

CHAPTER 289A

TAX ADMINISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE

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289A.07 ELECTRONICALLY FILED RETURNS; SIGNATURES.

For purposes of this chapter, the name of the taxpayer, the name of the taxpayer's authorized agent, or the taxpayer's identification number, will constitute a signature when transmitted as part of the return information on returns filed by electronic means by the taxpayer or at the taxpayer's direction. "Electronic means" includes, but is not limited to, the use of a touch-tone telephone to transmit return information in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 2

289A.08 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME, FIDUCIARY INCOME, CORPORATE FRANCHISE, MINING COMPANY, AND ENTERTAINMENT TAXES.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. Corporations. A corporation that is subject to the state's jurisdiction to tax under section 290.014, subdivision 5, must file a return, except that a foreign operating corporation as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 6b, is not required to file a return. The commissioner shall adopt rules for the filing of one return on behalf of the members of an affiliated group of corporations that are required to file a combined report. Members of an affiliated group that elect to file one return on behalf of the members of the group under rules adopted by the commissioner may change or rescind the election by filing the form required by the commissioner.

[For text of subds 4 to 8, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 1993 c 375 art 2 s 36]

Subd. 10. Filing of proper return. The return must specifically set forth the items of gross income, deductions, credits against the tax, and any other data necessary for computing the amount of any item required for determining the amount of the net income tax liability. The return must be filed in the form and manner the commissioner prescribes. The filing of a return required under this section is considered an assessment. The return must be signed by the taxpayer in the case of an individual's return, by both spouses in the case of a joint return, by someone designated by the corporation, partnership, entertainment entity, or mining company in the case of a corporate, composite income, entertainment, or occupation tax return, and by the trustee, receiver, or other fiduciary in the case of a fiduciary's return.

[For text of subd 11, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 12. [Repealed, 1993 c 375 art 2 s 36]

[For text of subs 13 and 14, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 15. **Mining companies.** A mining company must file an annual return.

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 3-5

289A.09 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR TAXES WITHHELD FROM WAGES, FROM COMPENSATION OF ENTERTAINERS, AND FROM PAYMENTS TO OUT-OF-STATE CONTRACTORS; AND TAXES WITHHELD BY PARTNERSHIPS AND SMALL BUSINESS CORPORATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Returns.** (a) An employer who is required to deduct and withhold tax under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, and a person required to deduct and withhold tax under section 290.923, subdivision 2, must file a return with the commissioner for each quarterly period unless otherwise prescribed by the commissioner.

(b) A person or corporation required to make deposits under section 290.9201, subdivision 8, must file an entertainer withholding tax return with the commissioner.

(c) A person required to withhold an amount under section 290.9705, subdivision 1, must file a return.

(d) A partnership required to deduct and withhold tax under section 290.92, subdivision 4b, must file a return.

(e) An S corporation required to deduct and withhold tax under section 290.92, subdivision 4c, must also file a return.

(f) Returns must be filed in the form and manner, and contain the information prescribed by the commissioner. Every return for taxes withheld must be signed by the employer, entertainment entity, contract payor, partnership, or S corporation, or a designee.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. **Federal annuities; tax withholding request.** The commissioner of revenue shall participate with the United States Office of Personnel Management in a program of voluntary state income tax withholding on the federal annuities of retired federal employees. Upon the request of the taxpayer to the commissioner of revenue, and only on request of the taxpayer, the commissioner shall provide for state income tax withholding on federal annuities paid to the taxpayer.

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 6; art 8 s 1

289A.11 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR SALES AND USE TAX RETURNS.

Subdivision 1. **Return required.** Except as provided in section 289A.18, subdivision 4, for the month in which taxes imposed by sections 297A.01 to 297A.44 are payable, or for which a return is due, a return for the preceding reporting period must be filed with the commissioner in the form and manner the commissioner prescribes. A person making sales at retail at two or more places of business may file a consolidated return subject to rules prescribed by the commissioner.

Notwithstanding this subdivision, a person who is not required to hold a sales tax permit under chapter 297A and who makes annual purchases of less than \$5,000 that are subject to the use tax imposed by section 297A.14, may file an annual use tax return on a form prescribed by the commissioner. If a person who qualifies for an annual use tax reporting period is required to obtain a sales tax permit or makes use tax purchases in excess of \$5,000 during the calendar year, the reporting period must be considered ended at the end of the month in which the permit is applied for or the purchase in excess of \$5,000 is made and a return must be filed for the preceding reporting period.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. **Who must file return.** For purposes of the sales tax, a return must be filed by a retailer who is required to hold a permit. For the purposes of the use tax, a return must be filed by a retailer required to collect the tax and by a person buying any items,

the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax, who has not paid the use tax to a retailer required to collect the tax. The returns must be signed by the person filing the return or by the person's agent duly authorized in writing.

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 7.8

289A.12 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION RETURNS AND REPORTS.

