

## CHAPTER 297A

## GENERAL SALES TAX AND DISTRIBUTION

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## 297A.01 DEFINITIONS.

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

Subd. 2. "Person" includes any individual, partner, officer, director, firm, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association, cooperative, social club, fraternal organization, municipal or private corporation whether organized for profit or not, estate, trusts, business trusts, receiver, trustee, syndicate, the United States, the state of Minnesota, any political subdivision of Minnesota, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular number. As used in the preceding sentence, the term "person" includes, but is not limited to, directors and officers of corporations, governors and managers of a limited liability company, or members of partnerships who, either individually or jointly with others, have the control, supervision or responsibility of filing returns and making payment of the amount of tax imposed by this chapter. "Person" shall also include any agent or consignee of any individual or organization enumerated in this subdivision.

Subd. 3. A "sale" and a "purchase" includes, but is not limited to, each of the following transactions:

(a) Any transfer of title or possession, or both, of tangible personal property, whether absolutely or conditionally, and the leasing of or the granting of a license to use or consume tangible personal property other than manufactured homes used for residential purposes for a continuous period of 30 days or more, for a consideration in money or by exchange or barter;

(b) The production, fabrication, printing, or processing of tangible personal property for a consideration for consumers who furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used in the production, fabrication, printing, or processing;

(c) The furnishing, preparing, or serving for a consideration of food, meals, or drinks. "Sale" does not include:

(1) meals or drinks served to patients, inmates, or persons residing at hospitals, sanitariums, nursing homes, senior citizens homes, and correctional, detention, and detoxification facilities;

(2) meals or drinks purchased for and served exclusively to individuals who are 60 years of age or over and their spouses or to the handicapped and their spouses by governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, agencies, or churches or pursuant to any program funded in whole or part through 42 USCA sections 3001 through 3045, wherever delivered, prepared or served; or

(3) meals and lunches served at public and private schools, universities, or colleges. Notwithstanding section 297A.25, subdivision 2, taxable food or meals include, but are not limited to, the following:

(i) heated food or drinks;

(ii) sandwiches prepared by the retailer;

(iii) single sales of prepackaged ice cream or ice milk novelties prepared by the retailer;

- (iv) hand-prepared or dispensed ice cream or ice milk products including cones, sundaes, and snow cones;
- (v) soft drinks and other beverages prepared or served by the retailer;
- (vi) gum;
- (vii) ice;
- (viii) all food sold in vending machines;
- (ix) party trays prepared by the retailer; and
- (x) all meals and single servings of packaged snack food, single cans or bottles of pop, sold in restaurants and bars;

(d) The granting of the privilege of admission to places of amusement, recreational areas, or athletic events, except a world championship football game sponsored by the national football league, and the privilege of having access to and the use of amusement devices, tanning facilities, reducing salons, steam baths, turkish baths, health clubs, and spas or athletic facilities;

(e) The furnishing for a consideration of lodging and related services by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel or trailer camp and of the granting of any similar license to use real property other than the renting or leasing thereof for a continuous period of 30 days or more;

(f) The furnishing for a consideration of electricity, gas, water, or steam for use or consumption within this state, or local exchange telephone service, intrastate toll service, and interstate toll service, if that service originates from and is charged to a telephone located in this state. Telephone service includes paging services and private communication service, as defined in United States Code, title 26, section 4252(d), except for private communication service purchased by an agent acting on behalf of the state lottery. The furnishing for a consideration of access to telephone services by a hotel to its guests is a sale under this clause. Sales by municipal corporations in a proprietary capacity are included in the provisions of this clause. The furnishing of water and sewer services for residential use shall not be considered a sale. The sale of natural gas to be used as a fuel in vehicles propelled by natural gas shall not be considered a sale for the purposes of this section;

(g) The furnishing for a consideration of cable television services, including charges for basic service, charges for premium service, and any other charges for any other pay-per-view, monthly, or similar television services;

