

ARTICLE 15
TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Section 1. TECHNICAL COLLEGE FUNDING SHIFT.

\$24,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 1995 from the general fund to the state board of technical colleges to eliminate the funding shift under Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 136C.36, and to provide 100 percent funding in the year for which it is appropriated.

Presented to the governor May 9, 1994

Signed by the governor May 10, 1994, 6:50 p.m.

CHAPTER 648—H.F.No. 3041

An act relating to government; providing for the ownership, financing, and use of certain sports facilities; permitting the issuance of bonds and other obligations; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 473.551; 473.552; 473.553, subdivision 3, and by adding a subdivision; 473.556; 473.561; 473.564, subdivision 2; 473.572; 473.581; 473.592; 473.595; and 473.596; Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 240A.02, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 240A; and 473; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 473.564, subdivision 1; and 473.571.

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

ARTICLE 1

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 240A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **MEMBERSHIP; COMPENSATION; CHAIR.** (a) The Minnesota amateur sports commission consists of 12 voting members, four of whom must be experienced in promoting amateur sports. Nine of the voting members shall be appointed by the governor to three-year terms. Of the total commission membership, including voting and nonvoting members, one member must reside in each of the state's congressional districts. ~~Two~~ Four legislators, ~~one~~ two from each house appointed according to its rules, shall be nonvoting members. One member from each house shall be from the minority caucus. Compensation and removal of members and the filling of membership vacancies are as provided in section 15.0575. A member may be reappointed. The governor shall appoint the chair of the commission after consideration of the commission's recommendation.

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(b) The governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and senate majority leader shall each appoint one additional voting member to the commission to a two-year term. The purpose of adding three members to the commission is to ensure gender balance in commission membership. Compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies of members appointed under this paragraph are as provided in section 15.0575. A member appointed under this paragraph may be reappointed.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.551, is amended to read:

473.551 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **TERMS.** For the purposes of sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599, the following terms shall have the meanings given in this section.

Subd. 2. **CITIES.** "Cities" means the cities of Minneapolis, Bloomington, and Richfield.

Subd. 3. **COMMISSION.** "Commission" means the metropolitan sports facilities commission.

Subd. 4. **METRODOME DEBT SERVICE.** "Metrodome debt service" means the principal and interest due each year on all bonds or revenue anticipation certificates issued by the council under section 473.581 ~~or assumed by the council or for which the council is obligated under section 473.564.~~

Subd. 5. **METROPOLITAN SPORTS AREA.** "Metropolitan sports area" means the real estate in the city of Bloomington described in the ownership and operations agreement, and all buildings, structures, improvements and equipment thereon; ~~now including the met center, owned by the cities on May 17, 1977, the date of enactment of sections 473.551 to 473.595, and since transferred to the commission pursuant to sections 473.551 to 473.595.~~

Subd. 6. **METROPOLITAN SPORTS AREA COMMISSION.** "Metropolitan sports area commission" means that commission established by an ownership and operations agreement made and entered into as of August 13, 1954, validated by Laws 1955, Chapter 445, to which the cities ~~are now parties~~ were parties on May 17, 1977.

Subd. 7. **MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS FACILITY.** "Multipurpose sports facility" means a single unit sports facility suitable for university or major league professional baseball, football, and soccer.

Subd. 8. **SPORTS FACILITY OR SPORTS FACILITIES.** "Sports facility" or "sports facilities" means real or personal property comprising a stadium ~~or~~ or stadiums, ~~or~~ or arenas suitable for university or major league professional baseball ~~or~~ or for university or major league professional football and soccer, or for both, ~~or for university or major league hockey or basketball, or for both,~~ together with adjacent parking facilities, including on the effective date of this act, the metrodome, the met center, and, upon acquisition by the commission, the basketball and hockey arena.

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Subd. 9. METRODOME. "Metrodome" means the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome located in the city of Minneapolis constructed and owned by the commission and financed by the bonds of the council issued pursuant to sections 473.551 to 473.595, including all real estate, buildings, improvements, and equipment in and on them.

Subd. 10. BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY ARENA. "Basketball and hockey arena" means the indoor arena building currently occupied and utilized for the playing of university or major league basketball, hockey, and other purposes located in the city of Minneapolis, including all improvements and equipment in the arena and the leasehold or other interest in the arena land appurtenant to the arena, but excluding the health club.

Subd. 11. HEALTH CLUB. "Health club" means that separate portion of the basketball and hockey arena building occupied and utilized by a private sports and health club on the effective date of this act, the improvements and equipment in and on it, and the leasehold or other interest in the arena land appurtenant to it.

Subd. 12. MET CENTER. "Met center" means the real estate in the city of Bloomington presently owned by the commission, formerly utilized for major league hockey, and all buildings, improvements, and equipment in and on it.

Subd. 13. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. "Development agreement" means the second amended and restated development agreement among the Minneapolis community development agency, Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Clubs, Inc., and the city of Minneapolis dated August 5, 1988, and as amended before the effective date of this act.

Subd. 14. GROUND LEASE. "Ground lease" means the ground lease of the arena land between the Minneapolis community development agency and Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Clubs, Inc., dated August 5, 1988, and as amended before the effective date of this act.

Subd. 15. GUARANTORS. "Guarantors" means the individuals who have guaranteed to the Minneapolis community development agency and the city of Minneapolis the performance of the development agreement, ground lease, and certain other obligations pursuant to written guaranty dated February 17, 1988.

Subd. 16. ARENA LAND. "Arena land" means the real estate upon which the basketball and hockey arena and health club have been constructed and any adjacent parcel or parcels which are owned by the city of Minneapolis and subject to the development agreement or the ground lease and all rights, privileges, and easements appertaining to it.

Subd. 17. BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY ARENA DEBT SERVICE. "Basketball and hockey arena debt service" means the principal and interest due each year on all bonds or revenue anticipation certificates issued by the council under section 473.599.

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.552, is amended to read:

473.552 LEGISLATIVE POLICY; PURPOSE.

The legislature finds that

(a) the population in the metropolitan area has a need for sports facilities and that this need cannot be met adequately by the activities of individual municipalities, by agreements among municipalities, or by the private efforts of the people in the metropolitan area,

(b) the commission's ownership and operation of the metrodome and met center has met in part the foregoing need and has promoted the economic and social interests of the metropolitan area, of the state, and of the public, and

(c) the commission's acquisition of the basketball and hockey arena on the terms and conditions provided in sections 473.598 and 473.599 shall similarly and more fully meet the foregoing needs and promote these interests.

It is therefore necessary for the public health, safety and general welfare to establish a procedure for the acquisition and betterment of sports facilities and to create a metropolitan sports facilities commission.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.553, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **CHAIR.** The chair shall be appointed by the governor as the ~~seventh~~ ninth voting member and shall meet all of the qualifications of a member, except the chair need only reside outside the ~~metropolitan area~~ city of Minneapolis. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the commission, if present, and shall perform all other duties and functions assigned by the commission or by law. The commission may appoint from among its members a vice-chair to act for the chair during temporary absence or disability.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.553, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14. MEMBERSHIP CHANGE. If the basketball and hockey arena is acquired pursuant to section 473.598, and an appropriation is made pursuant to section 240A.08, then the number of members of the commission shall change, as follows. On January 1 next following the initial appropriation pursuant to section 240A.08, the commission shall consist of eight members plus a chair appointed as provided in subdivision 3. Six members shall be the members appointed by the Minneapolis city council under subdivision 2 and subject to subdivision 5. Two additional members, other than the chair, shall be appointed by the governor; neither of those members shall reside in the city of Minneapolis, and one of those members must reside outside the metropolitan area. The term of one of the members appointed under this subdivision by the governor shall end the first Monday in January 1996 and the term of the other member appointed by the governor shall end the first Monday in January 1998. Thereafter, their terms are as determined under subdivision 5.

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Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.556, is amended to read:

473.556 POWERS OF COMMISSION.

Subdivision 1. **GENERAL.** The commission shall have all powers necessary or convenient to discharge the duties imposed by law, including but not limited to those specified in this section.

Subd. 2. **ACTIONS.** The commission may sue and be sued, and shall be a public body within the meaning of chapter 562.

Subd. 3. **ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.** The commission may acquire by lease, purchase, gift, or devise all necessary right, title, and interest in and to real or personal property deemed necessary to the purposes contemplated by sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599 within the limits of the metropolitan area.