Subd. 2. Returns required of banks; common trust funds. The commissioner may by notice and demand require a bank maintaining a common trust fund to file with the commissioner a return for a taxable year, stating specifically with respect to the fund, the items of gross income and deductions provided by section 290.281, subdivision 1. The return must include the names and addresses of the participants entitled to share the net income if distributed and the amount of the proportionate share of each participant.

Subd. 3. Returns or reports by partnerships, fiduciaries, and S corporations. (a) Partnerships must file a return with the commissioner for each taxable year. The return must conform to the requirements of section 290.31, and must include the names and addresses of the partners entitled to a distributive share in their taxable net income, gain, loss, or credit, and the amount of the distributive share to which each is entitled. A partnership required to file a return for a partnership taxable year must furnish a copy of the information required to be shown on the return to a person who is a partner at any time during the taxable year, on or before the day on which the return for the taxable year was filed.

(b) The fiduciary of an estate or trust making the return required to be filed under section 289A.08, subdivision 2, for a taxable year must give a beneficiary who receives a distribution from the estate or trust with respect to the taxable year or to whom any item with respect to the taxable year is allocated, a statement containing the information required to be shown on the return, on or before the date on which the return was filed.

(c) An S corporation must file a return with the commissioner for a taxable year during which an election under section 290.9725 is in effect, stating specifically the names and addresses of the persons owning stock in the corporation at any time during the taxable year, the number of shares of stock owned by a shareholder at all times during the taxable year, the shareholder's pro rata share of each item of the corporation for the taxable year, and other information the commissioner requires. An S corporation required to file a return under this paragraph for any taxable year must furnish a copy of the information shown on the return to the person who is a shareholder at any time during the taxable year, on or before the day on which the return for the taxable year was filed.

(d) The partnership or S corporation return must be signed by someone designated by the partnership or S corporation.

Subd. 4. Returns by persons, corporations, cooperatives, governmental entities, or school districts. The commissioner may by notice and demand require to the extent required by section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, a person, corporation, or cooperative, the state of Minnesota and its political subdivisions, and a city, county, and school district in Minnesota, making payments in the regular course of a trade or business during the taxable year to any person or corporation of \$600 or more on account of rents or royalties, or of \$10 or more on account of interest, or \$10 or more on account of dividends or patronage dividends, or \$600 or more on account of either wages, salaries, commissions, fees, prizes, awards, pensions, annuities, or any other fixed or determinable gains, profits or income, not otherwise reportable under section 289A.09, subdivision 2, or on account of earnings of \$10 or more distributed to its members by savings, building and loan associations or credit unions chartered under the laws of this state or the United States, (1) to file with the commissioner a return (except in cases where a valid agreement to participate in the combined federal and state information reporting system has been entered into, and

the return is filed only with the commissioner of internal revenue under the applicable filing and informational reporting requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991) with respect to the payments in excess of the amounts named, giving the names and addresses of the persons to whom the payments were made, the amounts paid to each, and (2) to make a return with respect to the total number of payments and total amount of payments, for each category of income named, which were in excess of the amounts named. This subdivision does not apply to the payment of interest or dividends to a person who was a nonresident of Minnesota for the entire year.

A person, corporation, or cooperative required to file returns under this subdivision must file the returns on magnetic media if magnetic media was used to satisfy the federal reporting requirement under section 6011(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, unless the person establishes to the satisfaction of the commissioner that compliance with this requirement would be an undue hardship.

[For text of subds 5 and 6, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 7. Returns for real property holdings of aliens. The commissioner may by notice and demand require a person or corporation required to make a return under section 6039C (relating to information return on a foreign person holding a United States real property interest) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, to make a similar return for the commissioner for foreign persons holding a Minnesota real property interest.

Subd. 8. Returns for unemployment compensation. The commissioner may by notice and demand require a person who makes payments of unemployment compensation totaling \$10 or more to any individual during a calendar year and who is required to make and file a return under section 6050B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, to file a copy of the return with the commissioner.

Subd. 9. Returns for payments of remuneration for services and direct sales. The commissioner may by notice and demand require a person who is required to make a return under section 6041A (relating to information returns regarding payments of remuneration for services and direct sales) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, to file a copy of the return containing the information required under that section with the commissioner. The provisions of that section govern the requirements of a statement that must be given to persons with respect to whom information is required to be given.

Subd. 10. Returns relating to social security benefits. The commissioner may by notice and demand require the appropriate federal official who is required to make a return under section 6050F (relating to social security benefits) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, to file a copy of the return containing the information required under that section with the commissioner.

Subd. 11. Returns by trustees. The commissioner may by notice and demand require the trustee of an individual retirement account and the issuer of an endowment contract or an individual retirement annuity who is required to make a report under section 408(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, to file with the commissioner a copy of that report containing the information required under that subsection. The provisions of that subsection govern when the reports are to be filed and the requirements of a statement that must be given to persons with respect to whom information must be given.