(h) Notwithstanding section 297A.25, subdivisions 9 and 12, the sales of racehorses including claiming sales and fees paid for breeding racehorses or horses previously used for racing shall be considered a "sale" and a "purchase." "Racehorse" means a horse that is or is intended to be used for racing and whose birth has been recorded by the Jockey Club or the United States Trotting Association or the American Quarter Horse Association. "Sale" does not include fees paid for breeding horses that are not racehorses;

- (i) The furnishing for a consideration of parking services, whether on a contractual, hourly, or other periodic basis, except for parking at a meter;
- (j) The furnishing for a consideration of services listed in this paragraph:
  - (i) laundry and dry cleaning services including cleaning, pressing, repairing, altering, and storing clothes, linen services and supply, cleaning and blocking hats, and carpet, drapery, upholstery, and industrial cleaning. Laundry and dry cleaning services do not include services provided by coin operated facilities operated by the customer;
  - (ii) motor vehicle washing, waxing, and cleaning services, including services provided by coin-operated facilities operated by the customer, and rustproofing, undercoating, and towing of motor vehicles;
  - (iii) building and residential cleaning, maintenance, and disinfecting and exterminating services;
  - (iv) services provided by detective agencies, security services, burglar, fire alarm, and armored car services not including services performed within the jurisdiction they serve by off-duty licensed peace officers as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1;

(v) pet grooming services;

(vi) lawn care, fertilizing, mowing, spraying and sprigging services; garden planting and maintenance; arborist services; tree, bush, and shrub pruning, bracing, spraying, and surgery; and tree trimming for public utility lines. Services performed under a construction contract for the installation of shrubbery, plants, sod, trees, bushes, and similar items are not taxable;

(vii) solid waste collection and disposal services as described in section 297A.45;

(viii) massages, except when provided by a licensed health care facility or professional or upon written referral from a licensed health care facility or professional for treatment of illness, injury, or disease; and

(ix) the furnishing for consideration of lodging, board and care services for animals in kennels and other similar arrangements, but excluding veterinary and horse boarding services.

The services listed in this paragraph are taxable under section 297A.02 if the service is performed wholly within Minnesota or if the service is performed partly within and partly without Minnesota and the greater proportion of the service is performed in Minnesota, based on the cost of performance. In applying the provisions of this chapter, the terms "tangible personal property" and "sales at retail" include taxable services and the provision of taxable services, unless specifically provided otherwise. Services performed by an employee for an employer are not taxable under this paragraph. Services performed by a partnership or association for another partnership or association are not taxable under this paragraph if one of the entities owns or controls more than 80 percent of the voting power of the equity interest in the other entity. Services performed between members of an affiliated group of corporations are not taxable. For purposes of this section, "affiliated group of corporations" includes those entities that would be classified as a member of an affiliated group under United States Code, title 26, section 1504, and who are eligible to file a consolidated tax return for federal income tax purposes;

(k) A "sale" and a "purchase" includes the transfer of computer software, meaning information and directions that dictate the function performed by data processing equipment. A "sale" and a "purchase" does not include the design, development, writing, translation, fabrication, lease, or transfer for a consideration of title or possession of a custom computer program; and

(l) The granting of membership in a club, association, or other organization if:

(1) the club, association, or other organization makes available for the use of its members sports and athletic facilities (without regard to whether a separate charge is assessed for use of the facilities); and

(2) use of the sports and athletic facilities is not made available to the general public on the same basis as it is made available to members.

Granting of membership includes both one-time initiation fees and periodic membership dues. Sports and athletic facilities include golf courses, tennis, racquetball, handball and squash courts, basketball and volleyball facilities, running tracks, exercise equipment, swimming pools, and other similar athletic or sports facilities. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to camps or other recreation facilities owned and operated by an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1986, for educational and social activities for young people primarily age 18 and under.

*[For text of subds 4 and 5, see M.S.1992]*

Subd. 6. "Use" includes the exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property, or tickets or admissions to places of amusement or athletic events, purchased from a retailer incident to the ownership of any interest in that property, except that it does not include the sale of that property in the regular course of business.

