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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Career Readiness Policy and Finance

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; individual income; providing a subtraction for discharge of
1.3 education loans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 290.0132, by adding
1.4 a subdivision; 290.091, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 290.0132, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 23. Discharge of indebtedness; education loans. (a) The amount equal to the
1.9 discharge of indebtedness of the taxpayer is a subtraction if:

1.10 (1) the indebtedness discharged is a qualified education loan;

1.11 (2) the taxpayer incurred the indebtedness to pay for qualified higher education expenses
1.12 related to attending a graduate degree program; and

1.13 (3) the indebtedness was discharged following the taxpayer's completion of an
1.14 income-driven repayment plan.

1.15 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "qualified education loan" and "qualified higher
1.16 education expenses" have the meanings given in section 221 of the Internal Revenue Code.

1.17 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "income-driven repayment plan" means a payment
1.18 plan established by the United States Department of Education that sets monthly student
1.19 loan payments based on income and family size under United States Code, title 20, section
1.20 1087e, or similar authority and specifically includes, but is not limited to:

1.21 (1) the income-based repayment plan under United States Code, title 20, section 1098e;

2.1 (2) the income contingent repayment plan established under United States Code, title
2.2 20, section 1087e, subsection (e); and

2.3 (3) the PAYE program or REPAYE program established by the Department of Education
2.4 under administrative regulations.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December
2.6 31, 2016.

2.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 290.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.8 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of the tax imposed by this section, the following
2.9 terms have the meanings given:

2.10 (a) "Alternative minimum taxable income" means the sum of the following for the taxable
2.11 year:

2.12 (1) the taxpayer's federal alternative minimum taxable income as defined in section
2.13 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code;

2.14 (2) the taxpayer's itemized deductions allowed in computing federal alternative minimum
2.15 taxable income, but excluding:

2.16 (i) the charitable contribution deduction under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code;

2.17 (ii) the medical expense deduction;

2.18 (iii) the casualty, theft, and disaster loss deduction; and

2.19 (iv) the impairment-related work expenses of a disabled person;

2.20 (3) for depletion allowances computed under section 613A(c) of the Internal Revenue
2.21 Code, with respect to each property (as defined in section 614 of the Internal Revenue Code),
2.22 to the extent not included in federal alternative minimum taxable income, the excess of the
2.23 deduction for depletion allowable under section 611 of the Internal Revenue Code for the
2.24 taxable year over the adjusted basis of the property at the end of the taxable year (determined
2.25 without regard to the depletion deduction for the taxable year);

2.26 (4) to the extent not included in federal alternative minimum taxable income, the amount
2.27 of the tax preference for intangible drilling cost under section 57(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue
2.28 Code determined without regard to subparagraph (E);

2.29 (5) to the extent not included in federal alternative minimum taxable income, the amount
2.30 of interest income as provided by section 290.0131, subdivision 2; and

2.31 (6) the amount of addition required by section 290.0131, subdivisions 9 to 11;

3.1 less the sum of the amounts determined under the following:

3.2 (1) interest income as defined in section 290.0132, subdivision 2;

3.3 (2) an overpayment of state income tax as provided by section 290.0132, subdivision 3,
3.4 to the extent included in federal alternative minimum taxable income;

3.5 (3) the amount of investment interest paid or accrued within the taxable year on
3.6 indebtedness to the extent that the amount does not exceed net investment income, as defined
3.7 in section 163(d)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Interest does not include amounts deducted
3.8 in computing federal adjusted gross income;

3.9 (4) amounts subtracted from federal taxable income as provided by section 290.0132,
3.10 subdivisions 7, 9 to 15, 17, ~~and 21~~, and 23; and

3.11 (5) the amount of the net operating loss allowed under section 290.095, subdivision 11,
3.12 paragraph (c).

3.13 In the case of an estate or trust, alternative minimum taxable income must be computed
3.14 as provided in section 59(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3.15 (b) "Investment interest" means investment interest as defined in section 163(d)(3) of
3.16 the Internal Revenue Code.

3.17 (c) "Net minimum tax" means the minimum tax imposed by this section.

3.18 (d) "Regular tax" means the tax that would be imposed under this chapter (without regard
3.19 to this section and section 290.032), reduced by the sum of the nonrefundable credits allowed
3.20 under this chapter.

3.21 (e) "Tentative minimum tax" equals 6.75 percent of alternative minimum taxable income
3.22 after subtracting the exemption amount determined under subdivision 3.

3.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December
3.24 31, 2016.