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relating to taxation; making technical and clarifying changes to individual 12 income and corporate franchise taxes, estate taxes, sales and use taxes, special 1.3 taxes, property taxes, and other taxes and tax provisions; amending Minnesota 1.4 Statutes 2014, sections 13.51, subdivision 2; 69.021, subdivision 5; 270.071, 1.5 subdivisions 2, 7, 8, by adding a subdivision; 270.072, subdivisions 2, 3, by 1.6 adding a subdivision; 270.12, by adding a subdivision; 270.82, subdivision 1; 1.7 270A.03, subdivision 5; 270B.14, subdivision 1; 270C.30; 270C.33, subdivision 1.8 8; 270C.34, subdivision 2; 270C.347, subdivision 1; 270C.35, subdivision 19 3, by adding a subdivision; 270C.38, subdivision 1; 270C.445, by adding 1.10 a subdivision; 270C.446, subdivision 5; 270C.72, subdivision 4; 270C.89, 1.11 subdivision 1; 271.06, subdivisions 2, 7; 272.02, subdivisions 9, 10; 272.0211, 1.12 subdivision 1; 272.025, subdivision 1; 272.029, subdivisions 2, 4, by adding a 1.13 subdivision; 272.0295, subdivision 4; 272.115, subdivision 2; 273.032; 273.061, 1.14 subdivision 7; 273.08; 273.121, by adding a subdivision; 273.124, subdivision 1.15 13; 273.33, subdivisions 1, 2; 273.371; 273.372, subdivisions 2, 4, by adding 1 16 subdivisions; 274.01, subdivision 1; 274.13, subdivision 1; 274.135, subdivision 1.17 3; 275.065, subdivision 1; 275.62, subdivision 2; 278.01, subdivision 1; 282.01, 1 18 subdivisions 1a, 1d; 287.2205; 289A.08, subdivisions 11, 16, by adding a 1.19 subdivision; 289A.09, subdivisions 1, 2; 289A.11, subdivision 1; 289A.12, 1.20 subdivision 14; 289A.38, subdivision 6; 289A.50, subdivision 7; 289A.60, 1.21 subdivision 28; 290.01, subdivisions 19b, 19c, 19d; 290.0671, subdivision 1.22 6a; 290.0672, subdivision 1; 290.091, subdivision 3; 290.0921, subdivision 3; 1 23 290.0922, subdivision 2; 290A.19; 290C.03; 290C.13, subdivision 3; 291.03, 1.24 subdivision 10; 291.031; 295.54, subdivision 2; 295.55, subdivision 6; 296A.01, 1 25 subdivisions 33, 42, by adding a subdivision; 296A.02, by adding a subdivision; 1.26 296A.07, subdivision 1; 296A.22, subdivision 9; 296A.26; 297A.82, subdivision 1.27 4a; 297D.02; 297E.02, subdivisions 3, 7; 297E.04, subdivision 1; 297E.05, 1.28 subdivision 4; 297E.06, subdivision 1; 297F.09, subdivision 1; 297F.23; 1.29 297G.09, subdivision 1; 297G.22; 297H.06, subdivision 2; 297I.05, subdivision 1.30 2; 297I.10, subdivisions 1, 3; 297I.30, by adding a subdivision; 297I.60, 1.31 subdivision 2; 298.01, subdivisions 3b, 4c; 469.319, subdivision 5; 477A.013, by 1 32 adding a subdivision; 477A.19, by adding subdivisions; 559.202, subdivision 2; 1.33 Laws 2014, chapter 308, article 1, section 14, subdivision 2; article 9, section 1.34 94; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 290B; 293; 1.35 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 273.111, subdivision 9a; 281.22; 1.36 290C.02, subdivisions 5, 9; 290C.06; Minnesota Rules, part 8092.2000. 1.37

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2.1 ARTICLE 1

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TECHNICAL PROVISIONS: INDIVIDUAL INCOME AND CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAXES; ESTATE TAXES

