

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **3501**

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

Security purposes, the tax under this section is levied at the lowest tiered rate. Income not taxed for Social Security purposes is any income from wages or self-employment that is in excess of the Social Security contribution and benefit base for the taxable year. The money dedicated under this section shall be appropriated by law to fund the range of long-term care services provided to Minnesotans. Funds appropriated by law must supplement traditional sources of funding for long-term care services and may not be used as a substitute. Funds appropriated by law must reflect the demands and needs of the populations receiving long-term care services. Funds must be appropriated for services in all regions of the state and must be used in part to equalize rates paid for long-term care services in different regions of the state.

Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

(a) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, for the question submitted to the people under paragraph (b) shall be "Dedication to Our Most Vulnerable Citizens."

(b) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2020 general election. The question submitted must be:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities? This care will be funded by closing a tax loophole for a small group of wealthy individuals. Currently, individual income above \$128,400 is exempt from the tax which supports Social Security. Only the top 6% of income earners receive this special treatment. Everyone else is required to pay this tax on all of their earned income. Closing the loophole, and treating the top 6% the same as everyone else, will fund the care needed to help our most vulnerable citizens.

Yes

No "

ARTICLE 2

IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

Section 1. **AGENCY PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION.**

If the amendment in article 1, section 1, to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, is adopted, the commissioner of revenue and the commissioner of human services shall propose legislation to implement the long-term care tax and to appropriate the proceeds of the tax. The legislation must be introduced at the 2021 general session of the Minnesota Legislature.