"Use" includes the consumption of printed materials which are consumed in the creation of nontaxable advertising that is distributed, either directly or indirectly, within Minnesota.

*[For text of subds 7 to 12, see M.S.1992]*

Subd. 13. "Agricultural production," as used in section 297A.25, subdivision 9, includes, but is not limited to, horticulture; floriculture; raising of pets, fur bearing animals, research animals, farmed cervidae, as defined in section 17.451, subdivision 2, llamas, as defined in section 17.455, subdivision 2, ratitae, as defined in section 17.453, subdivision 3, and horses.

*[For text of subd 14, see M.S.1992]*

Subd. 15. "Farm machinery" means new or used machinery, equipment, implements, accessories, and contrivances used directly and principally in the production for sale, but not including the processing, of livestock, dairy animals, dairy products, poultry and poultry products, fruits, vegetables, forage, grains and bees and apiary products. "Farm machinery" includes:

(1) machinery for the preparation, seeding or cultivation of soil for growing agricultural crops and sod, harvesting and threshing of agricultural products, harvesting or mowing of sod, and certain machinery for dairy, livestock and poultry farms;

(2) barn cleaners, milking systems, grain dryers, automatic feeding systems and similar installations, whether or not the equipment is installed by the seller and becomes part of the real property;

(3) irrigation equipment sold for exclusively agricultural use, including pumps, pipe fittings, valves, sprinklers and other equipment necessary to the operation of an irrigation system when sold as part of an irrigation system, except irrigation equipment which is situated below ground and considered to be a part of the real property;

(4) logging equipment, including chain saws used for commercial logging;

(5) fencing used for the containment of farmed cervidae, as defined in section 17.451, subdivision 2; and

(6) primary and backup generator units used to generate electricity for the purpose of operating farm machinery, as defined in this subdivision, or providing light or space heating necessary for the production of livestock, dairy animals, dairy products, or poultry and poultry products.

Repair or replacement parts for farm machinery shall not be included in the definition of farm machinery.

Tools, shop equipment, grain bins, feed bunks, fencing material except fencing material covered by clause (5), communication equipment and other farm supplies shall not be considered to be farm machinery. "Farm machinery" does not include motor vehicles taxed under chapter 297B, snowmobiles, snow blowers, lawn mowers except those used in the production of sod for sale, garden-type tractors or garden tillers and the repair and replacement parts for those vehicles and machines.

Subd. 16. **Capital equipment.** (a) Capital equipment means machinery and equipment and the materials and supplies necessary to construct or install the machinery or equipment. To qualify under this definition the capital equipment must be used by the purchaser or lessee for manufacturing, fabricating, mining, quarrying, or refining tangible personal property, for electronically transmitting results retrieved by a customer of an on-line computerized data retrieval system, or for the generation of electricity or steam, to be sold at retail and must be used for the establishment of a new or the physical expansion of an existing manufacturing, fabricating, mining, quarrying, or refining facility in the state. For purposes of this subdivision, "mining" includes peat mining, and "on-line computerized data retrieval system" refers to a system whose cumulation of information is equally available and accessible to all its customers.

(b) Capital equipment does not include the following:

(1) machinery or equipment purchased or leased to replace machinery or equipment performing substantially the same function in an existing facility;

(2) repair or replacement parts, including accessories, whether purchased as spare parts, repair parts, or as upgrades or modifications, and whether purchased before or

after the machinery or equipment is placed into service. Parts or accessories are treated as capital equipment only to the extent that they are a part of and are essential to the operation of the machinery or equipment as initially purchased;

(3) machinery or equipment used to receive or store raw materials;

(4) building materials, including materials used for foundations that support machinery or equipment;

(5) machinery or equipment used for nonproduction purposes, including, but not limited to, the following: machinery and equipment used for plant security, fire prevention, first aid, and hospital stations; machinery and equipment used in support operations or for administrative purposes; machinery and equipment used solely for pollution control, prevention, or abatement; machinery and equipment used for environmental control, except that when a controlled environment is essential for the manufacture of a particular product, the machinery or equipment that controls the environment can qualify as capital equipment; and machinery and equipment used in plant cleaning, disposal of scrap and waste, plant communications, lighting, or safety;

(6) "farm machinery" as defined by subdivision 15, "special tooling" as defined by subdivision 17, and "aquaculture production equipment" as defined by subdivision 19; or

(7) any other item that is not essential to the integrated process of manufacturing, fabricating, mining, quarrying, or refining.