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.08, subdivision 11, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 11. **Information included in income tax return.** (a) The return must state:
- (1) the name of the taxpayer, or taxpayers, if the return is a joint return, and the address of the taxpayer in the same name or names and same address as the taxpayer has used in making the taxpayer's income tax return to the United States;
 - (2) the date or dates of birth of the taxpayer or taxpayers;
- (3) the Social Security number of the taxpayer, or taxpayers, if a Social Security number has been issued by the United States with respect to the taxpayers; and
- (4) the amount of the taxable income of the taxpayer as it appears on the federal return for the taxable year to which the Minnesota state return applies.
- (b) The taxpayer must attach to the taxpayer's Minnesota state income tax return a copy of the federal income tax return that the taxpayer has filed or is about to file for the period, unless the taxpayer is eligible to telefile the federal return and does file the Minnesota return by telefiling.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Withholding statement. (a) A person required to deduct and withhold from an employee a tax under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or 290.923, subdivision 2, or who would have been required to deduct and withhold a tax under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or persons required to withhold tax under section 290.923, subdivision 2, determined without regard to section 290.92, subdivision 19, if the employee or payee had claimed no more than one withholding exemption, or who paid wages or made payments not subject to withholding under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or 290.923, subdivision 2, to an employee or person receiving royalty payments in excess of \$600, or who has entered into a voluntary withholding agreement with a payee under section 290.92, subdivision 20, must give every employee or person receiving royalty payments in respect to the remuneration paid by the person to the employee or person receiving royalty payments during the calendar year, on or before January 31 of the succeeding year, or, if employment is terminated before the close of the calendar year, within 30 days after the

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date of receipt of a written request from the employee if the 30-day period ends before January 31, a written statement showing the following:

- (1) name of the person;
- (2) the name of the employee or payee and the employee's or payee's Social Security account number;
- (3) the total amount of wages as that term is defined in section 290.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (1); the total amount of remuneration subject to withholding under section 290.92, subdivision 20; the amount of sick pay as required under section 6051(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and the amount of royalties subject to withholding under section 290.923, subdivision 2; and
- (4) the total amount deducted and withheld as tax under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or 290.923, subdivision 2.
- (b) The statement required to be furnished by paragraph (a) with respect to any remuneration must be furnished at those times, must contain the information required, and must be in the form the commissioner prescribes.
- (c) The commissioner may prescribe rules providing for reasonable extensions of time, not in excess of 30 days, to employers or payers required to give the statements to their employees or payees under this subdivision.
- (d) A duplicate of any statement made under this subdivision and in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner, along with a reconciliation in the form the commissioner prescribes of the statements for the calendar year, including a reconciliation of the quarterly returns required to be filed under subdivision 1, must be filed with the commissioner on or before February 28 of the year after the payments were made.
- (e) If an employer cancels the employer's Minnesota withholding account number required by section 290.92, subdivision 24, the information required by paragraph (d), must be filed with the commissioner within 30 days of the end of the quarter in which the employer cancels its account number.
- (f) The employer must submit the statements required to be sent to the commissioner in the same manner required to satisfy the federal reporting requirements of section 6011(e) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued under it. An employer must submit statements to the commissioner required by this section by electronic means if the employer is required to send more than 25 statements to the commissioner, even though the employer is not required to submit the returns federally by electronic means. For statements issued for wages paid in 2011 and after, the threshold is ten. All statements issued for withholding required under section 290.92 are aggregated for purposes of determining whether the electronic submission threshold is met.

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(g) A "third-party bulk filer" as defined in section 290.92, subdivision 30, paragraph (a), clause (2), must submit the returns required by this subdivision and subdivision 1, paragraph (a), with the commissioner by electronic means.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for reconciliations required to be filed after December 31, 2015.

- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.01, subdivision 19b, is amended to read: Subd. 19b. **Subtractions from federal taxable income.** For individuals, estates, and trusts, there shall be subtracted from federal taxable income:
- (1) net interest income on obligations of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the United States to the extent includable in taxable income for federal income tax purposes but exempt from state income tax under the laws of the United States;
- (2) if included in federal taxable income, the amount of any overpayment of income tax to Minnesota or to any other state, for any previous taxable year, whether the amount is received as a refund or as a credit to another taxable year's income tax liability;
- (3) the amount paid to others, less the amount used to claim the credit allowed under section 290.0674, not to exceed \$1,625 for each qualifying child in grades kindergarten to 6 and \$2,500 for each qualifying child in grades 7 to 12, for tuition, textbooks, and transportation of each qualifying child in attending an elementary or secondary school situated in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin, wherein a resident of this state may legally fulfill the state's compulsory attendance laws, which is not operated for profit, and which adheres to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and chapter 363A. For the purposes of this clause, "tuition" includes fees or tuition as defined in section 290.0674, subdivision 1, clause (1). As used in this clause, "textbooks" includes books and other instructional materials and equipment purchased or leased for use in elementary and secondary schools in teaching only those subjects legally and commonly taught in public elementary and secondary schools in this state. Equipment expenses qualifying for deduction includes expenses as defined and limited in section 290.0674, subdivision 1, clause (3). "Textbooks" does not include instructional books and materials used in the teaching of religious tenets, doctrines, or worship, the purpose of which is to instill such tenets, doctrines, or worship, nor does it include books or materials for, or transportation to, extracurricular activities including sporting events, musical or dramatic events, speech activities, driver's education, or similar programs. No deduction is permitted for any expense the taxpayer incurred in using the taxpayer's or the qualifying child's vehicle to provide such transportation for a qualifying child. For

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purposes of the subtraction provided by this clause, "qualifying child" has the meaning given in section 32(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

- (4) income as provided under section 290.0802;
- (5) to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, income realized on disposition of property exempt from tax under section 290.491;
- (6) to the extent not deducted or not deductible pursuant to section 408(d)(8)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining federal taxable income by an individual who does not itemize deductions for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year, an amount equal to 50 percent of the excess of charitable contributions over \$500 allowable as a deduction for the taxable year under section 170(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, under the provisions of Public Law 109-1 and Public Law 111-126;
- (7) for individuals who are allowed a federal foreign tax credit for taxes that do not qualify for a credit under section 290.06, subdivision 22, an amount equal to the carryover of subnational foreign taxes for the taxable year, but not to exceed the total subnational foreign taxes reported in claiming the foreign tax credit. For purposes of this clause, "federal foreign tax credit" means the credit allowed under section 27 of the Internal Revenue Code, and "carryover of subnational foreign taxes" equals the carryover allowed under section 904(c) of the Internal Revenue Code minus national level foreign taxes to the extent they exceed the federal foreign tax credit;
- (8) in each of the five tax years immediately following the tax year in which an addition is required under subdivision 19a, clause (7), or 19c, clause (12) (11), in the case of a shareholder of a corporation that is an S corporation, an amount equal to one-fifth of the delayed depreciation. For purposes of this clause, "delayed depreciation" means the amount of the addition made by the taxpayer under subdivision 19a, clause (7), or subdivision 19c, clause (12) (11), in the case of a shareholder of an S corporation, minus the positive value of any net operating loss under section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code generated for the tax year of the addition. The resulting delayed depreciation cannot be less than zero;
 - (9) job opportunity building zone income as provided under section 469.316;
- (10) to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of compensation paid to members of the Minnesota National Guard or other reserve components of the United States military for active service, including compensation for services performed under the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program. For purposes of this clause, "active service" means (i) state active service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5a, clause (1); or (ii) federally funded state active service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5b, and "active service" includes service performed in accordance with section 190.08, subdivision 3;

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(11) to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of compensation paid to Minnesota residents who are members of the armed forces of the United States or United Nations for active duty performed under United States Code, title 10; or the authority of the United Nations;

(12) an amount, not to exceed \$10,000, equal to qualified expenses related to a qualified donor's donation, while living, of one or more of the qualified donor's organs to another person for human organ transplantation. For purposes of this clause, "organ" means all or part of an individual's liver, pancreas, kidney, intestine, lung, or bone marrow; "human organ transplantation" means the medical procedure by which transfer of a human organ is made from the body of one person to the body of another person; "qualified expenses" means unreimbursed expenses for both the individual and the qualified donor for (i) travel, (ii) lodging, and (iii) lost wages net of sick pay, except that such expenses may be subtracted under this clause only once; and "qualified donor" means the individual or the individual's dependent, as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code. An individual may claim the subtraction in this clause for each instance of organ donation for transplantation during the taxable year in which the qualified expenses occur;

