

290.9201 TAX ON NONRESIDENT ENTERTAINERS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) "Entertainer" means an individual who is not a resident of Minnesota or a state with which Minnesota has a reciprocal agreement under section 290.081 who performs acts in Minnesota that amuse, entertain, or inform. For purposes of this section, "entertainer" includes, but is not limited to, a musician, singer, dancer, comedian, thespian, athlete, and public speaker.

(b) Entertainment entity means either: (1) an entertainer who is paid compensation for providing entertainment as an independent contractor, (2) a partnership that is paid compensation for entertainment provided by entertainers who are partners, or (3) a corporation that is paid compensation for entertainment provided by entertainers who are shareholders of the corporation.

Subd. 2. **Tax on entertainment.** Entertainment entities are subject to a tax in the amount of two percent of the total compensation received by them during the calendar year for entertainment performed in Minnesota.

Subd. 3. **Credit against tax.** Each calendar year an entertainment entity may take a nonrefundable credit of \$120 against the tax imposed by this section.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1990 c 480 art 1 s 45]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1990 c 480 art 1 s 45]

Subd. 6. **Exemption from income tax.** Compensation subject to the tax imposed under this section is not assignable to Minnesota under section 290.17.

Subd. 7. **Withholding on compensation of entertainers.** The tax on compensation of an entertainer must be withheld at a rate of two percent of all compensation paid to the entertainment entity by the person or corporation having legal control of the payment of the compensation. The compensation subject to withholding under this section is not subject to the withholding provisions of section 290.92, subdivision 2a, 3, or 28, except the provisions of sections 270C.02, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), 270C.60, 289A.09, subdivisions 1, paragraph (f), and 2, 289A.60, and 289A.63 shall apply to withholding under this section as if the withholding were upon wages.

Subd. 8. **Deposit of entertainer withholding.** The person or corporation having legal control of the payment of compensation taxable under this section shall deposit the earnings tax with the commissioner.

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 1990 c 480 art 1 s 45]

Subd. 10. [Repealed, 1990 c 480 art 1 s 45]

Subd. 11. **Exception from withholding for public speakers.** The provisions of subdivisions 7 and 8 shall not be effective for compensation paid to nonresident public speakers, if the compensation paid to the speaker is less than \$2,000 or is only a payment of the speaker's expenses.

History: 1989 c 28 s 21; 1990 c 480 art 1 s 33,34; 1990 c 604 art 2 s 14; 1992 c 511 art 6 s 15; 1993 c 13 art 2 s 8; 1995 c 264 art 10 s 13; 2005 c 151 art 2 s 17