

(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), if a person who is in lawful custody on an allegation or adjudication of a delinquent act while 18 years of age escapes from a local juvenile correctional facility, the person's sentence under this section begins on the person's 19th birthday or on the person's date of discharge from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, whichever occurs first. However, if the person described in this paragraph is convicted after becoming 19 years old and after discharge from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the person's sentence begins upon imposition by the sentencing court.

#### Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment, and apply to crimes committed on or after that date.

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### CHAPTER 442—S.F.No. 3139

*An act relating to veterans homes; providing sales tax rebates are not income for the support test for residents; providing for programs to assist homeless or disabled veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 198.03, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 198.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 198.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DISCRETIONARY ADMISSION.** Any person otherwise eligible for admission to the Minnesota veterans homes, except that the person has means of support, may, at the discretion of the board, be admitted to one of the Minnesota veterans homes upon entering into and complying with the terms of a contract made by the person with the board, providing for reasonable compensation to be paid by such person to the state of Minnesota for care, support, and maintenance in the home. Any earnings derived by the person from participating in a work therapy program while the person is a resident of the home may not be considered a means of support. Refunds or rebates of state sales taxes may not be considered a means of support.

#### Sec. 2. [198.37] TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.

The board may establish programs to assist homeless or disabled veterans on the campuses of the veterans homes. The board may use federal grant money for the Hastings veterans home to purchase single-family dwellings, make necessary repairs and improvements with the help of the department of administration, and operate the

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program. Continuation of these programs will be contingent on the availability of federal funds.

**Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective for tax refunds or rebates paid after June 30, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 443—H.F.No. 2757**

*An act relating to energy; regulating a state mandate requiring certain electric energy to be generated by using biomass as a fuel; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216B.2424, subdivisions 3, 5, and by adding subdivisions.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216B.2424, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **FUEL EXEMPTION.** Over the duration of the contract of a biomass power facility selected to satisfy the mandate in subdivision 5, fuel sources that are not biomass may be used to satisfy up to 25 percent of the fuel requirements of a biomass power facility selected to satisfy the biomass power mandate in subdivision 5, except that agricultural crop wastes, such as oat hulls, may be used to satisfy more than 25 percent of the fuel requirements of a power facility selected to satisfy the biomass power mandate in subdivision 5 if the wastes are co-fired with the fuel authorized for the facility. A biomass power facility selected to satisfy the mandate in subdivision 5 also may use fuel sources that are not biomass during any period when biomass fuel sources are not reasonably available to the facility due to any circumstances constituting an act of God. Fuel sources that are not biomass used during such a period of biomass fuel source unavailability shall not be counted toward the 25 percent exemption provided in this subdivision. For purposes of this subdivision, "act of God" means any natural disaster or other natural phenomenon of an exceptional, inevitable, or irresistible character, including, but not limited to, flood, fire, drought, earthquake, and crop failure resulting from climatic conditions, infestation, or disease.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216B.2424, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **MANDATE.** (a) A public utility, as defined in section 216B.02, subdivision 4, that operates a nuclear-powered electric generating plant within this state must construct and operate, purchase, or contract to construct and operate (1) by December 31, 1998, 50 megawatts of electric energy installed capacity generated by farm-grown closed-loop biomass scheduled to be operational by December 31, 2001;

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