(13) in each of the five tax years immediately following the tax year in which an addition is required under subdivision 19a, clause (8), or 19c, clause (13) (12), in the case of a shareholder of a corporation that is an S corporation, an amount equal to one-fifth of the addition made by the taxpayer under subdivision 19a, clause (8), or 19c, clause (13) (12), in the case of a shareholder of a corporation that is an S corporation, minus the positive value of any net operating loss under section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code generated for the tax year of the addition. If the net operating loss exceeds the addition for the tax year, a subtraction is not allowed under this clause;

(14) to the extent included in the federal taxable income of a nonresident of Minnesota, compensation paid to a service member as defined in United States Code, title 10, section 101(a)(5), for military service as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Public Law 108-189, section 101(2);

(15) to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of national service educational awards received from the National Service Trust under United States Code, title 42, sections 12601 to 12604, for service in an approved Americorps National Service program;

(16) to the extent included in federal taxable income, discharge of indebtedness income resulting from reacquisition of business indebtedness included in federal taxable income under section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. This subtraction applies only

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to the extent that the income was included in net income in a prior year as a result of the	e
addition under subdivision 19a, clause (13);	

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- (17) the amount of the net operating loss allowed under section 290.095, subdivision 11, paragraph (c);
- (18) the amount of expenses not allowed for federal income tax purposes due to claiming the railroad track maintenance credit under section 45G(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (19) the amount of the limitation on itemized deductions under section 68(b) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (20) the amount of the phaseout of personal exemptions under section 151(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- (21) to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of qualified transportation fringe benefits described in section 132(f)(1)(A) and (B) of the Internal Revenue Code. The subtraction is limited to the lesser of the amount of qualified transportation fringe benefits received in excess of the limitations under section 132(f)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code for the year or the difference between the maximum qualified parking benefits excludable under section 132(f)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code minus the amount of transit benefits excludable under section 132(f)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.01, subdivision 19c, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 19c. **Corporations; additions to federal taxable income.** For corporations, there shall be added to federal taxable income:
 - (1) the amount of any deduction taken for federal income tax purposes for income, excise, or franchise taxes based on net income or related minimum taxes, including but not limited to the tax imposed under section 290.0922, paid by the corporation to Minnesota, another state, a political subdivision of another state, the District of Columbia, or any foreign country or possession of the United States;
 - (2) interest not subject to federal tax upon obligations of: the United States, its possessions, its agencies, or its instrumentalities; the state of Minnesota or any other state, any of its political or governmental subdivisions, any of its municipalities, or any of its governmental agencies or instrumentalities; the District of Columbia; or Indian tribal governments;
- 7.34 (3) exempt-interest dividends received as defined in section 852(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code;

8.1	(4) the amount of any net operating loss deduction taken for federal income tax
8.2	purposes under section 172 or 832(c)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code or operations loss
8.3	deduction under section 810 of the Internal Revenue Code;
8.4	(5) the amount of any special deductions taken for federal income tax purposes
8.5	under sections 241 to 247 and 965 of the Internal Revenue Code;
8.6	(6) losses from the business of mining, as defined in section 290.05, subdivision 1,
8.7	clause (a), that are not subject to Minnesota income tax;
8.8	(7) the amount of any capital losses deducted for federal income tax purposes under
8.9	sections 1211 and 1212 of the Internal Revenue Code;
8.10	(8) the amount of percentage depletion deducted under sections 611 through 614 and
8.11	291 of the Internal Revenue Code;
8.12	(9) for certified pollution control facilities placed in service in a taxable year
8.13	beginning before December 31, 1986, and for which amortization deductions were elected
8.14	under section 169 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December
8.15	31, 1985, the amount of the amortization deduction allowed in computing federal taxable
8.16	income for those facilities;
8.17	(10) (9) the amount of a partner's pro rata share of net income which does not flow
8.18	through to the partner because the partnership elected to pay the tax on the income under
8.19	section 6242(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code;
8.20	(11) (10) any increase in subpart F income, as defined in section 952(a) of the
8.21	Internal Revenue Code, for the taxable year when subpart F income is calculated without
8.22	regard to the provisions of Division C, title III, section 303(b) of Public Law 110-343;
8.23	(12) (11) 80 percent of the depreciation deduction allowed under section
8.24	168(k)(1)(A) and (k)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code. For purposes of this clause, if
8.25	the taxpayer has an activity that in the taxable year generates a deduction for depreciation
8.26	under section $168(k)(1)(A)$ and $(k)(4)(A)$ and the activity generates a loss for the taxable
8.27	year that the taxpayer is not allowed to claim for the taxable year, "the depreciation
8.28	allowed under section 168(k)(1)(A) and (k)(4)(A)" for the taxable year is limited to excess
8.29	of the depreciation claimed by the activity under section 168(k)(1)(A) and (k)(4)(A)
8.30	over the amount of the loss from the activity that is not allowed in the taxable year. In
8.31	succeeding taxable years when the losses not allowed in the taxable year are allowed, the
8.32	depreciation under section 168(k)(1)(A) and (k)(4)(A) is allowed;
8.33	(13) (12) 80 percent of the amount by which the deduction allowed by section 179 of
8.34	the Internal Revenue Code exceeds the deduction allowable by section 179 of the Internal
8.35	Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2003;