Subd. 4. **EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY.** Any real or personal property acquired, owned, leased, controlled, used, or occupied by the commission for any of the purposes of sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599 is declared to be acquired, owned, leased, controlled, used and occupied for public, governmental, and municipal purposes, and shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation by the state or any political subdivision of the state, provided that such properties shall be subject to special assessments levied by a political subdivision for a local improvement in amounts proportionate to and not exceeding the special benefit received by the properties from the improvement. No possible use of any such properties in any manner different from their use under sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599 at the time shall be considered in determining the special benefit received by the properties. All assessments shall be subject to final confirmation by the council, whose determination of the benefits shall be conclusive upon the political subdivision levying the assessment. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 272.01, subdivision 2, or 273.19, real or personal property leased by the commission to another person for uses related to the purposes of sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599, including the operation of the ~~metropolitan sports area, but not including property sold or leased for development pursuant to subdivision 6, metro~~dome, ~~met center, and, if acquired by the commission, the basketball and hockey arena~~ shall be exempt from taxation regardless of the length of the lease. The provisions of this subdivision, insofar as they require exemption or special treatment, shall not apply to any real property at the ~~metropolitan sports area comprising the met center which is leased by the commission for development pursuant to subdivision 6 residential, business, or commercial development or other purposes different from those contemplated in sections 473.551 to 473.599.~~

Subd. 5. **FACILITY OPERATION.** The commission may equip, improve, operate, manage, maintain, and control the ~~metropolitan sports area metro-~~dome, ~~met center, basketball and hockey arena~~ and sports facilities constructed ~~or, remodeled, or acquired~~ under the provisions of sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599.

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Subd. 6. **DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.** (a) The commission may sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property acquired by it which is no longer required for accomplishment of its purposes. The property shall be sold in the manner accordance with the procedures provided by section 469.065, insofar as practical and consistent with sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599.

(b) Real property at the metropolitan sports area (not including the indoor public assembly facility and adjacent parking facilities) which is no longer needed for sports facilities may be sold or leased for residential, commercial, or industrial development in accordance with the procedures in section 469.065 within two years to a private, for-profit entity, and thereafter the property shall be subject to all applicable taxes and assessments and all government laws, rules and ordinances bearing on use and development as if the property were privately owned.

(c) Any real property right, title, or interest within the provisions of paragraph (b) owned by the commission may be sold or leased in whole or in part to the port authority of the city of Bloomington to further the general plan of port improvement or industrial development or for any other purpose which the authority considers to be in the best interests of the district and its people. The property shall be sold or leased to the authority in accordance with section 469.065, subdivisions 1 to 4. Section 469.065, subdivisions 5 to 7, shall not apply to a sale under this paragraph.

(d) Real property disposed of under clause (c) shall be subject to leases, agreements, or other written interests in force on June 1, 1983.

(e) The proceeds from the sale of any real property at the metropolitan sports area shall be paid to the council and used for debt service or retirement.

Subd. 7. **CONTRACTS.** The commission may contract for materials, supplies, and equipment in accordance with section 471.345, except that the commission may employ persons, firms, or corporations to perform one or more or all of the functions of architect; engineer, construction manager, or contractor for both design and construction, with respect to all or any part of a project to build or remodel sports facilities. Contractors shall be selected through the process of public bidding, provided that it shall be permissible for the commission to narrow the listing of eligible bidders to those which the commission determines to possess sufficient expertise to perform the intended functions. Any construction manager or contractor shall certify, before the contracts are finally signed, a construction price and completion date to the commission and shall post a bond in an amount at least equal to 100 percent of the certified price, to cover any costs which may be incurred over and above the certified price, including but not limited to costs incurred by the commission or loss of revenues resulting from incomplete construction on the completion date. The commission shall secure surety bonds as required in section 574.26, securing payment of just claims in connection with all public work undertaken by it. Persons entitled to the protection of the bonds may enforce them as provided in

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sections 574.28 to 574.32, and shall not be entitled to a lien on any property of the commission under the provisions of sections 514.01 to 514.16.

Subd. 8. EMPLOYEES; CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES. The commission may employ persons and contract for services necessary to carry out its functions. The commission may employ on such terms as it deems advisable persons or firms for the purpose of providing traffic officers to direct traffic on property under the control of the commission and on the city streets in the general area of the property controlled by the commission. The traffic officers shall not be peace officers and shall not have authority to make arrests for violations of traffic rules.

Subd. 9. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The commission may accept gifts of money, property, or services, may apply for and accept grants or loans of money or other property from the United States, the state, any subdivision of the state, or any person for any of its purposes, may enter into any agreement required in connection therewith, and may hold, use, and dispose of such money, property, or services in accordance with the terms of the gift, grant, loan or agreement relating thereto. Except for the acquisition, clearance, relocation, and legal costs referred to in section 473.581, subdivision 3, clauses (d) and (e), the commission shall not accept gifts, grants, or loans valued in excess of \$2,000,000 without the prior approval of the council. In evaluating proposed gifts, grants, loans, and agreements required in connection therewith, the council shall examine the possible short-range and long-range impact on commission revenues and commission operating expenditures.

Subd. 10. RESEARCH. The commission may conduct research studies and programs, collect and analyze data, prepare reports, maps, charts, and tables, and conduct all necessary hearings and investigations in connection with its functions.

Subd. 11. AGREEMENTS WITH UNIVERSITY. The commission and the board of regents of the University of Minnesota may enter into agreements and do all other acts necessary to further the functions prescribed in sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599.

Subd. 12. USE AGREEMENTS. The commission may lease, license, or enter into agreements and may fix, alter, charge, and collect rentals, fees, and charges to all persons for the use, occupation, and availability of part or all of any premises, property, or facilities under its ownership, operation, or control for purposes that will provide athletic, educational, cultural, commercial or other entertainment, instruction, or activity for the citizens of the metropolitan area. Any such use agreement may provide that the other contracting party shall have exclusive use of the premises at the times agreed upon.

Subd. 13. INSURANCE. The commission may require any employee to obtain and file with it an individual bond or fidelity insurance policy. It may procure insurance in the amounts it deems necessary against liability of the commission or its officers and employees for personal injury or death and property

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damage or destruction, with the force and effect stated in chapter 466, and against risks of damage to or destruction of any of its facilities, equipment, or other property.

Subd. 14. **SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS.** In exercising its powers to contract for the purchase of services, materials, supplies, and equipment, pursuant to subdivisions 5, 7, 8 and 10, the commission shall designate and set aside each fiscal year for awarding to small businesses approximately ten percent of the value of anticipated contracts and subcontracts of that kind for that year, in the manner required of the commissioner of administration for state procurement contracts pursuant to sections 16B.19 to 16B.22. The commission shall follow the rules promulgated by the commissioner of administration pursuant to section 16B.22, and shall submit reports of the kinds required of the commissioners of administration and economic development by section 16B.21.

Subd. 16. AGREEMENTS WITH AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION.

(a) The commission and the Minnesota amateur sports commission created pursuant to chapter 240A may enter into long-term leases, use or other agreements for the conduct of amateur sports activities at the basketball and hockey arena, and the net revenues from the activities may be pledged for basketball and hockey arena debt service. The commission, with the advice of the Minnesota amateur sports commission, shall establish standards to provide reasonable assurances to other public bodies owning or operating an entertainment or sports complex or indoor sports arena in the metropolitan area that the agreements between the commission and the Minnesota amateur sports commission with respect to the basketball and hockey arena shall not remove the conduct of amateur sports activities currently and traditionally held at such facilities.

(b) Any long-term lease, use or other agreement entered into by the Minnesota amateur sports commission with the commission under paragraph (a) must also:

(1) provide for a release of the Minnesota amateur sports commission from its commitment under the agreement if the legislature repeals or amends a standing appropriation or otherwise does not appropriate sufficient money to fund the lease or agreement to the Minnesota amateur sports commission; and

(2) provide for a release of the Minnesota amateur sports commission from its commitment under the agreement and permit it to agree to a per event use fee when the bonds issued for the metrodomes under section 473.581 have been retired.

(c) No long-term lease, use or other agreement entered into by the Minnesota amateur sports commission under paragraph (a) may commit the amateur sports commission to paying more than \$750,000 per year.

(d) Any long-term lease, use or other agreement entered into under paragraph (a) shall provide that the Minnesota amateur sports commission shall be entitled to use of the basketball and hockey arena for 50 event days per year. In

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addition, any long-term lease, use, or other agreement entered into under paragraph (a) shall permit the Minnesota amateur sports commission to allow another person or organization to use one or more of its days.