Subd. 12. Statements to payees. A person who can be required to file a return with the commissioner under subdivisions 4 to 10 must furnish to a person whose name is set forth in the return a written statement showing the name and address of the person making the return, and the aggregate amount of payments to the person shown on the return.

This written statement must be given to the person on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year for which the return was made.

[For text of subd 13, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 14. Regulated investment companies; reporting exempt-interest dividends. (a) a regulated investment company paying \$10 or more in exempt-interest dividends to an individual who is a resident of Minnesota must make a return indicating the amount of the exempt-interest dividends, the name, address, and social security number of the recipient, and any other information that the commissioner specifies. The return must be provided to the shareholder no later than 30 days after the close of the taxable year. The return provided to the shareholder must include a clear statement, in the form prescribed by the commissioner, that the exempt-interest dividends must be included in the computation of Minnesota taxable income. The commissioner may by notice and demand require the regulated investment company to file a copy of the return with the commissioner.

(b) This subdivision applies to regulated investment companies required to register under chapter 80A.

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, the following definitions apply.

(1) "Exempt-interest dividends" mean exempt-interest dividends as defined in section 852(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, but does not include the portion of exempt-interest dividends that are not required to be added to federal taxable income under section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clause (1)(ii).

(2) "Regulated investment company" means regulated investment company as defined in section 851(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991, or a fund of the regulated investment company as defined in section 851(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991.

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 9-18

289A.13 RETURNS; WHERE FILED.

Returns required to be filed under this chapter must be filed at the commissioner's office in St. Paul, or such other place as the commissioner may designate.

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 19

289A.18 DUE DATES FOR FILING OF RETURNS.

Subdivision 1. Individual income, fiduciary income, corporate franchise, and entertainment taxes; partnership and S corporation returns; information returns; mining company returns. The returns required to be made under sections 289A.08 and 289A.12 must be filed at the following times:

(1) returns made on the basis of the calendar year must be filed on April 15 following the close of the calendar year, except that returns of corporations must be filed on March 15 following the close of the calendar year;

(2) returns made on the basis of the fiscal year must be filed on the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the fiscal year, except that returns of corporations must be filed on the 15th day of the third month following the close of the fiscal year;

(3) returns for a fractional part of a year must be filed on the 15th day of the fourth month following the end of the month in which falls the last day of the period for which the return is made, except that the returns of corporations must be filed on the 15th day of the third month following the end of the month in which falls the last day of the period for which the return is made;

(4) in the case of a final return of a decedent for a fractional part of a year, the return must be filed on the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the 12-month period that began with the first day of that fractional part of a year;

(5) in the case of the return of a cooperative association, returns must be filed on or before the 15th day of the ninth month following the close of the taxable year;

(6) if a corporation has been divested from a unitary group and files a return for a fractional part of a year in which it was a member of a unitary business that files a combined report under section 290.34, subdivision 2, the divested corporation's return must be filed on the 15th day of the third month following the close of the common accounting period that includes the fractional year;

(7) returns of entertainment entities must be filed on April 15 following the close of the calendar year;

(8) returns required to be filed under section 289A.08, subdivision 4, must be filed on the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of the taxable year;

(9) returns of mining companies must be filed on May 1 following the close of the calendar year; and

(10) returns required to be filed with the commissioner under section 289A.12, subdivision 2, 4 to 10, or 14, must be filed within 30 days after being demanded by the commissioner.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 4. Sales and use tax returns. (a) Sales and use tax returns must be filed on or before the 20th day of the month following the close of the preceding reporting period, except that annual use tax returns provided for under section 289A.11, subdivision 1, must be filed by April 15 following the close of the calendar year, and annual sales tax returns must be filed by February 5 following the close of the calendar year.

(b) Returns filed by retailers required to remit liabilities by means of funds transfer under section 289A.20, subdivision 4, paragraph (d), are due on or before the 25th day of the month following the close of the preceding reporting period. The return for the May liability and 75 percent of the estimated June liability is due on the date payment of the estimated June liability is due, and on or before August 25 of a year, the retailer must file a return showing the actual June liability.

(c) If a retailer has an average sales and use tax liability, including local sales and use taxes administered by the commissioner, equal to or less than \$500 per month in any quarter of a calendar year, and has substantially complied with the tax laws during the preceding four calendar quarters, the retailer may request authorization to file and pay the taxes quarterly in subsequent calendar quarters. The authorization remains in effect during the period in which the retailer's quarterly returns reflect sales and use tax liabilities of less than \$1,500 and there is continued compliance with state tax laws.

(d) If a retailer has an average sales and use tax liability, including local sales and use taxes administered by the commissioner, equal to or less than \$100 per month during a calendar year, and has substantially complied with the tax laws during that period, the retailer may request authorization to file and pay the taxes annually in subsequent years. The authorization remains in effect during the period in which the retailer's annual returns reflect sales and use tax liabilities of less than \$1,200 and there is continued compliance with state tax laws.

