liquidation of such capital costs, tolls may continue to be charged so as to defer any costs of reconstruction, maintenance, repair, improvement and operation which are thereafter incurred.

- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 165.08, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4. All costs to be borne by this state of purchasing, constructing, reconstructing, maintaining, improving and operating such bridges, including interest and principal payments of any bond obligations assumed by the commissioner shall be paid out of the trunk highway fund. Minnesota's share of all tolls collected under agreement with an adjoining nation or province, and all tolls collected for any toll bridge purchased entirely by this state shall be paid into the trunk highway fund. Notwithstanding this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a joint and independent international authority or commission created under subdivision 1 of this section is authorized to establish, collect, retain and spend all tolls for the purchase, construction, reconstruction, maintenance, improvement, repair and operation of any bridge or bridges under its control, and such international authority or commission is not required to deposit such tolls into the trunk highway fund.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 165.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- Subd. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the properties, moneys, and other assets of any joint and independent international authority or commission created under subdivision 1 of this section, all revenues or other income of any such authority or commission, and all bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations issued by any such authority or commission, and the interest thereon, shall be exempt from all taxation, licenses, fees, or charges of any kind imposed by the state or by any county, municipality, political subdivision, taxing district, or other public agency or body of the state.

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## CHAPTER 679—S.F.No.2238

An act relating to education, authorizing the state board of education to permit its members to attend certain meetings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 121.04, Subdivision 2.

Changes or additions indicated by underline, deletions by strikeout.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 121.04, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. EDUCATION; STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; ATTENDANCE AT CERTAIN MEETINGS. The state board may become a member of associated state boards of education and appoint not more than two of permit its members to attend its meetings. The amount of annual membership dues in such association and actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending such meetings shall be paid as other expenses of the state board are paid.

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## CHAPTER 680—S.F.No.2263

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to insurance; regulating the terms of accident and health policies; regulating the terms of medical service plans; regulating the terms of hospital service plan contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 62A, by adding a section; Section 159.10; and Chapter 309, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 62A, is amended by adding a section to read:

[62A.041] INSURANCE; HEALTH POLICIES AND PLANS; MATERNITY BENEFITS TO UNMARRIED WOMEN. Each group policy of accident and health insurance issued or renewed after the effective date of this act shall provide the same coverage for maternity benefits to unmarried women and minor female dependents that it provides to married women including the wives of employees choosing dependent family coverage. Each group policy shall also provide the same coverage for the child of an unmarried mother as that provided for the child of an employee choosing dependent family coverage. Any group policyholder contracting for a policy may request that the coverage required by this section be omitted.

Each individual policy of accident and health insurance may provide the same coverage for maternity benefits to unmarried women and minor female dependents as that provided for married

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