Subd. 17. CREATING A CONDOMINIUM. The commission may, by itself or together with the Minneapolis community development agency and any other person, as to real or personal property comprising or appurtenant or ancillary to the basketball and hockey arena and the health club, act as a declarant and establish a condominium or leasehold condominium under chapter 515A or a common interest community or leasehold common interest community under chapter 515B, and may grant, establish, create, or join in other or related easements, agreements and similar benefits and burdens that the commission may deem necessary or appropriate, and exercise any and all rights and privileges and assume obligations under them as a declarant, unit owner or otherwise, insofar as practical and consistent with sections 473.551 to 473.599. The commission may be a member of an association and the chair, any commissioners and any officers and employees of the commission may serve on the board of an association under chapter 515A or 515B.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.561, is amended to read:

473.561 EXEMPTION FROM COUNCIL REVIEW.

The acquisition and betterment of sports facilities by the commission shall be conducted pursuant to sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599 and shall not be affected by the provisions of sections 473.161, 473.165, and 473.173.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.564, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. ASSUMPTION OF OBLIGATIONS. Upon transfer of ownership of the metropolitan sports area to the commission, the council shall be and become obligated and shall provide for the payment of the principal and interest thereafter due and payable with respect to the general obligation bonds and revenue bonds issued by the city of Minneapolis under the provisions of the ownership and operations agreement among the cities and amendments thereto. The council shall provide to Minneapolis funds sufficient to meet the payments and to maintain the sinking fund pursuant to the agreement. When the balance in the sinking fund is sufficient to pay all remaining bonds and interest to their maturity dates, or to an earlier date on which they have been called for redemption, the obligation of the council shall be discharged. When the principal and interest on the bonds have been paid in full, any balance remaining in the sinking fund, including interest earnings, shall be remitted to the council and used by the council for debt service. Upon transfer of ownership of the metropolitan sports area to the commission, the commission shall assume all of the cities' obligations and those of the metropolitan sports area commission under the provision of all use agreements now in effect, entered into by the metropolitan sports area commission on behalf of the cities, providing for the use of the metropolitan sports area or any part thereof by any person. The cities and the met-

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metropolitan sports area commission shall cause to be executed all assignments and other documents as the commission, upon advice of counsel, shall deem necessary or desirable and appropriate to vest all their rights and privileges under the agreements in the commission. Nothing herein shall be construed as imposing upon the council or commission an obligation to compensate the cities or the metropolitan sports area commission for all or any part of the metropolitan sports area or to continue to operate and maintain the metropolitan sports area facilities taken over by the commission.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.572, is amended to read:

473.572 REVISED FINAL DETERMINATION.

Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any final determination reached by the commission on or before December 1, 1978, pursuant to section 473.571, subdivision 6, the commission shall make a revised determination on a sports facility or sports facilities which facility or facilities (1) may be covered, (2) may include use of the existing or a remodeled metropolitan stadium for baseball, and (3) shall be located in Hennepin county. The decision shall be made within 30 days after May 26, 1979. In making its decision the commission may rely on data previously submitted and reviewed pursuant to section 473.571 and need not require new data even if modifications are made in an alternative previously considered. The commission shall give full consideration to the needs of the University of Minnesota when making its revised determination.

Subd. 2. Except as provided in this section, The council shall make all determinations required by ~~section~~ sections 473.581, subdivision 3, and 473.599 before it authorizes the issuance of bonds.

Subd. 3. 2. It is the intent of the legislature that the commission shall, to the maximum extent possible consistent with the provisions of section 473.581, subdivision 3, impose rates, rentals and other charges in the operation of the sports facility metrodome which will make the sports facility metrodome self supporting so that the taxes imposed under section 473.592 for the metrodome will be at the lowest possible rate consistent with the obligations of the political subdivision levying these taxes city of Minneapolis as provided in sections 473.551 to 473.595.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.581, is amended to read:

473.581 DEBT OBLIGATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **BONDS.** The council may by resolution authorize the sale and issuance of its bonds for any or all of the following purposes:

(a) To provide funds for the acquisition or betterment of sports facilities the metrodome by the commission pursuant to sections 473.551 to 473.595;

(b) To refund bonds issued hereunder ~~and bonds upon which the council is obligated under section 473.564; and~~

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(c) To fund judgments entered by any court against the commission or against the council in matters relating to the commission's functions related to the metrodome and the met center.

Subd. 2. **PROCEDURE.** The bonds shall be sold, issued, and secured in the manner provided in chapter 475 for bonds payable solely from revenues, except as otherwise provided in sections 473.551 to 473.595, and the council shall have the same powers and duties as a municipality and its governing body in issuing bonds under that chapter. The bonds may be sold at any price and at public or private sale as determined by the council. They shall be payable solely from tax and other revenues referred to in sections 473.551 to 473.595, excepting only the admissions tax and surcharge related to the basketball and hockey arena provided in section 473.595, subdivision 1a, the taxes for the basketball and hockey arena provided in section 473.592, and other revenues attributable to the basketball and hockey arena. The bonds shall not be a general obligation or debt of the council or of the commission, and shall not be included in the net debt of any city, county, or other subdivision of the state for the purpose of any net debt limitation, provided that nothing herein shall affect the obligation of any political subdivision the city of Minneapolis to levy a tax pursuant to an agreement agreements made under the provisions of section 473.592. No election shall be required. The principal amount shall not be limited except as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **LIMITATIONS.** The principal amount of the bonds issued pursuant to subdivision 1, clause (a), shall not exceed the amounts hereinafter authorized. If the commission's proposal and the construction contracts referred to in clause (g) of this subdivision provide for the construction of a covered multipurpose sports facility, the total cost of constructing the facility under the construction contracts, not including costs paid from funds provided by others, and the principal amount of bonds issued pursuant to subdivision 1, clause (a), shall be limited to \$55,000,000. If the commission's proposal and the construction contracts do not provide for the construction of a cover on a proposed multipurpose sports facility and the commission does not otherwise contract for the construction or acquisition of a cover for the sports facility, the principal amount shall be limited to \$42,000,000. If the commission's proposal and the construction contracts provide for the construction of a new sports facility for football and soccer and for remodeling the existing metropolitan stadium for baseball, the principal amount shall be limited to \$37,500,000. If the commission's proposal and the construction contracts provide for the reconstruction and remodeling of the existing metropolitan stadium as an uncovered multipurpose sports facility, the principal amount shall be limited to \$25,000,000. The bonds issued pursuant to subdivision 1, clause (a), shall bear an average annual rate of interest, including discount, not in excess of 7-1/2 percent. The proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to subdivision 1, clause (a), shall be used only for the acquisition and betterment of sports facilities suitable for baseball, football and soccer, with a seating capacity for football and soccer of approximately 65,000 persons. The council shall issue its bonds and construction of sports facilities may commence when the council has made the following determinations:

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(a) The commission has executed agreements with major league professional baseball and football organizations to use ~~its sports facilities~~ the metrodome for all scheduled regular season home games and play-off home games and, in the case of the football organization, for at least one-half of its exhibition games played each season. The agreements shall be for a period of not more than 30 years nor less than the term of the longest term bonds that in the council's judgment it may find it necessary to issue to finance the acquisition and betterment of the ~~commission's sports facilities~~ metrodome. The agreements may contain provisions negotiated between the organizations and the commission which provide for termination upon conditions related and limited to the bankruptcy, insolvency, or financial capability of the organization. The agreements shall provide that, in the event of breach of the agreements, the defaulting organization shall pay damages annually to the commission. The annual payment shall be in an amount equal to the annual average of all revenue derived by the commission from attendance at events and activities of the defaulting organization during the years prior to default, provided that the damages shall not exceed in any year an amount sufficient, with other revenues of the commission but excluding proceeds of the taxes under section 473.592, to pay all expenses of operation, maintenance, administration, and debt service for the ~~facilities used~~ use of the metrodome by the defaulting organization during the same year. The damages shall be payable during the period from the occurrence of the default to the date on which another major league professional baseball or football organization, replacing the defaulting organization, enters into a use agreement with the commission for not less than the then remaining term of the original agreement. The agreements with the teams shall provide that no closed circuit or pay television broadcasting of events in the ~~sports facility~~ metrodome may be allowed without the approval of the commission. The agreements shall include provisions protecting the commission and the council in the event of change in ownership of the professional teams.

(b) The commission has executed agreements with professional baseball and football major leagues which guarantee the continuance of franchises in the metropolitan area for the period of the agreements referred to in clause (a).

(c) The proceeds of bonds provided for in this subdivision will be sufficient, together with other capital funds that may be available to the commission for expenditures on the metrodome, to construct or remodel and to furnish the ~~sports facilities~~ metrodome proposed by the commission, including the appropriate professional fees and charges but excluding, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the acquisition, clearance, relocation, and legal costs referred to in clauses (d) and (e).

(d) The commission has acquired, without cost to the commission or the council except as provided in this subdivision, title to all real property including all easements and other appurtenances needed for the construction and operation of ~~any proposed sports facilities~~ the metrodome or has received a grant of funds or has entered into an agreement or agreements sufficient in the judgment of the council to assure the receipt of funds, at the time and in the amount

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required, to make any payment upon which the commission's acquisition of title and possession of the real property is conditioned.