(c) For purposes of this subdivision:

(1) the requirement that the machinery or equipment "must be used by the purchaser or lessee" means that the person who purchases or leases the machinery or equipment must be the one who uses it for the qualifying purpose. When a contractor buys and installs machinery or equipment as part of an improvement to real property, only the contractor is considered the purchaser;

(2) the requirement that the machinery and equipment must be used "for manufacturing, fabricating, mining, quarrying, or refining" means that the machinery or equipment must be essential to the integrated process of manufacturing, fabricating, mining, quarrying, or refining. Neither legal requirements nor practical necessity determines whether or not the equipment is essential to the integrated process;

(3) "facility" means a coordinated group of fixed assets, which may include land, buildings, machinery, and equipment that are essential to and used in an integrated manufacturing, fabricating, refining, mining, or quarrying process;

(4) "establishment of a new facility" means the construction of a facility, or the purchase by a new owner of a facility that was previously closed and not operational for a period of at least 12 consecutive months. Relocating operations from an existing facility within Minnesota to another facility within Minnesota does not constitute establishing a new facility;

(5) "physical expansion of an existing facility" means adding a new production line, adding new machinery or equipment to an existing production line, new construction which will become part of the existing facility and which is used for a qualifying activity, or conversion of an area in an existing facility from a nonqualifying activity to a qualifying activity; and

(6) performing "substantially the same function" means that the new machinery or equipment serves fundamentally or essentially the same purpose as did the old equipment or that it produces the same or similar end product, even though it may increase speed, efficiency, or production capacity.

(d) Notwithstanding prior provisions of this subdivision, machinery and equipment purchased or leased to replace machinery and equipment used in the mining or production of taconite shall qualify as capital equipment regardless of whether the facility has been expanded.

*[For text of subds 17 to 19, see M.S.1992]*

**History:** 1993 c 137 s 10; 1993 c 375 art 1 s 4; 1993 c 375 art 9 s 22-25

**297A.04 APPLICATIONS; MEMBER; FORM.**

Every person desiring to engage in the business of making retail sales within Minnesota shall file with the commissioner an application for a permit. The commissioner may require any person or class of persons obligated to file a use tax return under section 289A.11, subdivision 3, to file application for a permit. Every application for a permit shall be made upon a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall set forth the name under which the applicant intends to transact business, the location of the applicant's place or places of business, and such other information as the commissioner may require. The application shall be filed by the owner, if a natural person; by a member or partner, if the owner is an association or partnership; by a person authorized to file the application, if the owner is a corporation.

*History: 1993 c 375 art 9 s 26*

**297A.06 PERMIT.**

After compliance with sections 297A.04 and 297A.28, when security is required, the commissioner shall grant to each applicant a permit. A permit is valid until canceled or revoked but is not assignable and is valid only for the person in whose name it is granted and for the transaction of business at the places designated.

*History: 1993 c 375 art 9 s 27*

**297A.07 REVOCATION OF PERMITS.**

**Subdivision 1. Hearings.** If any person fails to comply with this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter, without reasonable cause, the commissioner may schedule a hearing requiring the person to show cause why the permit should not be revoked. The commissioner must give the person 15 days' notice in writing, specifying the time and place of the hearing and the reason for the proposed revocation. The notice shall also advise the person of the person's right to contest the revocation under this subdivision, the general procedures for a contested case hearing under chapter 14, and the notice requirement under subdivision 2. The notice may be served personally or by mail in the manner prescribed for service of an order of assessment.

