and provided further that no credit shall be allowed hereunder after December 31, ~~1978~~ 1983. Any credit provided for herein shall reduce the credit authorized under Laws 1965, Chapter 735.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 473.595, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

473.595 COMMISSION FINANCES. Subdivision 1. **ADMISSION TAX.** Effective January 1, 1978, the commission shall by resolution impose a three percent admission tax upon the granting, sale, or distribution, by any private or public person, association, or corporation, of the privilege of admission to activities; except for those activities sponsored by ~~nonprofit organizations and conducted~~ at the indoor public assembly facility at the metropolitan sports area known as the metropolitan sports center. Commencing with the operation of sports facilities constructed or remodeled by the commission pursuant to sections 473.551 to 473.595, the commission shall impose an additional seven percent admission tax upon activities conducted at such sports facilities. Effective January 1, 1978, no other tax, except the taxes imposed by chapter 297A, may be levied by any other unit of government upon any such sale or distribution. The admission tax shall be stated and charged separately from the sales price so far as practicable and shall be collected by the grantor, seller, or distributor from the person admitted and shall be a debt from that person to the grantor, seller, or distributor, and the tax required to be collected shall constitute a debt owed by the grantor, seller, or distributor to the commission, which shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as other debts. Every person granting, selling, or distributing tickets for such admissions may be required, as provided in resolutions of the commission, to secure a permit, to file returns, to deposit security for the payment of the tax, and to pay such penalties for nonpayment and interest on late payments, as shall be deemed necessary or expedient to

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assure the prompt and uniform collection of the tax.

Sec. 15. CITIES OF GOLDEN VALLEY AND PLYMOUTH; STORM SEWER RESERVE FUND. Subdivision 1. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. The governing body of the city of Plymouth and the governing body of the city of Golden Valley may by resolution after notice and hearing adopt a capital improvement program for a storm sewer tax district established under Minnesota Statutes, Section 444.17. The capital improvement program shall set forth the storm sewer improvement projects to be constructed, a schedule of construction with a termination date not exceeding seven years from its adoption, the estimated cost of the improvements, and the proposed methods of financing the program. The capital improvement program may provide for the construction of various improvement projects at different locations within the district at different times, but the program shall provide for the reasonable storm drainage of all lands within the district.

Subd. 2. RESERVE FUND; TAXES. After the adoption of a capital improvement program for a storm sewer tax district, each municipality may by ordinance after notice and hearing establish a storm sewer reserve fund for the district and may annually levy a tax not exceeding one mill on all the taxable property in the district for the support of the fund in an aggregate amount equal to the actual or estimated cost, whichever is less, of the improvement projects identified in the capital improvement program for the district. The proceeds of the tax shall be paid into the storm sewer reserve fund for the district and used for no other purpose than to pay capital costs of improvement projects therein including principal and interest on obligations issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 444.19. A tax levied in accordance with this subdivision is a levy for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.50, Subdivision 5, Clause (e).

Subd. 3. TERMINATION OF TAX. If a contract for one or more of the improvement projects identified in the capital improvement program has not been entered into by the municipality within one year after the date of the adoption of the capital improvement program the tax authorized by subdivision 2 shall terminate and any proceeds of the tax in the storm sewer reserve fund shall be transferred and irrevocably pledged to the debt service fund of the municipality to be used solely to reduce tax levies for bonded indebtedness of taxable property within the district. Upon the termination date of the capital improvement program the tax authorized by subdivision 2 shall terminate and proceeds of the tax in the storm sewer reserve fund shall be used as provided in this section.

Subd. 4. HEARINGS; NOTICE. The adoption of a capital improvement program and the establishment of a storm sewer reserve fund shall be preceded by a hearing upon the same notice required for the establishment of a storm sewer district. The municipality may establish the district, adopt the program and establish the fund at the same hearing.

Sec. 16. MINNEAPOLIS; CONTRACTS. Subdivision 1. If the city of Minneapolis contracts with a corporation to operate a port facility, the corporation may sell, purchase, or rent supplies, materials, or equipment, or construct, alter, expand, repair, or maintain real or personal property at such facility without regard to the provisions of Minnesota

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Statutes, Section 471.345. This subdivision shall apply regardless of the source of funds dispersed by the corporation.

Subd. 2. This section is effective upon approval by the governing body of the city of Minneapolis and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Sec. 17. Laws 1977, Chapter 423, Article VIII, Section 1, Subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, ~~1979~~ 1981, from the general fund, the sum of ~~\$250,000~~ \$525,000 to pay the expenses incurred by the commission and \$50,000 shall be used to study the impact of the municipal aid formula established in Article VI.

Sec. 18. ~~[3.86] [Subd. 4a.]~~ During the period while the chairman of the House tax committee is chairman of the tax study commission, the chairman of the Senate committee on taxes and tax laws shall be the chairman of the subcommittee on personnel of the tax study commission.

Sec. 19. The terms of office of citizen members of the committee established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 84B.11, Subdivision 1, who are holding office on May 1, 1979, shall be extended for two years from the date on which they would otherwise terminate.

Sec. 20. In the event that additional personnel or funds are necessary for the administration of this act, the commissioner of revenue may request the increase in approved complement or the additional funding from the legislative advisory commission.

Sec. 21. **APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue the amount necessary to make the refunds provided by section 8.

Sec. 22. This is appropriated from the general fund of the state treasury to a legislative study group of 12 persons, six of whom are to be appointed by the senate committee on committees and six of whom shall be appointed pursuant to the negotiated agreement of the house, of \$50,000:

(1) to examine the structure of the government of the city of Minneapolis and;

(2) to make recommendations on how to:

(a) increase the efficiency of Minneapolis city government;

(b) reduce the cost of Minneapolis city government; and

(c) insure a structure of government which is responsive to the citizens of the city of Minneapolis.

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Sec. 23. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1, 2, 5, 14, 15 and 18 to 20 are effective the day following final enactment. Sections 6 and 9 to 12 are effective for gasoline and special fuel sold after December 31, 1979. Sections 7 and 8 are retroactively effective June 1, 1973.

Approved June 1, 1979.

CHAPTER 304—S.F.No.188

An act relating to noise pollution; exempting skeet, trap and shooting sports clubs from noise standards of any state agency; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 116.07, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 116.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. EXEMPTIONS FROM STANDARDS. No standards adopted by any state agency for limiting levels of noise in terms of sound pressure which may occur in the outdoor atmosphere shall apply to skeet, trap or shooting sports clubs. Nothing herein shall prohibit a local unit of government from regulating the location and operation of skeet, trap or shooting sports clubs.

Approved June 1, 1979.

CHAPTER 305—S.F.No.521

An act relating to liquor; providing for licenses in various cities; limiting licenses allowed to be issued to persons and places; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 340.11, Subdivision 11b; 340.13, Subdivisions 3 and 7; and 340.14, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any statute, ordinance, or charter to the contrary, the governing body of the city of St. Cloud may by ordinance authorize any holder of an on-sale intoxicating liquor license issued by the city to dispense intoxicating liquor at any convention, banquet, conference, meeting or social affair at the premises known and used as the Municipal Sports Complex. The licensee must be engaged to dispense intoxicating liquor at such an event held by a person or organization permitted to use space at the arena, and may dispense intoxicating liquor only to persons attending the event. The dispensing of intoxicating liquor shall be subject to all laws and ordinances governing the dispensing of intoxicating liquor as are not inconsistent herewith. Nothing in this act shall authorize the dispensing of intoxicating liquor to any person attending or participating in

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