(e) The commission has received a grant of funds or entered into an agreement or agreements sufficient in the judgment of the council to assure the receipt of funds, at the time and in the amount required, to pay all costs, except as provided in this subdivision, of clearing the real property needed for the construction and operation of ~~any proposed sports facilities~~ the metrodome of all buildings, railroad tracks and other structures, including without limitation all relocation costs, all utility relocation costs, and all legal costs.

(f) The commission has executed agreements with appropriate labor organizations and construction contractors which provide that no labor strike or management lockout will halt, delay or impede construction.

(g) The commission has executed agreements which will provide for the construction of ~~its sports facilities~~ the metrodome for a certified construction price and completion date and which include performance bonds in an amount at least equal to 100 percent of the certified price to cover any costs which may be incurred over and above the certified price, including but not limited to costs incurred by the commission or loss of revenues resulting from incomplete construction on the completion date.

(h) The environmental impact statement for the ~~sports facility or facilities~~ metrodomes has been accepted by the environmental quality board, and the pollution control agency and any other department, agency, or unit of government have taken the actions necessary to permit the construction of the ~~sports facility or facilities~~ metrodomes.

(i) At least 50 percent of the private boxes provided for in the commission's proposal for the ~~sports facility or facilities~~ metrodomes are sold or leased for at least five years.

(j) The anticipated revenue from the operation of the ~~sports facility or facilities~~ metrodomes plus any additional available revenue of the commission and the revenue from the taxes under section 473.592 will be an amount sufficient to pay when due all debt service plus all administration, operating and maintenance expense.

(k) The commission has studied and considered the needs of the University of Minnesota for athletic facilities for a prospective 20 year period.

(l) The ~~municipality where the facility is to be constructed~~ city of Minneapolis has entered into an agreement as contemplated in section 473.592 as security for the metrodomes debt service.

(m) The commission has entered into an agreement or agreements with a purchaser or purchasers of tickets of admission for a period of not less than 20 years which will assure that whenever more than 90 and less than 100 percent of

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the tickets of admission for seats at any professional football game, which were available for purchase by the general public 120 hours or more before the scheduled beginning time of the game either at the ~~sports facility~~ metro dome where the game is to be played or at the box office closest to the ~~sports facility~~ metro dome, have been purchased 72 hours or more before the beginning time of the game, then all of such tickets which remain unsold will be purchased in sufficient time to permit the telecast to areas within the state which otherwise would not receive the telecast because of the terms of an agreement in which the professional football league has sold or otherwise transferred all or part of the rights of the league's member organizations in the sponsored telecasting of games of the organizations. The party or parties agreeing to the purchase of such unsold tickets shall be obligated for a period of at least 20 years in an amount determined by the council to be sufficient to assure the purchase of all such unsold tickets.

(n) The council has entered into an agreement with the brokerage firm or brokerage firms to be used in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds guaranteeing that fees and charges payable to the brokerage firm or firms in connection therewith, including any underwriting discounts, shall not exceed fees and charges customarily payable in connection with the issuance and sale of bonds secured by the pledge of the full faith and credit of the ~~municipality in which any new sports facility is to be located~~ city of Minneapolis.

The validity of any bonds issued under subdivision 1, clause (a), and the obligations of the council and commission related thereto, shall not be conditioned upon or impaired by the council's determinations made pursuant to this subdivision. For purposes of issuing the bonds the determinations made by the council shall be deemed conclusive, and the council shall be and remain obligated for the security and payment of the bonds irrespective of determinations which may be erroneous, inaccurate, or otherwise mistaken.

Subd. 4. **SECURITY.** To the extent and in the manner provided in sections 473.592 and 473.595, the taxes described in section 473.592 ~~for the metro dome~~, the tax and other revenues of the commission described in section 473.595, subdivision 1, and any other revenues of the commission attributable to the metro dome shall be and remain pledged and appropriated for the payment of all necessary and reasonable expenses of the operation, administration, maintenance, and debt service of the ~~commission's sports facilities metro dome~~ until all bonds referred to in section 473.564, subdivision 2, and all bonds and certificates issued pursuant to this section are fully paid or discharged in accordance with law. The revenue bonds and interest thereon referred to in section 473.564, subdivision 2, may be refunded, whether at a lower or a higher rate of interest, by the issuance of new bonds pursuant to subdivision 1, clause (b), for the purpose of pledging revenues of the metropolitan sports area for the payment and security of bonds issued hereunder, and the council may provide that a portion of the new bonds shall be payable solely from the interest earnings derived from the investment of the bond proceeds. Until these revenue bonds are fully paid or the council's obligation thereon is discharged in accordance with law they shall be deemed a first and prior charge on those revenues and

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shall be secured by all provisions of the revenue bond resolution and the ownership and operations agreement. Bonds issued pursuant to this section and bonds referred to in section 473.564, subdivision 2, may be secured by a bond resolution, or by a trust indenture entered into by the council with a corporate trustee within or outside the state, which shall define the tax and other metrodome and met center revenues pledged for the payment and security of the bonds. The pledge shall be a valid charge on the tax and other revenues referred to in sections 473.551 to 473.595 (excepting only the admissions tax and surcharge related to the basketball and hockey arena provided in section 473.595, subdivision 1a, taxes described in section 473.592 for the basketball and hockey arena, and other revenues attributable to the basketball and hockey arena) from the date when bonds are first issued or secured under the resolution or indenture and shall secure the payment of principal and interest and redemption premiums when due and the maintenance at all times of a reserve securing such payments. No mortgage of or security interest in any tangible real or personal property shall be granted to the bondholders or the trustee, but they shall have a valid security interest in all tax and other revenues received and accounts receivable by the commission or council hereunder, as against the claims of all other persons in tort, contract, or otherwise, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof, and without possession or filing as provided in the uniform commercial code or any other law. In the bond resolution or trust indenture the council may make such covenants, which shall be binding upon the commission, as are determined to be usual and reasonably necessary for the protection of the bondholders. No pledge, mortgage, covenant, or agreement securing bonds may be impaired, revoked, or amended by law or by action of the council, commission, or city, except in accordance with the terms of the resolution or indenture under which the bonds are issued, until the obligations of the council thereunder are fully discharged.

Subd. 5. **REVENUE ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES.** At any time or times after approval by the council and final adoption by the commission of an annual budget of the commission for operation, administration, and maintenance of ~~its sports facilities~~ the metrodome, and in anticipation of the proceeds from the taxes under section 473.592 for the metrodome and the revenues of the commission provided for in the budget, but subject to any limitation or prohibition in a bond resolution or indenture, the council may authorize the issuance, negotiation, and sale, in such form and manner and upon such terms as it may determine, of revenue anticipation certificates. The principal amount of the certificates outstanding shall at no time exceed 25 percent of the total amount of the tax and other revenues anticipated. The certificates shall mature not later than three months after the close of the budget year. Prior to the approval and final adoption of the first annual budget of the commission, the council may authorize up to \$300,000 in revenue anticipation certificates under this subdivision. So much of the anticipated tax and other revenues as may be needed for the payment of the certificates and interest thereon shall be paid into a special debt service fund established for the certificates in the council's financial records. If for any reason the anticipated tax and other revenues are insufficient,

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the certificates and interest shall be paid from the first tax and other revenues received, subject to any limitation or prohibition in a bond resolution or indenture. The proceeds of the certificates may be used for any purpose for which the anticipated revenues or taxes may be used or for any purpose for which bond proceeds under subdivision 1 may be used, provided that the proceeds of certificates issued after May 26, 1979, shall not be used to pay capital costs of ~~sports facilities~~ the metrodome constructed or remodeled pursuant to sections 473.551 to 473.595.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.592, is amended to read:

473.592 TAX REVENUES.

Subdivision 1. **LOCAL SALES TAX.** ~~Upon designation of a location for a sports facility pursuant to section 473.572, the municipality in which the facility is to be located~~ The city of Minneapolis may enter into ~~an agreement~~ agreements with the metropolitan council and the commission which requires the municipality to impose a sales tax, supplemental to the general sales tax imposed in chapter 297A, for the purposes and in accordance with the requirements specified in sections 473.551 to ~~473.595~~ 473.599. The tax may be imposed:

(a) on the gross receipts from all retail on-sales of intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages when sold at licensed on-sale liquor establishments and municipal liquor stores located within the municipality, ~~or~~

(b) notwithstanding any limitations of Laws 1986, chapter 396, section 5, clause (2), on the gross receipts from the furnishing for consideration of lodging for a period of less than 30 days at a hotel, motel, rooming house, tourist court, or trailer camp located within the municipality, ~~or~~

(c) ~~on both.~~ The agreement between the municipality the gross receipts on all sales of food primarily for consumption on or off the premises by restaurants and places of refreshment as defined by resolution of the city, or

(d) on any one or combination of the foregoing.

A tax under this subdivision shall be imposed only within a downtown taxing area to be determined by the council.