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

*History: 1993 c 375 art 9 s 28*

**297A.11 CONTENT AND FORM OF EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.**

The exemption certificate shall be signed by and bear the name and address of the purchaser, shall indicate the sales tax account number if any issued to the purchaser and shall indicate the general character of the property sold by the purchaser in the regular course of business and shall identify the property purchased. The certificate shall be substantially in such form as the commissioner may prescribe.

*History: 1993 c 375 art 9 s 29*

**297A.136 TAX ON 900 PAY-PER-CALL SERVICES.**

**Subdivision 1. Tax imposed.** A tax of \$.50 is imposed for each call placed to a 900 service if the call for that service originates from a telephone located in this state.

**Subd. 2. Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following definitions will apply:

(a) "900 service" means pay-per-call 900 information services provided through a telephone exchange, commonly accessed by dialing 1-900, 1-960, 1-976, or other similar prefix in which the calling party receives information from the 900 information provider, and the calling party is charged on a per call or per time basis for the information. The term does not include services provided through 1-800 service telephone numbers, information provided free of charge, or directory assistance service.

(b) "Calling party" means the person originating the call to the information provider.

(c) "900 information provider" means the person being called by the calling party, and who provides information services to the calling party on a per call or per time basis.

(d) "Person" shall have the same meaning as provided in section 297A.01, subdivision 2.

**Subd. 3. Payment; administration.** Liability for the tax imposed by this section is on the calling party. Liability for collection from the calling party is on the person contracting with the 900 information provider to interconnect the information provider and the calling party, if such person bills the calling party. In all other instances, the person billing the calling party shall be liable for collecting the tax from the calling party. The tax imposed in this section must be reported and paid to the commissioner of revenue with the taxes imposed in this chapter. It is subject to the same interest, penalty, and other provisions provided for sales and use taxes under chapter 289A and this chapter. The commissioner has the same powers to assess and collect the tax that are given the commissioner in chapters 270 and 289A and this chapter to assess and collect sales and use tax.

**Subd. 4. Exemption.** Pay-per-call information services provided through a 1-976 prefix are exempt from the tax imposed under this section if the charge for the call is less than \$1.

**History:** 1993 c 375 art 9 s 30

## **297A.14 USE TAX.**

**Subdivision 1. Imposition.** For the privilege of using, storing, distributing, or consuming in Minnesota tangible personal property or taxable services purchased for use, storage, distribution, or consumption in this state, a use tax is imposed on every person in this state at the rate of tax imposed under section 297A.02 on the sales price of sales at retail of the items, unless the tax imposed by section 297A.02 was paid on the sales price.

A use tax is imposed on every person who uses, stores, distributes, or consumes tangible personal property in Minnesota which has been manufactured, fabricated, or assembled by the person from materials, either within or without this state, at the rate of tax imposed under section 297A.02 on the sales price of sales at retail of the materials contained in the tangible personal property, unless the tax imposed by section 297A.02 was paid on the sales price.

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

**History:** 1993 c 375 art 9 s 31

## **297A.25 EXEMPTIONS.**

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

**Subd. 3. Medicines; medical devices.** The gross receipts from the sale of prescribed drugs, prescribed medicine and insulin, intended for use, internal or external, in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of illness or disease in human beings are exempt, together with prescription glasses, fever thermometers, therapeutic, and prosthetic devices. "Prescribed drugs" or "prescribed medicine" includes over-the-counter drugs or medicine prescribed by a licensed physician. "Therapeutic devices" includes reusable finger pricking devices for the extraction of blood, blood glucose monitoring machines, and other diagnostic agents used in diagnosing, monitoring, or treating diabetes. Nonprescription analgesics consisting principally (determined by the weight of all ingredients) of acetaminophen, acetylsalicylic acid, ibuprofen, or a combination thereof are exempt.