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9.1	(14) (13) to the extent deducted in computing federal taxable income, the amount of
9.2	the deduction allowable under section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code;
9.3	(15) (14) the amount of expenses disallowed under section 290.10, subdivision 2; and
9.4	(16) (15) discharge of indebtedness income resulting from reacquisition of business
9.5	indebtedness and deferred under section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.
9.6	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
9.7	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.01, subdivision 19d, is amended to read:
9.8	Subd. 19d. Corporations; modifications decreasing federal taxable income. For
9.9	corporations, there shall be subtracted from federal taxable income after the increases
9.10	provided in subdivision 19c:
9.11	(1) the amount of foreign dividend gross-up added to gross income for federal
9.12	income tax purposes under section 78 of the Internal Revenue Code;
9.13	(2) the amount of salary expense not allowed for federal income tax purposes due to
9.14	claiming the work opportunity credit under section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code;
9.15	(3) any dividend (not including any distribution in liquidation) paid within the
9.16	taxable year by a national or state bank to the United States, or to any instrumentality of
9.17	the United States exempt from federal income taxes, on the preferred stock of the bank
9.18	owned by the United States or the instrumentality;
9.19	(4) the deduction for capital losses pursuant to sections 1211 and 1212 of the
9.20	Internal Revenue Code, except that:
9.21	(i) for capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986,
9.22	capital loss carrybacks shall not be allowed;
9.23	(ii) for capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986,
9.24	a capital loss carryover to each of the 15 taxable years succeeding the loss year shall be
9.25	allowed;
9.26	(iii) for capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning before January 1, 1987, a
9.27	capital loss carryback to each of the three taxable years preceding the loss year, subject to
9.28	the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 290.16, shall be allowed; and
9.29	(iv) for capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning before January 1, 1987,
9.30	a capital loss carryover to each of the five taxable years succeeding the loss year to the
9.31	extent such loss was not used in a prior taxable year and subject to the provisions of
9.32	Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 290.16, shall be allowed;
9.33	(5) an amount for interest and expenses relating to income not taxable for federal
9.34	income tax purposes, if (i) the income is taxable under this chapter and (ii) the interest and

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expenses were disallowed as deductions under the provisions of section 171(a)(2), 265 or 291 of the Internal Revenue Code in computing federal taxable income;

(6) in the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits, and timber for which percentage depletion was disallowed pursuant to subdivision 19c, clause (8), a reasonable allowance for depletion based on actual cost. In the case of leases the deduction must be apportioned between the lessor and lessee in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner. In the case of property held in trust, the allowable deduction must be apportioned between the income beneficiaries and the trustee in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the trust, or if there is no provision in the instrument, on the basis of the trust's income allocable to each;

(7) for certified pollution control facilities placed in service in a taxable year beginning before December 31, 1986, and for which amortization deductions were elected under section 169 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1985, an amount equal to the allowance for depreciation under Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 290.09, subdivision 7;

(8) (7) amounts included in federal taxable income that are due to refunds of income, excise, or franchise taxes based on net income or related minimum taxes paid by the corporation to Minnesota, another state, a political subdivision of another state, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country or possession of the United States to the extent that the taxes were added to federal taxable income under subdivision 19c, clause (1), in a prior taxable year;