The agreement or agreements between the city, the metropolitan council, and the commission shall require the municipality to impose the tax or taxes at whatever rate or rates may be necessary to produce revenues which are determined by the council from year to year to be required, together with the revenues available to the commission, to pay when due all debt service on bonds and revenue anticipation certificates issued under section 473.581, all debt service on bonds referred to in section 473.564, subdivision 2 and revenue anticipation certificates issued under section 473.599, and all expenses of operation, administration, and maintenance of the sports facilities metrodome and the basketball

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and hockey arena. When it is determined that a tax must be imposed under this subdivision after the effective date of this act, there shall be added to the rate of the tax imposed for the purposes described in the previous sentence a tax at a rate of 0.25 percent for use by the city to fund recreational facilities and programs in the city's neighborhoods for children and youth through the Minneapolis park and recreation board. The ~~agreement~~ agreements shall provide for the suspension, reimposition, reduction, or increase in tax collections upon determination by the metropolitan council that such actions are appropriate or necessary for the purposes for which the tax is imposed, provided that the balance in each of the metrodome debt service and the basketball and hockey arena debt service fund or funds, including any reserve for debt service, shall be maintained at least at an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on bonds which will become due within the next succeeding one year period and, except as otherwise provided by agreement, shall not be maintained at an amount greater than that required to pay principal and interest on bonds which will become due within the next succeeding two year period. Once the tax is imposed by the city, the tax imposed for the benefit of the Minneapolis park and recreation board shall remain in effect at the rate of 0.25 percent until the bonds issued under section 473.599 have been retired. The ~~agreement~~ agreements shall be executed by the city, after approval by resolution of the city council and before the issuance of the bonds under section 473.581 and commencement of construction; of the metrodome or the issuance of bonds under section 473.599 and acquisition of the basketball and hockey arena and shall constitute a contract or contracts with and for the security of all holders of the bonds and revenue anticipation certificates secured by the tax. ~~A sports facility~~ The metrodome shall not be constructed or remodeled in a municipality which has not entered into an agreement for the metrodome in accordance with this section. A basketball and hockey arena shall not be acquired in the city of Minneapolis unless the city has entered into an agreement in accordance with this section as security for bonds issued pursuant to section 473.599 and expenses of operation, administration, and maintenance of the basketball and hockey arena. The tax shall be reported and paid to the commissioner of revenue with and as part of the state sales and use taxes, and shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, and enforcement provisions. The collections of the tax, less refunds and a proportionate share of the costs of collection, shall be remitted at least quarterly to the metropolitan council and the city of Minneapolis for use by the Minneapolis park and recreation board. The commissioner of revenue shall deduct from the proceeds remitted to the council and the city an amount that equals the indirect statewide costs as well as the direct and indirect department costs necessary to administer, audit, and collect this tax. The amount deducted shall be deposited in the general fund of the state. The proceeds remitted with respect to the metrodome shall be placed, together with the net revenues of the commission attributable to the metrodome under section 473.595, into the debt service fund or reserve or special funds, established under section 473.581, and any funds established to secure payment of operating deficits of the commission arising from its ownership and operation of the metrodome. The proceeds may be used for payment of debt service on bonds and revenue anticipation certificates issued under section

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473.581, debt service on bonds referred to in section 473.564, subdivision 2, and expenses of operation, administration, and maintenance of the sports facilities metrodome. The proceeds shall not be used for any capital costs of sports facilities constructed under sections 473.551 to 473.595 the metrodome, except that the proceeds may be used to pay interest on bonds during the construction period.

The proceeds remitted with respect to the basketball and hockey arena shall be placed, together with the net revenues of the commission attributable to the basketball and hockey arena under section 473.595, subdivision 1a, into the debt service fund or reserve or special funds, established under section 473.599, and any funds established to secure payment of operating deficits of the commission arising from its acquisition, ownership, operation, or maintenance of the basketball and hockey arena. The proceeds may be used for payment of debt service on bonds and revenue anticipation certificates issued under section 473.599, and expenses of operation, administration, and maintenance of the basketball and hockey arena.

Subd. 2. **METROPOLITAN LIQUOR TAX.** All proceeds of the liquor tax collected by the council pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1978, section 473.591, prior to August 1, 1979, not otherwise expended or applied as provided in this chapter, together with any earnings derived from the investment of such revenues, may be used for any purpose for which the tax revenues under subdivision 1 may be used.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.595, is amended to read:

473.595 COMMISSION FINANCES.

Subdivision 1. **METRODOME ADMISSION TAX.** Effective January 1, 1978, The commission shall by resolution impose a three and maintain a ten percent admission tax upon the granting, issuance, sale, or distribution, by any private or public person, association, or corporation, of the privilege of admission to activities; except for those activities sponsored 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, at the metrodome. No other tax, surcharge, or governmental imposition, 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, issuer, seller, or distributor, and the tax required to be collected shall constitute a debt owed by the grantor, issuer, seller, or distributor to the commission, which shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as other debts. Every person granting, issuing, selling, or distributing tickets for such

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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 assure the prompt and uniform collection of the tax.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subdivision, the imposition of an admission tax upon a national superbowl football game conducted at the ~~commission's facilities~~ metrodome is discretionary with the commission.

Subd. 1a. ARENA ADMISSION TAX. The commission shall impose a ten percent admission tax on all tickets sold, issued, granted, or distributed for the privilege of admission to the basketball and hockey arena. In addition, the commission shall impose a surcharge in an amount to be determined by the commission, but not less than \$1 per ticket, on all tickets sold, issued, granted, or distributed for the privilege of admission to activities at the basketball and hockey arena. The sales price shall include the price of the ticket and any service or other charge imposed by the grantor, issuer, seller, or distributor upon the reservation, processing, distribution, delivery, or sale of the ticket. No other tax, surcharge, or governmental imposition, except the taxes imposed by chapter 297A, may be levied by any other unit of government upon such a sale or distribution. The admission tax and surcharge for the privilege of admission to activities at the basketball and hockey arena shall be charged and added to the sales price of the ticket, and imposed and collected in the same manner provided for the metrodome pursuant to subdivision 1. The tax and surcharge provided for in this subdivision shall be effective from and after the date of the commission's acquisition of the basketball and hockey arena.

Subd. 2. RENTALS; FEES; CHARGES. Rentals, fees, and charges provided for in use agreements at the metrodome and basketball and hockey arena entered into by the commission shall be those estimated by the commission to be necessary and feasible to produce so far as possible, with commission revenues from other sources, the amounts needed for current operation, maintenance, and debt service. The commission shall with respect to ~~all facilities in the metropolitan sports area and any sports facility constructed pursuant to Laws 1977, chapter 89~~ the met center, the metrodome, and the basketball and hockey arena meet and confer with any public body, authority, or agency owning or operating an entertainment or sports complex, or indoor sports arena, in the metropolitan area in which Laws 1977, chapter 89 is effective, for the purpose of undertaking measures or agreements maximizing revenues and eliminating unnecessary operational expenditures.

Subd. 3. BUDGET PREPARATION; REVIEW AND APPROVAL. The commission shall comply with the provisions of section 473.163, provided that the entire budget, including operating revenues and expenditures for operation, administration, and maintenance, shall be subject to approval by the council, in accordance with the procedures described in section 473.163.

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Subd. 4. **PAYMENT OF COUNCIL COSTS.** The commission shall comply with the provisions of section 473.164.

Subd. 5. **AUDIT.** The legislative auditor shall make an independent audit of the commission's books and accounts once each year or as often as the legislative auditor's funds and personnel permit. The costs of the audits shall be paid by the commission pursuant to section 3.9741. The council may examine the commission's books and accounts at any time.

Subd. 6. **GENERAL.** The commission shall receive and account for all tax and other revenue of the commission and from the revenue shall provide, contract, and pay for proper operation, administration, and maintenance of all of its property and facilities and shall maintain, as authorized by resolutions of the council, reserves for major repairs, replacements, and improvements and for working capital. The commission shall remit to the council for deposit in its metrodome debt service fund funds, at the times required by resolution of the council, the net revenue attributable to the metrodome in excess of these requirements and for deposit in its basketball and hockey arena debt service fund or funds, at the times required by resolution of the council, the net revenue attributable to the basketball and hockey arena in excess of these requirements.

Subd. 7. **SALE OF SEATS.** The commission may sell seats in any multipurpose sports facility constructed after June 30, 1979 at prices and subject to conditions consistent with this section. Ownership of a seat shall give the owner first preference for purchase of a season ticket of admission for professional sports exhibitions with a right to be seated in the owned seat. An owner may sell or otherwise transfer the rights on whatever terms the owner chooses. Rights to a seat may not be divided. No fee may be charged for a transfer of ownership of a seat. The commission may charge a maintenance fee not exceeding \$10 per year for each seat.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 473.596, is amended to read:

473.596 ACCESS STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, HIGHWAY USER TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND.

