

(e) the financing of metropolitan institutions, facilities, and services and the feasibility of legislative approval of the budget and staff complement of the metropolitan council; and

(f) the appropriate uses of the authority of the metropolitan council and metropolitan agencies to review local applications for state and federal financial assistance.

Sec. 3. REPORT.

The commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than January 5, 1983.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day after final enactment and shall expire January 6, 1983.

Approved May 21, 1981

CHAPTER 251 — S.F.No. 279

An act relating to taxation; providing that certain emergency shelters are exempt from the property tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 272.02, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 272.02, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Except as provided in other subdivisions of this section or in section 272.025 or section 273.13, subdivisions 17, 17b, 17c or 17d, 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 except property assessed pursuant to section 273.13, subdivisions 17, 17b, 17c or 17d;

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- (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.

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, clause (c), except personal property which is part of an

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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 270.80 are not exempt.

(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, other than real property used primarily as a solid waste disposal site.

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 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 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.

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(17) Native prairie. The commissioner of the department of natural resources shall determine lands in the state which are native prairie and shall notify the county assessor of each county in which the lands are located. Upon receipt of an application for the exemption and credit provided in this clause and section 273.116 for lands for which the assessor has no determination from the commissioner of natural resources, the assessor shall refer the application to the commissioner of natural resources who shall determine within 30 days whether the land is native prairie and notify the county assessor of his decision. Exemption of native prairie pursuant to this clause shall not grant the public any additional or greater right of access to the native prairie or diminish any right of ownership to it.

(18) Property used in a continuous program to provide emergency shelter for victims of domestic abuse, provided the organization that owns and sponsors the shelter is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1980, notwithstanding the fact that the sponsoring organization receives funding under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective for taxes levied in 1981 and subsequent years, payable in 1982 and subsequent years.

Approved May 21, 1981

CHAPTER 252 — S.F.No. 903

An act relating to the city of Minneapolis; providing for amendment of certain special revenue obligations; amending Laws 1975, Chapter 188, Section 3, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Laws 1975, Chapter 188, Section 3, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. The city council of the city of Minneapolis may, by resolution and without regard to any of the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C, authorize any amendment to the terms and conditions of any revenue bonds or other obligations issued by the city pursuant to section 3 prior to January 1, 1980, except that, (a) an amendment may not increase the aggregate principal amount of the revenue bonds or other obligations, and, (b) an amendment may not be made if as a result of it Section 103A of the Internal

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