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

**Subd. 7. Petroleum products.** The gross receipts from the sale of and storage, use or consumption of the following petroleum products are exempt:

- (1) products upon which a tax has been imposed and paid under the provisions of chapter 296, and no refund has been or will be allowed because the buyer used the fuel for nonhighway use;
- (2) products which are used in the improvement of agricultural land by constructing, maintaining, and repairing drainage ditches, tile drainage systems, grass waterways, water impoundment, and other erosion control structures;
- (3) products purchased by a transit system receiving financial assistance under section 174.24 or 473.384; or
- (4) products used in a passenger snowmobile, as defined in section 296.01, subdivision 27a, for off-highway business use as part of the operations of a resort as provided under section 296.18, subdivision 1, clause (2).

*[For text of subds 8 to 10, see M.S. 1992]*

**Subd. 11. Sales to government.** The gross receipts from all sales, including sales in which title is retained by a seller or a vendor or is assigned to a third party under an installment sale or lease purchase agreement under section 465.71, of tangible personal property to, and all storage, use or consumption of such property by, the United States and its agencies and instrumentalities, the University of Minnesota, state universities, community colleges, technical colleges, state academies, the Minnesota center for arts education, and school districts are exempt.

As used in this subdivision, "school districts" means public school entities and districts of every kind and nature organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota, including, without limitation, school districts, intermediate school districts, education districts, educational cooperative service units, secondary vocational cooperative centers, special education cooperatives, joint purchasing cooperatives, telecommunication cooperatives, regional management information centers, technical colleges, joint vocational technical districts, and any instrumentality of a school district, as defined in section 471.59.

Sales exempted by this subdivision include sales under section 297A.01, subdivision 3, paragraph (f), but do not include sales under section 297A.01, subdivision 3, paragraph (j), clause (vii).

Sales to hospitals and nursing homes owned and operated by political subdivisions of the state are exempt under this subdivision.

The sales to and exclusively for the use of libraries of books, periodicals, audio-visual materials and equipment, photocopiers for use by the public, and all cataloging and circulation equipment, and cataloging and circulation software for library use are exempt under this subdivision. For purposes of this paragraph "libraries" means libraries as defined in section 134.001, county law libraries under chapter 134A, the state library under section 480.09, and the legislative reference library.

Sales of supplies and equipment used in the operation of an ambulance service owned and operated by a political subdivision of the state are exempt under this subdivision provided that the supplies and equipment are used in the course of providing medical care. Sales to a political subdivision of repair and replacement parts for emergency rescue vehicles and fire trucks and apparatus are exempt under this subdivision.

Sales to a political subdivision of machinery and equipment, except for motor vehicles, used directly for mixed municipal solid waste collection and disposal services at a solid waste disposal facility as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 10, are exempt under this subdivision.

Sales to political subdivisions of chore and homemaking services to be provided to elderly or disabled individuals are exempt.

This exemption shall not apply to building, construction or reconstruction materials purchased by a contractor or a subcontractor as a part of a lump-sum contract or similar type of contract with a guaranteed maximum price covering both labor and materials for use in the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or facility. This exemption does not apply to construction materials purchased by tax exempt entities

or their contractors to be used in constructing buildings or facilities which will not be used principally by the tax exempt entities.

This exemption does not apply to the leasing of a motor vehicle as defined in section 297B.01, subdivision 5, except for leases entered into by the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities.

The tax imposed on sales to political subdivisions of the state under this section applies to all political subdivisions other than those explicitly exempted under this subdivision, notwithstanding section 115A.69, subdivision 6, 116A.25, 360.035, 458A.09, 458A.30, 458D.23, 469.101, subdivision 2, 469.127, 473.394, 473.448, 473.545, or 473.608 or any other law to the contrary enacted before 1992.

Sales to other states or political subdivisions of other states are exempt if the sale would be exempt from taxation if it occurred in that state.