No money derived from the highway user tax distribution fund shall be used to construct, relocate, or improve any streets, highways, or other public thoroughfares, except ones included in the municipal state aid street system established pursuant to article XIV, section 4, of the Minnesota Constitution if such work is done in order to provide or improve access to a new sports facility the metrodome constructed pursuant to sections 473.551 to 473.595. The commissioner of transportation shall determine whether expenditures are in violation of this section.

Sec. 14. [473.598] ARENA ACQUISITION.

Subdivision 1. COMMISSION DETERMINATION. The commission shall first determine whether to pursue negotiations to acquire the basketball and hockey arena.

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Subd. 2. EXAMINATION AND DISCLOSURE OF LOAN TERMS.

Before making a final decision to acquire the basketball and hockey arena, the commission must obtain and examine all the terms, conditions, covenants, and other provisions of any loan agreements between the owners of the arena and third parties that provided financing secured by mortgages on or other security interests in the basketball and hockey arena. These terms specifically include any agreements that require a professional team affiliated with the owner to lease or use the arena or that restrict or limit the authority of the team owners or affiliates to relocate the team. The commission shall make the terms of the agreements available for public inspection.

Subd. 3. COMMISSION PROPOSAL. (a) If the commission makes a final determination to acquire the basketball and hockey arena, the commission may then submit to the metropolitan council a proposal to bond for and acquire the basketball and hockey arena. The commission's proposal shall contain all information deemed appropriate or necessary by the council to its determinations pursuant to section 473.599, subdivision 4. The commission, in preparing the proposal for the council, shall require of the sellers and of the professional teams that are potential lessees or other potential lessees and all of their affiliated entities any and all data relevant to the acquisition, financing, ownership, and operation of the basketball and hockey arena, including, but not limited to, contracts, agreements, profit and loss statements, annual audit statements and balance sheets. The commission shall contract with an independent, nationally recognized firm of certified public accountants to perform due diligence and provide an economic feasibility study or report with regard to the data received by the commission from the sellers, the potential lessees, and affiliated entities. In evaluating whether to acquire the basketball and hockey arena, the commission shall consider among other factors, (a) total capital and operating costs of the basketball and hockey arena to the commission and total commission revenues from the basketball and hockey arena over the expected life of the facility, including any contributions by the state, local units of government or other organizations, (b) the total governmental costs associated with the acquisition and operation of the basketball and hockey arena, including the cost to all units and agencies of government as well as the costs to the commission, (c) the net gain or loss of taxes to the state and all local government units, and (d) economic and other benefits accruing to the public.

(b) Before submitting its proposal to the metropolitan council under paragraph (a), the commission shall submit the proposal to the legislative auditor and the department of finance for review, evaluation, and comment. The legislative auditor shall present the evaluation and comments to the legislative audit commission. Both the legislative auditor and the commissioner of finance shall present their evaluation and comments to the chairs of the house taxes, and ways and means committees, to the chair of the state government finance division of the house governmental operations committee, and to the chairs of the senate taxes and finance committees. Any data which is not public data under subdivision 4 shall remain not public data when given to the legislative auditor or the department of finance.

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Subd. 4. TREATMENT OF DATA. (a) Except as specifically provided in this subdivision, all data received by the commission or council in the course of its negotiations and acquisition of the basketball and hockey arena is public data.

(b) The commission may keep confidential data received or prepared by its accountants or counsel for purposes of negotiations with existing or potential lessees of the basketball and hockey arena. That data shall be confidential data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 3, or protected nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 13, as the case may be, unless the commission determines that public release of the data would advance the negotiations, or until the potential lessees have executed agreements with the commission or the negotiations are unfavorably concluded.

(c) The following data shall be private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12, or nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, as the case may be:

(1) data received by the commission or council from the present lessees or potential lessees of the basketball and hockey arena which if made public would, due to the disclosure, permit a competitive economic advantage to other persons;

(2) data relating to affiliated entities of the parties referred to in subdivision 2 which is not relevant to the due diligence and economic feasibility study referred to under subdivision 2; and

(3) data on individuals which is not relevant to the finances of the basketball and hockey arena or useful to demonstrate the financial ability of the potential lessees of the arena to perform their agreements with the commission.

(d) For purposes of this subdivision, the terms "commission" and "council" include their members and employees, accountants, counsel, and consultants and the firm of independent certified public accountants to be engaged under subdivision 2.

(e) Notwithstanding the exceptions in this subdivision, summary data which demonstrates the financial ability of the lessees and potential lessees of the basketball and hockey arena to perform their obligations under agreements with the commission and data which relates in any way to the value of the basketball and hockey arena and the amount by which the owners' investment in the arena, including debt obligations, exceeds the commission's payments to and assumption of the owners' debt obligations, shall be public data.

Subd. 5. HOCKEY AGREEMENT. The commission shall exercise its best efforts, consistent with its other obligations under sections 473.551 to 473.599 to attempt to secure an agreement with a major league professional hockey organization to play its home games at the basketball and hockey arena.

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Sec. 15. **[473.599] DEBT OBLIGATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. REVENUES. It is the intent of the legislature that the commission shall, to the maximum extent possible consistent with the provisions of this section, impose rates, rentals, and other charges in the operation of the basketball and hockey arena which together with the admissions tax and surcharge provided in section 473.595, subdivision 1a, will make the basketball and hockey arena self-supporting so that the taxes imposed under section 473.592 for the basketball and hockey arena will be at the lowest possible rate consistent with the obligations of the city of Minneapolis as provided in sections 473.551 to 473.599.

Subd. 2. BONDS. The council shall by resolution authorize the sale and issuance of its bonds for any of the following purposes upon its determination that the conditions of subdivision 4 have been met:

(a) To provide funds for the acquisition or betterment of the basketball and hockey arena by the commission pursuant to sections 473.598 and 473.599;

(b) To refund bonds issued under this section; and

(c) To fund judgments entered by any court against the commission or against the council in matters relating to the basketball and hockey arena.

Subd. 3. PROCEDURE. The bonds shall be sold, issued, and secured in the manner provided in chapter 475 for bonds payable solely from revenues, except as otherwise provided in sections 473.551 to 473.599, and the council shall have the same powers and duties as a municipality and its governing body in issuing bonds under chapter 475. The council may pledge for the payment of the bonds the net revenues of the commission arising from the commission's operation of the basketball and hockey arena, the tax provided by section 473.592 for the basketball and hockey arena, and the admission tax and surcharge authorized in section 473.595, subdivision 1a. The bonds may be sold at any price and at public or private sale as determined by the council. They shall be payable solely from tax and other revenues referred to in sections 473.551 to 473.599, and shall not be a general obligation or debt of the council or of the commission, and shall not be included in the net debt of any city, county, or other subdivision of the state for the purpose of any net debt limitation, but nothing in this section shall affect the obligation of the city of Minneapolis to levy a tax pursuant to an agreement made under the provisions of section 473.592. No election shall be required. The principal amount shall not be limited except as provided in subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. LIMITATIONS. The principal amount of the bonds issued pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (a), exclusive of any original issue discount, shall not exceed the total amount of \$42,000,000 plus such amount as the council determines necessary to pay the costs of issuance, fund reserves for operation and debt service, and pay for any bond insurance or other credit enhancement. The bonds may be issued as tax-exempt revenue bonds or as taxable revenue bonds in the proportions that the commission may determine. The proceeds of the

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bonds issued pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (a), shall be used only for acquisition and betterment of sports facilities suitable for a basketball and hockey arena and the arena land and the related purposes referred to in this subdivision, and for reimbursement of any expenses of the commission related to its determination of whether to acquire the basketball and hockey arena, whenever incurred. The council shall issue its bonds pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (a), and the commission may acquire the basketball and hockey arena and the arena land when the council has made the following determinations:

(a) The commission, the city of Minneapolis or the Minneapolis community development agency, or any or all of them, as the commission may deem appropriate, has executed agreements with a major league professional basketball organization to use the arena for all scheduled regular season home games and play-off home games, and for at least one of its exhibition games played each season. The agreements shall be for a period of 30 years. The agreements may contain provisions negotiated with the organization which provide for earlier termination of the use of the basketball and hockey arena by the commission upon conditions related to and limited to the bankruptcy or insolvency of the organization. The agreements shall afford to the commission, the city of Minneapolis, or the Minneapolis community development agency, or each or all of them, as the commission deems appropriate, the remedies that are deemed necessary and appropriate to provide reasonable assurances that the major league professional basketball organization or another major league professional basketball organization shall comply with the agreements. The remedies shall include the payment of liquidated damages equivalent to direct and consequential damages incurred by reason of the breach of the agreements and any additional remedies or security arrangements the commission reasonably determines to be effective in accomplishing the purposes of this paragraph. The damages payment may be payable in a lump sum or in installments as the commission may deem appropriate. The commission may require that the agreements include other terms and conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the major league professional basketball team or a successor major league professional basketball team will play the required games at the basketball and hockey arena during the 30-year term of the agreements, or, in the event of a breach, to assure the payment of the required damages. The agreements shall address contingencies that may arise in the event of change of ownership of the professional teams. The agreements with the professional basketball organization for the use of the basketball and hockey arena shall provide for arrangements which the commission may deem necessary or appropriate to accommodate a future agreement between the commission and a professional hockey organization to occupy the basketball and hockey arena, consistent with this section.