(9) (8) income or gains from the business of mining as defined in section 290.05, subdivision 1, clause (a), that are not subject to Minnesota franchise tax;

(10) (9) the amount of disability access expenditures in the taxable year which are not allowed to be deducted or capitalized under section 44(d)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(11) (10) the amount of qualified research expenses not allowed for federal income tax purposes under section 280C(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, but only to the extent that the amount exceeds the amount of the credit allowed under section 290.068;

(12) (11) the amount of salary expenses not allowed for federal income tax purposes due to claiming the Indian employment credit under section 45A(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(13) (12) any decrease in subpart F income, as defined in section 952(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, for the taxable year when subpart F income is calculated without regard to the provisions of Division C, title III, section 303(b) of Public Law 110-343;

(14) (13) in each of the five tax years immediately following the tax year in which an addition is required under subdivision 19c, clause (12) (11), an amount equal to one-fifth

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of the delayed depreciation. For purposes of this clause, "delayed depreciation" means the amount of the addition made by the taxpayer under subdivision 19c, clause (12) (11). The resulting delayed depreciation cannot be less than zero;

(15) (14) in each of the five tax years immediately following the tax year in which an addition is required under subdivision 19c, clause (13) (12), an amount equal to one-fifth of the amount of the addition;

(16) (15) to the extent included in federal taxable income, discharge of indebtedness income resulting from reacquisition of business indebtedness included in federal taxable income under section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. This subtraction applies only to the extent that the income was included in net income in a prior year as a result of the addition under subdivision 19c, clause (16) (15); and

(17) (16) the amount of expenses not allowed for federal income tax purposes due to claiming the railroad track maintenance credit under section 45G(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.0671, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

Subd. 6a. **TANF appropriation for working family credit expansion.** (a) On an annual basis the commissioner of revenue, with the assistance of the commissioner of human services, shall calculate the value of the refundable portion of the Minnesota Working Family Credit provided under this section that qualifies for payment with funds from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Of this total amount, the commissioner of revenue shall estimate the portion entailed by the expansion of the credit rates provided in Laws 2000, chapter 490, article 4, section 17, for individuals with qualifying children over the rates provided in Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 2, section 12.

(b) An amount sufficient to pay the refunds entailed by the expansion of the credit rates provided in Laws 2000, chapter 490, article 4, section 17, for individuals with qualifying children over the rates provided in Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 2, section 12, as estimated in paragraph (a), is appropriated to the commissioner of human services from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds, for transfer to the commissioner of revenue for deposit in the general fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively for transfers in fiscal year 2015 and thereafter.

12.1	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.0672, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
12.2	Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms
12.3	have the meanings given.
12.4	(b) "Long-term care insurance" means a policy that:
12.5	(1) qualifies for a deduction under section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code,
12.6	disregarding the 7.5 percent adjusted gross income test; or meets the requirements
12.7	given in section 62A.46; or provides similar coverage issued under the laws of another
12.8	jurisdiction; and
12.9	(2) has a lifetime long-term care benefit limit of not less than \$100,000; and
12.10	(3) has been offered in compliance with the inflation protection requirements of
12.11	section 62S.23.
12.12	(c) "Qualified beneficiary" means the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse.
12.13	(d) "Premiums deducted in determining federal taxable income" means the lesser of
12.14	(1) long-term care insurance premiums that qualify as deductions under section 213 of
12.15	the Internal Revenue Code; and (2) the total amount deductible for medical care under
12.16	section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code.
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12.18	beginning after December 31, 2012.
12.19	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.091, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
12.20	Subd. 3. Exemption amount. (a) For purposes of computing the alternative
12.21	minimum tax, the exemption amount is, for taxable years beginning after December 31,
12.22	2005, \$60,000 for married couples filing joint returns, \$30,000 for married individuals
12.23	filing separate returns, estates, and trusts, and \$45,000 for unmarried individuals.
12.24	(b) The exemption amount determined under this subdivision is subject to the phase
12.25	out under section 55(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except that alternative minimum
12.26	taxable income as determined under this section must be substituted in the computation of
12.27	the phase out.
12.28	(c) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006, the exemption amount
12.29	under paragraph (a), clause (2), must be adjusted for inflation. The commissioner shall
12.30	adjust the exemption amount by the percentage determined pursuant to the provisions of
12.31	section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, except that in section 1(f)(3)(B) the word "2005"
12.32	shall be substituted for the word "1992." For 2007, the commissioner shall then determine
12.33	the percent change from the 12 months ending on August 31, 2005, to the 12 months
12.34	ending on August 31, 2006, and in each subsequent year, from the 12 months ending on
12.35	August 31, 2005, to the 12 months ending on August 31 of the year preceding the taxable