(e) The commissioner may also grant quarterly or annual filing and payment authorizations to retailers if the commissioner concludes that the retailers' future tax liabilities will be less than the monthly totals identified in paragraphs (c) and (d). An authorization granted under this paragraph is subject to the same conditions as an authorization granted under paragraphs (c) and (d).

[For text of subd 5, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 20,21; art 10 s 13

289A.20 DUE DATES FOR MAKING PAYMENTS OF TAX.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2. Withholding from wages, entertainer withholding, withholding from payments to out-of-state contractors, and withholding by partnerships and small business corporations. (a) A tax required to be deducted and withheld during the quarterly period must be paid on or before the last day of the month following the close of the quarterly period, unless an earlier time for payment is provided. A tax required to be deducted and withheld from compensation of an entertainer and from a payment to an out-of-state contractor must be paid on or before the date the return for such tax must be filed under section 289A.18, subdivision 2. Taxes required to be deducted and withheld by partnerships and S corporations must be paid on or before the date the return must be filed under section 289A.18, subdivision 2.

(b) An employer who, during the previous quarter, withheld more than \$500 of tax under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or 290.923, subdivision 2, must deposit tax withheld under those sections with the commissioner within the time allowed to deposit the employer's federal withheld employment taxes under Treasury Regulation, section 31.6302-1, without regard to the safe harbor or de minimus rules in subparagraph (f) or the one-day rule in subsection (c), clause (3). Taxpayers must submit a copy of their federal notice of deposit status to the commissioner upon request by the commissioner.

(c) The commissioner may prescribe by rule other return periods or deposit requirements. In prescribing the reporting period, the commissioner may classify payors according to the amount of their tax liability and may adopt an appropriate reporting period for the class that the commissioner judges to be consistent with efficient tax collection. In no event will the duration of the reporting period be more than one year.

(d) If less than the correct amount of tax is paid to the commissioner, proper adjustments with respect to both the tax and the amount to be deducted must be made, without interest, in the manner and at the times the commissioner prescribes. If the underpayment cannot be adjusted, the amount of the underpayment will be assessed and collected in the manner and at the times the commissioner prescribes.

(e) If the aggregate amount of the tax withheld during a fiscal year ending June 30 under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, is equal to or exceeds \$120,000, the employer must remit each required deposit in the subsequent calendar year by means of a funds transfer as defined in section 336.4A-104, paragraph (a). The funds transfer payment date, as defined in section 336.4A-401, must be on or before the date the deposit is due. If the date the deposit is due is not a funds transfer business day, as defined in section 336.4A-105, paragraph (a), clause (4), the payment date must be on or before the funds transfer business day next following the date the deposit is due.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 4. Sales and use tax. (a) The taxes imposed by chapter 297A are due and payable to the commissioner monthly on or before the 20th day of the month following the month in which the taxable event occurred or following another reporting period as the commissioner prescribes, except that use taxes due on an annual use tax return as provided under section 289A.11, subdivision 1, are payable by April 15 following the close of the calendar year.

(b) A vendor having a liability of \$120,000 or more during a fiscal year ending June 30 must remit the June liability for the next year in the following manner:

(1) Two business days before June 30 of the year, the vendor must remit 75 percent of the estimated June liability to the commissioner.

(2) On or before August 14 of the year, the vendor must pay any additional amount of tax not remitted in June.

(c) When a retailer located outside of a city that imposes a local sales and use tax collects use tax to be remitted to that city, the retailer is not required to remit the tax until the amount collected reaches \$10.

(d) A vendor having a liability of \$120,000 or more during a fiscal year ending June 30 must remit all liabilities in the subsequent calendar year by means of a funds

transfer as defined in section 336.4A-104, paragraph (a). The funds transfer payment date, as defined in section 336.4A-401, must be on or before the 14th day of the month following the month in which the taxable event occurred, except for 75 percent of the estimated June liability, which is due two business days before June 30. The remaining amount of the June liability is due on August 14. If the date the tax is due is not a funds transfer business day, as defined in section 336.4A-105, paragraph (a), clause (4), the payment date must be on or before the funds transfer business day next following the date the tax is due.

(e) If the vendor required to remit by electronic funds transfer as provided in paragraph (d) is unable due to reasonable cause to determine the actual sales and use tax due on or before the due date for payment, the vendor may remit an estimate of the tax owed using one of the following options:

(1) 100 percent of the tax reported on the previous month's sales and use tax return;

(2) 100 percent of the tax reported on the sales and use tax return for the same month in the previous calendar year; or

(3) 95 percent of the actual tax due.

Any additional amount of tax that is not remitted on or before the due date for payment, must be remitted with the return. A vendor must notify the commissioner of the option that will be used to estimate the tax due, and must obtain approval from the commissioner to switch to another option. If a vendor fails to remit the actual liability or does not remit using one of the estimate options by the due date for payment, the vendor must remit actual liability as provided in paragraph (d) in all subsequent periods. This paragraph does not apply to the June sales and use tax liability.