(b) The commission has exercised its reasonable efforts to obtain assurances and/or agreements from the professional basketball major league to the extent permitted under applicable federal and state law, that it will not approve the relocation of the major league professional basketball organization if the relocation is in violation of the terms of the agreements referred to in paragraph (a).

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(c) The professional basketball team has provided information sufficient to satisfy the council and the commission of the team's ability to comply with the terms of the 30-year lease.

(d) The proceeds of bonds provided for in this subdivision will be sufficient for the purposes for which they are issued.

(e) The commission has acquired, or has contracted to acquire, (i) leasehold title to the arena land together with the estate of the tenant and other rights demised under the ground lease, subject to amendment as provided in clause (o), (ii) ownership of all real and personal property comprising the basketball and hockey arena, and (iii) all easements, appurtenances and other rights, title, or interest deemed by the commission necessary or desirable in connection with the acquisition, financing, ownership, and operation of the basketball and hockey arena.

(f) The percentage of the private boxes provided for in the commission's proposal for the basketball and hockey arena are sold or leased for the period that the commission finds advisable.

(g) The anticipated admission taxes and surcharges and other revenue from the operation of the basketball and hockey arena will be sufficient to pay when due all basketball and hockey arena debt service plus all administration, operating and maintenance expense of the arena.

(h) The city of Minneapolis has entered into an agreement as contemplated in clause (n) and an agreement or agreements as contemplated in section 473.592 with respect to the basketball and hockey arena.

(i) The council has entered into an agreement with the brokerage firm or brokerage firms to be used in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds guaranteeing that fees and charges payable to the brokerage firm or firms in connection therewith, including any underwriting discounts, shall not exceed fees and charges customarily payable in connection with the issuance and sale of bonds secured by the pledge of the full faith and credit of the city of Minneapolis.

The validity of any bonds issued under subdivision 2, clause (a), and the obligations of the council and commission related to them, shall not be conditioned upon or impaired by the council's determination made pursuant to this subdivision. For purposes of issuing the bonds the determinations made by the commission and council shall be deemed conclusive, and the council shall be and remain obligated for the security and payment of the bonds irrespective of determinations which may be erroneous, inaccurate, or otherwise mistaken.

(j) The commission has entered into arrangements with any other persons to create a condominium or leasehold condominium, or common interest community or leasehold common interest community, with respect to the building containing the basketball and hockey arena, including the arena playing and spectator areas, and all other portions of the building, and together with the

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arena land and all other related improvements, easements and other appurtenant and ancillary property and property rights. The Minneapolis community development agency in its capacity as ground lease landlord may be a party to the condominium or common interest community declaration. The condominium or common interest community declaration shall establish the portion of the building containing the health club as a separate unit of the condominium or common interest community, and the commission shall have entered into an agreement or agreements with a private sports and health club organization which shall require that the organization shall purchase or retain ownership of the unit with its own funds and at no cost or expense to the commission, and that the organization shall pay for all utility and other operating costs and expenses including allocated common expenses and pay ad valorem property taxes for the unit. The condominium or common interest community declaration may also establish other units in the condominium or common interest community which shall include the arena playing and spectator areas and may also include office space, restaurant space, locker rooms, private spectator suites or boxes, signage, and other areas, and may also establish common elements, limited common elements and other easements and interests as the commission deems necessary or appropriate. The agreement or agreements between the commission and the private sports and health club organization may also address additional matters which may be the subject of the bylaws or other agreements or arrangements among unit owners of condominiums or common interest communities, either as part of, or separately from, the provisions of chapter 515A or 515B, or any other items as may be ordinarily and customarily negotiated between the commission and the organization.

(k) The private sports and health club organization has executed an assessment agreement pursuant to section 469.177, subdivision 8, obligating payment of ad valorem taxes based on a minimum market value of the health club of at least \$10,000,000 with the city of Minneapolis or the Minneapolis community development agency.

(l) The commission has executed an agreement requiring the commission to remit annually to the Minneapolis community development agency or appropriate agency an amount which together with any ad valorem taxes or other amounts received by the city of Minneapolis or the Minneapolis community development agency from the health club as tax increments equals the debt service required by the tax increment district attributable to the basketball and hockey arena until the current outstanding indebtedness or any refunding thereof has been paid or retired.

(m) The development agreement shall be amended:

(i) so that no payments are due to the city of Minneapolis or the Minneapolis community development agency from the commission or any other person with respect to the sale, ownership or operation of the basketball and hockey arena, except as provided in clauses (k), (l), and (n); and

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(ii) to confirm the satisfactory performance of the obligations of the parties to the development agreement on the effective date of the commission's acquisition; provided, that the city of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis community development agency shall not be required to release any claim they may have under the development agreement with respect to the operations or sale of the health club (except as such claim may arise from the commission's acquisition of the basketball and hockey arena and the contemporaneous sale or transfer of the health club to those persons who own the basketball and hockey arena and the health club on the date of the commission's acquisition) or from the operations or sale of the professional basketball organization occupying the basketball and hockey arena or the security they may have under the development agreement or the ground lease to assure its performance, pursuant to the guaranty of the guarantors in the event of any default of the commission under the ground lease, or of the owners of the health club with respect to the payment of ad valorem taxes or any payment due from them under the development agreement as amended in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

(n) The commission has executed an agreement with the city of Minneapolis providing that for so long as the commission owns the basketball and hockey arena the city shall not impose any entertainment tax or surcharge on tickets purchased for any and all events at the basketball and hockey arena. The agreement may also provide that the commission shall compensate the city for the forbearance of the entertainment tax in effect on the effective date of this act, plus accrued interest, after payment of basketball and hockey arena debt service, the necessary and appropriate funding of debt reserve of the basketball and hockey arena and all expenses of operation, administration, and maintenance, and the funding of a capital reserve for the repair, remodeling and renovation of the basketball and hockey arena. The required funding of the capital reserve shall be in an amount mutually agreed to by the commission and the city.

(o) The ground lease shall be amended by the Minneapolis community development agency to the reasonable satisfaction of the commission to provide:

(i) that the commission's sole financial obligation to the landlord shall be to make the payment provided for in clause (1) from the net revenues of the commission attributable to the operation of the basketball and hockey arena;

(ii) that the term of the lease shall be 99 years;

(iii) that the commission shall have the option to purchase the arena land upon the payment of \$10 at any time during the term of the ground lease, but, unless otherwise agreed to by the Minneapolis community development agency, only after the payment or retirement of the general obligation tax increment bonds previously issued by the city of Minneapolis to assist in financing the acquisition of the arena land; and

(iv) other amendments as the commission deems necessary and reasonable to accomplish its purposes as provided in sections 473.598 and 473.599.

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(p) The commission has received a report or reports by qualified consultants on the basketball and hockey arena, the health club and the arena land, based on thorough inspection in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and any correction, repair, or remediation disclosed by the reports has been made to the satisfaction of commission.

Subd. 5. SECURITY. To the extent and in the manner provided in sections 473.592 and 473.595, the taxes described in section 473.592 for the basketball and hockey arena, the tax, surcharge and other revenues of the commission described in section 473.595, subdivision 1a, attributable to the basketball and hockey arena and any other revenues of the commission attributable to the basketball and hockey arena shall be and remain pledged and appropriated for the purposes specified in this article and for the payment of all necessary and reasonable expenses of the operation, administration, maintenance, and debt service of the basketball and hockey arena until all bonds referred to in section 473.599, subdivision 2, are fully paid or discharged in accordance with law. Bonds issued pursuant to this section may be secured by a bond resolution, or by a trust indenture entered into by the council with a corporate trustee within or outside the state, which shall define the tax and other revenues pledged for the payment and security of the bonds. The pledge shall be a valid charge on the tax, surcharge and other revenues attributable to the basketball and hockey arena referred to in sections 473.592, 473.595, subdivision 1a, 473.598, and 473.599 from the date when bonds are first issued or secured under the resolution or indenture and shall secure the payment of principal and interest and redemption premiums when due and the maintenance at all times of a reserve securing the payments. No mortgage of or security interest in any tangible real or personal property shall be granted to the bondholders or the trustee, but they shall have a valid security interest in all tax and other revenues received and accounts receivable by the commission or council under sections 473.592 to the extent of the tax imposed as security for the debt service of the basketball and hockey arena, 473.595, subdivision 1a, 473.598, and 473.599, as against the claims of all other persons in tort, contract, or otherwise, irrespective of whether the parties have notice of them, and without possession or filing as provided in the uniform commercial code or any other law. In the bond resolution or trust indenture the council may make the covenants, which shall be binding upon the commission, as are determined to be usual and reasonably necessary for the protection of the bondholders. No pledge, mortgage, covenant, or agreement securing bonds may be impaired, revoked, or amended by law or by action of the council, commission, or city, except in accordance with the terms of the resolution or indenture under which the bonds are issued, until the obligations of the council under the resolution or indenture are fully discharged.