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year. The exemption amount as adjusted must be rounded to the nearest \$10. If the amount ends in \$5, it must be rounded up to the nearest \$10 amount. The determination of the commissioner under this subdivision is not a rule under the Administrative Procedure Act.

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- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.0921, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. **Alternative minimum taxable income.** "Alternative minimum taxable income" is Minnesota net income as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 19, and includes the adjustments and tax preference items in sections 56, 57, 58, and 59(d), (e), (f), and (h) of the Internal Revenue Code. If a corporation files a separate company Minnesota tax return, the minimum tax must be computed on a separate company basis. If a corporation is part of a tax group filing a unitary return, the minimum tax must be computed on a unitary basis. The following adjustments must be made.
- (1) The portion of the depreciation deduction allowed for federal income tax purposes under section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code that is required as an addition under section 290.01, subdivision 19c, clause (12) (11), is disallowed in determining alternative minimum taxable income.
- (2) The subtraction for depreciation allowed under section 290.01, subdivision 19d, clause (14) (13), is allowed as a depreciation deduction in determining alternative minimum taxable income.
- (3) The alternative tax net operating loss deduction under sections 56(a)(4) and 56(d) of the Internal Revenue Code does not apply.
- (4) The special rule for certain dividends under section 56(g)(4)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code does not apply.
- (5) The tax preference for depletion under section 57(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code does not apply.
- (6) The tax preference for tax exempt interest under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code does not apply.
- (7) The tax preference for charitable contributions of appreciated property under section 57(a)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code does not apply.
- (8) For purposes of calculating the adjustment for adjusted current earnings in section 56(g) of the Internal Revenue Code, the term "alternative minimum taxable income" as it is used in section 56(g) of the Internal Revenue Code, means alternative minimum taxable income as defined in this subdivision, determined without regard to the adjustment for adjusted current earnings in section 56(g) of the Internal Revenue Code.

14.1	(9) For purposes of determining the amount of adjusted current earnings under
14.2	section 56(g)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, no adjustment shall be made under section
14.3	56(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to (i) the amount of foreign dividend
14.4	gross-up subtracted as provided in section 290.01, subdivision 19d, clause (1), or (ii) the
14.5	amount of refunds of income, excise, or franchise taxes subtracted as provided in section
14.6	290.01, subdivision 19d, clause (8) (7).
14.7	(10) Alternative minimum taxable income excludes the income from operating in a
14.8	job opportunity building zone as provided under section 469.317.
14.9	Items of tax preference must not be reduced below zero as a result of the
14.10	modifications in this subdivision.
14.11	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
14.12	Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 291.031, is amended to read:
14.13	291.031 CREDIT.
14.14	(a) The estate of a nonresident decedent that is subject to tax under this chapter on
14.15	the value of Minnesota situs property held in a pass-through entity is allowed a credit
14.16	against the tax due under section 291.03 equal to the lesser of:
14.17	(1) the amount of estate or inheritance tax paid to another state that is attributable to
14.18	the Minnesota situs property held in the pass-through entity; or
14.19	(2) the amount of tax paid under this section due under section 291.03 attributable to
14.20	the Minnesota situs property held in the pass-through entity.
14.21	(b) The amount of tax attributable to the Minnesota situs property held in the
14.22	pass-through entity must be determined by the increase in the estate or inheritance tax that
14.23	results from including the market value of the property in the estate or treating the value
14.24	as a taxable inheritance to the recipient of the property.
14.25	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively for estates of decedents
14.26	dying after December 31, 2013.
14.27	Sec. 11. REPEALER.
14.28	Minnesota Rules, part 8092.2000, is repealed.