[For text of subd 5, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 13 art 1 s 34; 1993 c 375 art 1 s 3; art 8 s 2; art 10 s 14,15

289A.25 PAYMENT OF ESTIMATED TAX BY INDIVIDUALS, TRUSTS, OR PARTNERSHIPS.

Subdivision 1. Requirements to pay. An individual, trust, or partnership must, when prescribed in subdivision 3, paragraph (b), make payments of estimated tax. The term "estimated tax" means the amount the taxpayer estimates is the sum of the taxes imposed by chapter 290 for the taxable year. If the individual is an infant or incompetent person, the payments must be made by the individual's guardian. If joint payments on estimated tax are made but a joint return is not made for the taxable year, the estimated tax for that year may be treated as the estimated tax of either the husband or the wife or may be divided between them.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no payments of estimated tax are required if the estimated tax, as defined in this subdivision, less the credits allowed against the tax, is less than \$500.

Subd. 2. Additions to tax for underpayment. (a) In the case of any underpayment of estimated tax by a taxpayer, except as provided in subdivision 6 or 7, there must be added to and become a part of the taxes imposed by chapter 290, for the taxable year an amount determined at the rate specified in section 270.75 upon the amount of the underpayment for the period of the underpayment.

(b) For purposes of paragraph (a), the amount of underpayment shall be the excess of

(1) the amount of the installment required to be paid, over

(2) the amount, if any, of the installment paid on or before the last day prescribed for the payment.

[For text of subds 3 to 5, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 5a. Modification to individual or trust estimated tax requirements. (a) If an

individual or trust meets the requirements of section 6654(d)(1)(C) to (F), of the Internal Revenue Code, the amount of the required installments under subdivision 5 must be computed as provided in this subdivision. In determining the amount of the required installment, the following requirement is substituted for subdivision 5, clauses (2) and (3): "(2) the greater of (i) 100 percent of the tax shown on the return of the individual for the preceding taxable year, or (ii) 90 percent of the tax shown on the return for the current year, determined by taking into account the adjustments under section 6654(d)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code."

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply for purposes of determining the amount of the first required installment in any taxable year under subdivision 3, paragraph (b). A reduction in an installment under this paragraph must be recaptured by increasing the amount of the first succeeding required installment by the amount of the reduction, unless the individual meets the requirements of paragraph (c).

(c) This subdivision does not apply to any required installment if the individual qualifies for an annualization exception as computed under section 6654(d)(1)(C)(iv) of the Internal Revenue Code. A reduction in an installment under this paragraph must be recaptured by increasing the amount of the first succeeding required installment (with respect to which the requirements of section 6654(d)(1)(C)(iv) are not met) by the amount of the reduction.

(d) All references to the Internal Revenue Code in this section are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1991. For purposes of meeting the requirements of or making adjustments under section 6654 of the Internal Revenue Code in this subdivision:

(1)(i) for an individual who is not a Minnesota resident for the entire year, the terms "adjusted gross income" and "modified adjusted gross income" mean the Minnesota share of that income apportioned to Minnesota under section 290.06, subdivision 2c, paragraph (e), or

(ii) for a trust the terms "adjusted gross income" and "modified adjusted gross income" mean the income assigned to Minnesota under section 290.17; and

(2) "tax" means the sum of the taxes imposed by chapter 290 for a taxable year.

(e) This subdivision does not apply to individuals who compute and pay estimated taxes under subdivision 10.

(f) This subdivision does not apply to any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1996.

(g) In the case of a trust to which this subdivision applies, subdivision 5, clause (3), item (i), shall be applied by substituting "ending before the date one month before the due date for the installment" for "ending before the month in which the installment is required to be paid."

Subd. 6. Exception to addition to tax. No addition to the tax shall be imposed under this section for any taxable year if:

(1) the taxpayer did not have liability for tax for the preceding taxable year,

(2) the preceding taxable year was a taxable year of 12 months, and

(3) the individual or trust was a resident of Minnesota throughout the preceding taxable year.

[For text of subd 7, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 8. Application of section; tax withheld on wages. For purposes of this section, the estimated tax must be computed without reduction for the amount that the taxpayer estimates as the taxpayer's credit under section 290.92, subdivision 12 (relating to tax withheld at source on wages), and any other refundable credits allowed against income tax liability, and the amount of those credits for the taxable year is considered a payment of estimated tax, and an equal part of those amounts is considered paid on the installment date, determined under subdivision 3, paragraph (b), for that taxable year, unless the taxpayer establishes the dates on which the amounts were actually with-

held, in which case the amounts so withheld are considered payments of estimated tax on the dates on which the amounts were actually withheld.