*[For text of subds 12 to 15, see M.S. 1992]*

**Subd. 16. Sales to nonprofit groups.** The gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property to, and the storage, use or other consumption of such property by, any corporation, society, association, foundation, or institution organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, or educational purposes if the property purchased is to be used in the performance of charitable, religious, or educational functions, or any senior citizen group or association of groups that in general limits membership to persons who are either (1) age 55 or older, or (2) physically disabled, and is organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofit purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholders, are exempt. For purposes of this subdivision, charitable purpose includes the maintenance of a cemetery owned by a religious organization. Sales exempted by this subdivision include sales pursuant to section 297A.01, subdivision 3, paragraphs (d) and (f), but do not include sales under section 297A.01, subdivision 3, paragraph (j), clause (vii). This exemption shall not apply to building, construction, or reconstruction materials purchased by a contractor or a subcontractor as a part of a lump-sum contract or similar type of contract with a guaranteed maximum price covering both labor and materials for use in the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or facility. This exemption does not apply to construction materials purchased by tax exempt entities or their contractors to be used in constructing buildings or facilities which will not be used principally by the tax exempt entities. This exemption does not apply to the leasing of a motor vehicle as defined in section 297B.01, subdivision 5.

*[For text of subds 17 to 33, see M.S. 1992]*

**Subd. 34. Motor vehicles.** The gross receipts from the sale or use of any motor vehicle taxable under the provisions of the motor vehicle excise tax laws of Minnesota shall be exempt from taxation under this chapter. Notwithstanding subdivision 11, the exemption provided under this subdivision remains in effect for motor vehicles purchased or leased by political subdivisions of the state if the vehicles are not subject to taxation under chapter 297B.

*[For text of subds 35 to 40, see M.S. 1992]*

**Subd. 41. Bullet-proof vests.** The gross receipts from the sale of bullet-resistant soft body armor that is flexible, concealable, and custom-fitted to provide the wearer with ballistic and trauma protection are exempt if purchased by a law enforcement agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state, or a licensed peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1. The bullet-resistant soft body armor must meet or exceed the requirements of standard 0101.01 of the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in effect on December 30, 1986, or meet or exceed the requirements of the standard except wet armor conditioning.

*[For text of subds 42 to 51, see M.S. 1992]*

**Subd. 52. Parts and accessories used to make a motor vehicle handicapped accessible.** The gross receipts from the sale of parts and accessories that are used solely to modify a motor vehicle to make it handicapped accessible are exempt. Labor charges for modifying a motor vehicle to make it handicapped accessible are included in this exemption.

**History:** 1993 c 375 art 9 s 32-38

## **297A.2531 SATELLITE BROADCASTING FACILITY MATERIALS; EXEMPTIONS.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, there shall be exempt from the tax imposed therein all materials and supplies or equipment used or consumed in constructing, or incorporated into the construction of, a new facility in Minnesota for providing federal communications commission licensed direct satellite broadcasting services using direct broadcast satellites operating in the 12-ghz. band or fixed satellite regional or national program services, as defined in section 272.02, subdivision 1, clause (15), construction of which was commenced after June 30, 1993, and all machinery, equipment, tools, accessories, appliances, contrivances, furniture, fixtures, and all technical equipment or tangible personal property of any other nature or description necessary to the construction and equipping of that facility in order to provide those services.

**History:** 1993 c 375 art 9 s 39

## **297A.2545 STEEL REPROCESSORS; EXEMPTION FOR POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the purchase of pollution control equipment by a steel reprocessing firm is exempt from the sales and use tax provided that the equipment is necessary to meet state or federal emission standards. For purposes of this section "pollution control equipment" means any equipment used for the purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing air, land, or water pollution during or as a result of the manufacturing process. "Steel reprocessing firm" means a firm whose primary business is the recovery of steel from automobiles, appliances, and other steel products and the rerefining of this recovered metal into new steel products.

**History:** 1993 c 375 art 9 s 40

## **297A.258 [Repealed, 1993 c 375 art 1 s 7]**

## **297A.45 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1992]*

**Subd. 5. Separate accounting.** The commissioner shall account for revenue collected from public and private mixed municipal solid waste collection and disposal services under this section separately from other tax revenue collected under this chapter.

**History:** 1993 c 172 s 80