Subd. 6. REVENUE ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES. After approval by the council and final adoption by the commission of an annual budget of the commission for operation, administration, and maintenance of the basketball and hockey arena, and in anticipation of the proceeds from the taxes under section 473.592 and the revenues of the commission provided for in the budget, but subject to any limitation or prohibition in a bond resolution or indenture, the council may authorize the issuance, negotiation, and sale, in the form and

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manner and upon the terms that it may determine, of revenue anticipation certificates. The principal amount of the certificates outstanding shall at no time exceed 25 percent of the total amount of the tax and other revenues anticipated. The certificates shall mature not later than three months after the close of the budget year. Prior to the approval and final adoption of the annual budget of the commission, the council may authorize revenue anticipation certificates under this subdivision. So much of the anticipated tax and other revenues as may be needed for the payment of the certificates and interest on them shall be paid into a special debt service fund established for the certificates in the council's financial records. If for any reason the anticipated tax and other revenues are insufficient, the certificates and interest shall be paid from the first tax, surcharge and other revenues received attributable to the basketball and hockey arena, subject to any limitation or prohibition in a bond resolution or indenture. The proceeds of the certificates may be used for any purpose for which the anticipated revenues or taxes may be used or for any purpose for which bond proceeds under subdivision 2 may be used.

Subd. 7. ARENA FREE OF MORTGAGES, LIENS, AND OBLIGATIONS. With the exception of the obligations imposed by sections 473.598 and 473.599, the commission shall not assume any notes, pledges, mortgages, liens, encumbrances, contracts, including advertising contracts or marquee agreements, or other obligations upon acquisition of the basketball and hockey arena or the arena land, including but not by way of limitation, management or concession agreements. Upon acquisition by the commission, the basketball and hockey arena and the arena land shall be free of all liens and encumbrances, including the foregoing but excluding the easements and rights-of-way that the commission shall determine do not materially impair or affect its ownership and operation of the basketball and hockey arena. Upon acquisition, the commission shall, through a process involving statewide public participation, select a name for the basketball and hockey arena. In the process of selecting the name, the commission shall consider its obligation under section 473.599, subdivision 1, but that obligation must not be the principal consideration in making the selection.

Subd. 8. REIMBURSEMENT TO STATE. The commission shall compensate the state for its contribution from the general fund under section 17, plus accrued interest, after payment of basketball and hockey arena debt service, the necessary and appropriate funding of debt reserve of the basketball and hockey arena and all expenses of operation, administration, and maintenance and the funding of a capital reserve for the repair, remodeling and renovation of the basketball and hockey arena. Compensation paid to the state shall occur at the same time that compensation is paid to the city of Minneapolis, as provided in paragraph (n) of subdivision 4, on a basis proportionate to the amount of forbearance of the entertainment tax or surcharge as provided in paragraph (n) to that date, and the amount of general fund appropriations paid by the state under section 17 to that date. No reimbursement will be paid under this subdivision after (1) the aggregate amount of the appropriations granted under section 20, to that time, plus accrued interest, has been reimbursed under this subdivision, or (2) December 31, 2024, whichever is earlier.

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Sec. 16. ALL TENANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLIC.

An agreement to occupy the basketball and hockey arena as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.551, subdivision 10, is not enforceable by any party to it unless all its terms and conditions are made public before it is intended to take effect.

Sec. 17. [240A.08] APPROPRIATION.

\$750,000 is appropriated annually from the general fund to the Minnesota amateur sports commission for the purpose of entering into long-term leases, use, or other agreements with the metropolitan sports facilities commission for the conduct of amateur sports activities at the basketball and hockey arena, consistent with the purposes set forth in chapter 240A, including (1) stimulating and promoting amateur sports, (2) promoting physical fitness by promoting participation in sports, (3) promoting the development of recreational amateur sport opportunities and activities, and (4) promoting local, regional, national, and international amateur sport competitions and events. The metropolitan sports facilities commission may allocate 50 dates a year for the conduct of amateur sports activities at the basketball and hockey arena by the amateur sports commission. At least 12 of the dates must be on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. If any amateur sports activities conducted by the amateur sports commission at the basketball and hockey arena are restricted to participants of one gender, an equal number of activities on comparable days of the week must be conducted for participants of the other gender, but not necessarily in the same year. The legislature reserves the right to repeal or amend this appropriation, and does not intend this appropriation to create public debt.

Sec. 18. ADVISORY TASK FORCE.

Subdivision 1. MEMBERSHIP. The metropolitan sports facilities commission shall create an advisory task force for the purpose of studying the overall impact of professional sports in the state. The task force shall consist of 18 members as follows:

(a) the governor or the governor's designee;

(b) the commissioner of trade and economic development;

(c) the chair of the Minnesota amateur sports commission;

(d) the chair of the metropolitan sports facilities commission;

(e) the chairs of the metropolitan and local government committee of the senate, and the local government and metropolitan affairs committee of the house of representatives, or their successor committees;

(f) the chairs of the jobs, energy and community development committee of the senate, and the commerce and economic development committee of the house of representatives, or their successor committees;

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(g) eight public members, appointed by the governor, one from each congressional district;

(h) one minority member of the senate, appointed by the subcommittee on committees of the rules and administration committee; and

(i) one minority member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

Subd. 2. STUDY. The advisory task force must at a minimum analyze the following factors:

(a) the economic disruption and worker dislocation that would occur in the event that a professional sports team would relocate;

(b) the dynamics and consequences of cities competing against each other for professional sports franchises; and

(c) the relative public costs of obtaining and keeping professional sports franchises.

The advisory task force shall make findings and report to the legislature by February 1, 1995, on the overall impact of professional sports franchises on the state and recommendations on a policy the state should adopt with regard to obtaining and retaining professional sports franchises. This section expires June 1, 1995.

Sec. 19. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 473.564, subdivision 1; and 473.571, are repealed.

Sec. 20. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.

Section 1 is effective for appointments for vacancies occurring on the amateur sports commission after December 31, 1994. The remainder of this article takes effect the day following final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

ARTICLE 2

Section 1. [240A.09] PLAN DEVELOPMENT; CRITERIA.

The Minnesota amateur sports commission shall develop a plan to promote the development of proposals for new statewide public ice facilities including proposals for ice centers and matching grants based on the criteria in this section.

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(a) For ice center proposals, the commission will give priority to proposals that come from more than one local government unit and that involve construction of more than three ice sheets in a single facility.

(b) The Minnesota amateur sports commission shall administer a site selection process for the ice centers. The commission shall invite proposals from cities or counties or consortia of cities. A proposal for an ice center must include matching contributions including in-kind contributions of land, access roadways and access roadway improvements, and necessary utility services, landscaping, and parking.

(c) Proposals for ice centers and matching grants must provide for meeting the demand for ice time for female groups by offering up to 50 percent of prime ice time, as needed, to female groups. For purposes of this section, prime ice time means the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

(d) The location for all proposed facilities must be in areas of maximum demonstrated interest and must maximize accessibility to an arterial highway.

(e) To the extent possible, all proposed facilities must be dispersed equitably and must be located to maximize potential for full utilization and profitable operation.

(f) The Minnesota amateur sports commission may also use the funds to upgrade current facilities, purchase girl's ice time, or conduct amateur women's hockey and other ice sport tournaments.

Sec. 2. [240A.10] AGREEMENTS.

The Minnesota amateur sports commission may enter into agreements with local units of government and provide financial assistance in the form of grants for the construction of ice arena facilities that in the determination of the commission, conform to its criteria.

Sec. 3. [240A.11] GENERAL OBLIGATION SPECIAL TAX BONDS FOR ICE CENTERS.

State general obligation bonds issued to finance the construction of the ice centers provided for in sections 1 and 2 may be general obligation special tax bonds under section 16A.661 and debt service on the bonds may be paid from sports and health club sales tax revenue as provided in section 16A.661, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 1, 1994.

Presented to the governor May 9, 1994

Signed by the governor May 10, 1994, 6:40 p.m.

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