[For text of subd 9, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 10. Special rule for farmers and fishermen. For purposes of this section, if an individual is a farmer or fisherman as defined in section 6654(i)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1992, for a taxable year, only one installment is required for the taxable year, the due date of which is January 15 of the following taxable year, the amount of which is equal to the required annual payment determined under subdivision 5 by substituting "66-2/3 percent" for "90 percent," and subdivision 9 shall be applied by substituting "March 1" for "January 31," and by treating the required installment described as the fourth required installment.

[For text of subd 11, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 12. Estates. The provisions of this section do not apply to an estate.

[For text of subd 13, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 22-28

289A.26 PAYMENT OF ESTIMATED TAX BY CORPORATIONS.

Subdivision 1. Minimum liability. A corporation subject to taxation under chapter 290 (excluding section 290.92) or an entity subject to taxation under section 290.05, subdivision 3, must make payment of estimated tax for the taxable year if its tax liability so computed can reasonably be expected to exceed \$500, or in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner for an affiliated group of corporations electing to file one return as permitted under section 289A.08, subdivision 3.

[For text of subs 2 to 3, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 4. Underpayment of estimated tax. If there is an underpayment of estimated tax by a corporation, there shall be added to the tax for the taxable year an amount determined at the rate in section 270.75 on the amount of the underpayment, determined under subdivision 5, for the period of the underpayment determined under subdivision 6. This subdivision does not apply in the first taxable year that a corporation is subject to the tax imposed under section 290.02.

[For text of subd 5, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 6. Period of underpayment. The period of the underpayment runs from the date the installment was required to be paid to the earlier of the following dates:

(1) the 15th day of the third month following the close of the taxable year for corporations, and the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of the taxable year for entities subject to tax under section 290.05, subdivision 3; or

(2) with respect to any part of the underpayment, the date on which that part is paid. For purposes of this clause, a payment of estimated tax shall be credited against unpaid required installments in the order in which those installments are required to be paid.

Subd. 7. Required installments. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the amount of a required installment is 25 percent of the required annual payment.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the term "required annual payment" means the lesser of:

(1) 97 percent of the tax shown on the return for the taxable year, or, if no return is filed, 97 percent of the tax for that year; or

(2) 100 percent of the tax shown on the return of the entity for the preceding taxable year provided the return was for a full 12-month period, showed a liability, and was filed by the entity.

(c) Except for determining the first required installment for any taxable year, paragraph (b), clause (2), does not apply in the case of a large corporation. The term "large corporation" means a corporation or any predecessor corporation that had taxable net income of \$1,000,000 or more for any taxable year during the testing period. The term "testing period" means the three taxable years immediately preceding the taxable year involved. A reduction allowed to a large corporation for the first installment that is allowed by applying paragraph (b), clause (2), must be recaptured by increasing the next required installment by the amount of the reduction.

(d) In the case of a required installment, if the corporation establishes that the annualized income installment is less than the amount determined in paragraph (a), the amount of the required installment is the annualized income installment and the recapture of previous quarters' reductions allowed by this paragraph must be recovered by increasing later required installments to the extent the reductions have not previously been recovered.

(e) The "annualized income installment" is the excess, if any, of:

(1) an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the tax for the taxable year computed by placing on an annualized basis the taxable income:

(i) for the first two months of the taxable year, in the case of the first required installment;

(ii) for the first two months or for the first five months of the taxable year, in the case of the second required installment;

(iii) for the first six months or for the first eight months of the taxable year, in the case of the third required installment; and

(iv) for the first nine months or for the first 11 months of the taxable year, in the case of the fourth required installment, over

(2) the aggregate amount of any prior required installments for the taxable year.

(3) For the purpose of this paragraph, the annualized income shall be computed by placing on an annualized basis the taxable income for the year up to the end of the month preceding the due date for the quarterly payment multiplied by 12 and dividing the resulting amount by the number of months in the taxable year (2, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 11 as the case may be) referred to in clause (1).

(4) The "applicable percentage" used in clause (1) is:

For the following required installments:	The applicable percentage is:
1st	24.25
2nd	48.5
3rd	72.75
4th	97

(f)(1) If this paragraph applies, the amount determined for any installment must be determined in the following manner:

(i) take the taxable income for the months during the taxable year preceding the filing month;

(ii) divide that amount by the base period percentage for the months during the taxable year preceding the filing month;

(iii) determine the tax on the amount determined under item (ii); and

(iv) multiply the tax computed under item (iii) by the base period percentage for the filing month and the months during the taxable year preceding the filing month.

(2) For purposes of this paragraph:

(i) the "base period percentage" for a period of months is the average percent that the taxable income for the corresponding months in each of the three preceding taxable years bears to the taxable income for the three preceding taxable years;

(ii) the term "filing month" means the month in which the installment is required to be paid;

(iii) this paragraph only applies if the base period percentage for any six consecutive months of the taxable year equals or exceeds 70 percent; and

(iv) the commissioner may provide by rule for the determination of the base period percentage in the case of reorganizations, new corporations, and other similar circumstances.

(3) In the case of a required installment determined under this paragraph, if the entity determines that the installment is less than the amount determined in paragraph (a), the amount of the required installment is the amount determined under this paragraph and the recapture of previous quarters' reductions allowed by this paragraph must be recovered by increasing later required installments to the extent the reductions have not previously been recovered.

[For text of subds 8 to 11, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 29-31; art 8 s 3

289A.36 EXAMINATIONS; AUDITS AND COLLECTIONS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. Power to compel testimony. In the administration of state tax law, the commissioner may:

(1) administer oaths or affirmations and compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses, testimony, and the production of a person's pertinent books, records, papers, or other data for inspection and copying;

(2) examine under oath or affirmation any person regarding the business of any taxpayer concerning any relevant matter incident to the administration of state tax law. The fees of witnesses required by the commissioner to attend a hearing are equal to those allowed to witnesses appearing before courts of this state. The fees must be paid in the manner provided for the payment of other expenses incident to the administration of state tax law; and

(3) in addition to other remedies that may be available, bring an action in equity by the state against a taxpayer for an injunction ordering the taxpayer to file a complete and proper return or amended return. The district courts of this state have jurisdiction over the action and disobedience of an injunction issued under this clause will be punished as a contempt of district court.

[For text of subds 4 to 6, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 7. Application to court for enforcement of subpoena. Disobedience of subpoenas issued under this section shall be punished by the district court of the district in which the party served with the subpoena is located, in the same manner as contempt of the district court.

[For text of subd 8, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 375 art 10 s 16,17

289A.40 LIMITATIONS ON CLAIMS FOR REFUND.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 1a. Individual income taxes; reasonable cause. If the taxpayer establishes reasonable cause for failing to timely file the return required by section 289A.08, subdivision 1, files the required return within ten years of the date specified in section 289A.18, subdivision 1, and independently verifies that an overpayment has been made, the commissioner shall grant a refund claimed by the original return, notwithstanding the limitations of subdivision 1.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 375 art 10 s 18

289A.50 CLAIMS FOR REFUNDS.*[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1992]*

Subd. 5. Withholding of refunds from child support and maintenance debtors. (a) If a court of this state finds that a person obligated to pay child support or maintenance is delinquent in making payments, the amount of child support or maintenance unpaid and owing, including attorney fees and costs incurred in ascertaining or collecting child support or maintenance, must be withheld from a refund due the person under chapter 290. The public agency responsible for child support enforcement or the parent or guardian of a child for whom the support, attorney fees, and costs are owed or the party to whom maintenance, attorney fees, and costs are owed may petition the district court for an order providing for the withholding of the amount of child support, maintenance, attorney fees, and costs unpaid and owing as determined by court order. The person from whom the refund may be withheld must be notified of the petition under the rules of civil procedure before the issuance of an order under this subdivision. The order may be granted on a showing to the court that required support or maintenance payments, attorney fees, and costs have not been paid when they were due.

(b) On order of the court, the commissioner shall withhold the money from the refund due to the person obligated to pay the child support or maintenance. The amount withheld shall be remitted to the public agency responsible for child support enforcement, the parent or guardian petitioning on behalf of the child, or the party to whom maintenance is owed, after any delinquent tax obligations of the taxpayer owed to the revenue department have been satisfied and after deduction of the fee prescribed in section 270A.07, subdivision 1. An amount received by the responsible public agency, or the petitioning parent or guardian, or the party to whom maintenance is owed, in excess of the amount of public assistance spent for the benefit of the child to be supported, or the amount of any support, maintenance, attorney fees, and costs that had been the subject of the claim under this subdivision that has been paid by the taxpayer before the diversion of the refund, must be paid to the person entitled to the money. If the refund is based on a joint return, the part of the refund that must be paid to the petitioner is the proportion of the total refund that equals the proportion of the total federal adjusted gross income of the spouses that is the federal adjusted gross income of the spouse who is delinquent in making the child support or maintenance payments.

(c) A petition filed under this subdivision remains in effect with respect to any refunds due under this section until the support or maintenance, attorney fees, and costs have been paid in full or the court orders the commissioner to discontinue withholding the money from the refund due the person obligated to pay the support or maintenance, attorney fees, and costs. If a petition is filed under this subdivision concerning child support and a claim is made under chapter 270A with respect to the individual's refund and notices of both are received before the time when payment of the refund is made on either claim, the claim relating to the liability that accrued first in time must be paid first. The amount of the refund remaining must then be applied to the other claim.

*[For text of subds 6 to 9, see M.S.1992]***History:** 1993 c 322 s 6; 1993 c 375 art 8 s 4**289A.56 INTEREST ON OVERPAYMENTS.***[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]*

Subd. 3. Withholding tax, entertainer withholding tax, withholding from payments to out-of-state contractors, estate tax, and sales tax overpayments. When a refund is due for overpayments of withholding tax, entertainer withholding tax, withholding from payments to out-of-state contractors, or estate tax, interest is computed from the date of payment to the date the refund is paid or credited. For purposes of this subdivision, the date of payment is the later of the date the tax was finally due or was paid.

For purposes of computing interest on sales and use tax refunds, interest is paid from the date of payment to the date the refund is paid or credited, if the refund claim includes a detailed schedule reflecting the tax periods covered in the claim. If the refund claim submitted does not include a detailed schedule reflecting the tax periods covered in the claim, interest is computed from the date the claim was filed.

[For text of subds 4 to 6, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 375 art 9 s 15

289A.60 CIVIL PENALTIES.

Subdivision 1. Penalty for failure to pay tax. If a tax other than a withholding or sales or use tax is not paid within the time specified for payment, a penalty must be added to the amount required to be shown as tax. The penalty is three percent of the tax not paid on or before the date specified for payment of the tax if the failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional penalty of three percent of the amount of tax remaining unpaid during each additional 30 days or fraction of 30 days during which the failure continues, not exceeding 24 percent in the aggregate.

If a withholding or sales or use tax is not paid within the time specified for payment, a penalty must be added to the amount required to be shown as tax. The penalty is five percent of the tax not paid on or before the date specified for payment of the tax if the failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional penalty of five percent of the amount of tax remaining unpaid during each additional 30 days or fraction of 30 days during which the failure continues, not exceeding 15 percent in the aggregate.

Subd. 2. Penalty for failure to make and file return. If a taxpayer fails to make and file a return other than an income tax return of an individual, a withholding return, or sales or use tax return, within the time prescribed or an extension, a penalty is added to the tax. The penalty is three percent of the amount of tax not paid on or before the date prescribed for payment of the tax including any extensions if the failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional five percent of the amount of tax remaining unpaid during each additional 30 days or fraction of 30 days, during which the failure continues, not exceeding 23 percent in the aggregate.

If a taxpayer fails to file a return, other than an income tax return of an individual, within 60 days of the date prescribed for filing of the return (determined with regard to any extension of time for filing), the addition to tax under this subdivision must not be less than the lesser of: (1) \$200; or (2) the greater of (a) 25 percent of the amount required to be shown as tax on the return without reduction for any payments made or refundable credits allowable against the tax, or (b) \$50.

If a taxpayer fails to file an individual income tax return within six months after the date prescribed for filing of the return, a penalty of ten percent of the amount of tax not paid by the end of that six-month period is added to the tax.

If a taxpayer fails to file a withholding or sales or use tax return within the time prescribed, including an extension, a penalty of five percent of the amount of tax not timely paid is added to the tax.

[For text of subds 3 to 5, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 5a. Penalty for repeated failures to file returns or pay taxes. If there is a pattern by a person of repeated failures to timely file withholding or sales or use tax returns or timely pay withholding or sales or use taxes, and written notice is given that a penalty will be imposed if such failures continue, a penalty of 25 percent of the amount of tax not timely paid as a result of each such subsequent failure is added to the tax. The penalty can be abated under the abatement authority in section 270.07, subdivisions 1, paragraph (e), and 6.

[For text of subds 6 to 14, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 15. Accelerated payment of June sales tax liability; penalty for underpayment.

If a vendor is required by law to submit an estimation of June sales tax liabilities and 75 percent payment by a certain date, the vendor shall pay a penalty equal to ten percent of the amount of actual June liability required to be paid in June less the amount remitted in June. The penalty must not be imposed, however, if the amount remitted in June equals the lesser of: (1) 70 percent of the actual June liability, (2) 75 percent of the preceding May's liability, or (3) 75 percent of the average monthly liability for the previous calendar year.

[For text of subds 16 to 20, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 21. Penalty for failure to make payment by electronic funds transfer. In addition to other applicable penalties imposed by this section, after notification from the commissioner to the taxpayer that payments are required to be made by means of electronic funds transfer under section 289A.20, subdivision 2, paragraph (e), or 4, paragraph (d), or 289A.26, subdivision 2a, and the payments are remitted by some other means, there is a penalty in the amount of five percent of each payment that should have been remitted electronically. The penalty can be abated under the abatement procedures prescribed in section 270.07, subdivision 6, if the failure to remit the payment electronically is due to reasonable cause.

History: 1993 c 375 art 10 s 19-23

289A.63 CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. Sales without permit; violations. (a) A person who engages in the business of making retail sales in Minnesota without the permit required under chapter 297A, or a responsible officer of a corporation who so engages in business, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(b) A person who engages in the business of making retail sales in Minnesota after revocation of a permit under section 297A.07, when the commissioner has not issued a new permit, is guilty of a felony.

[For text of subds 4 to 10, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 11. Consolidation of venue. If two or more offenses in this section are committed by the same person in more than one county, the accused may be prosecuted for all the offenses in any county in which one of the offenses was committed.

History: 1993 c 326 art 4 s 7; 1993 c 375 art 9 s 16