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5.1	ARTICLE 2
5.2	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TECHNICAL PROVISIONS: SALES AND USE TAXES
5.4	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.82, subdivision 4a, is amended to
5.5	read:
5.6	Subd. 4a. Deposit in state airports fund. Tax revenue, including interest and
5.7	penalties, collected from the sale or purchase of an aircraft taxable under this chapter must
5.8	be deposited in the state airports fund established in section 360.017. For purposes of this
5.9	subdivision, "revenue" does not include the revenue, including interest and penalties,
5.10	generated by the sales tax imposed under section 297A.62, subdivision 1a, which must be
5.11	deposited as provided under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15.
5.12	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
5.13	ARTICLE 3
5.14	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TECHNICAL PROVISIONS: SPECIAL TAXES
5.15	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 69.021, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
5.16	Subd. 5. Calculation of state aid. (a) The amount of fire state aid available for
5.17	apportionment, before the addition of the minimum fire state aid allocation amount under
5.18	subdivision 7, is equal to 107 percent of the amount of premium taxes paid to the state
5.19	upon the fire, lightning, sprinkler leakage, and extended coverage premiums reported to
5.20	the commissioner by insurers on the Minnesota Firetown Premium Report. This amount
5.21	must be reduced by the amount required to pay the state auditor's costs and expenses of
5.22	the audits or exams of the firefighters relief associations.
5.23	The total amount for apportionment in respect to fire state aid must not be less than
5.24	two percent of the premiums reported to the commissioner by insurers on the Minnesota
5.25	Firetown Premium Report after subtracting the following amounts:
5.26	(1) the amount required to pay the state auditor's costs and expenses of the audits or
5.27	exams of the firefighters relief associations; and
5.28	(2) one percent of the premiums reported by town and farmers' township mutual
5.29	insurance companies and mutual property and casualty companies with total assets of
5.30	\$5,000,000 or less.
5.31	(b) The total amount for apportionment as police state aid is equal to 104 percent
5.32	of the amount of premium taxes paid to the state on the premiums reported to the

commissioner by insurers on the Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report. The total

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amount for apportionment in respect to the police state aid program must not be less than
two percent of the amount of premiums reported to the commissioner by insurers on the
Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report.
(c) The commissioner shall calculate the percentage of increase or decrease reflected
in the apportionment over or under the previous year's available state aid using the same
premiums as a basis for comparison.
(d) In addition to the amount for apportionment of police state aid under paragraph
(b), each year \$100,000 must be apportioned for police state aid. An amount sufficient to
pay this increase is annually appropriated from the general fund.
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.0922, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
Subd. 2. Exemptions. The following entities are exempt from the tax imposed
by this section:
(1) corporations exempt from tax under section 290.05;
(2) real estate investment trusts;
(3) regulated investment companies or a fund thereof; and
(4) entities having a valid election in effect under section 860D(b) of the Internal
Revenue Code;
(5) town and farmers' township mutual insurance companies;
(6) cooperatives organized under chapter 308A or 308B that provide housing
exclusively to persons age 55 and over and are classified as homesteads under section
273.124, subdivision 3; and
(7) a qualified business as defined under section 469.310, subdivision 11, if for the
taxable year all of its property is located in a job opportunity building zone designated
under section 469.314 and all of its payroll is a job opportunity building zone payroll
under section 469.310.
Entities not specifically exempted by this subdivision are subject to tax under this
section, notwithstanding section 290.05.
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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 296A.01, subdivision 42, is amended to read:
Subd. 42. Petroleum products. "Petroleum products" means all of the products

defined in subdivisions 2, 7, 8, 8a, 8b, 10, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22 to 26, 28, 32, and 35.

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Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 296A.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Tax imposed.** There is imposed an excise tax on gasoline, gasoline blended with ethanol, and agricultural alcohol gasoline used in producing and generating power for propelling motor vehicles used on the public highways of this state. The tax is imposed on the first licensed distributor who received the product in Minnesota. For purposes of this section, gasoline is defined in section 296A.01, subdivisions <u>8b</u>, 10, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 32, and 34. The tax is payable at the time and in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. The tax is payable at the rates specified in subdivision 3,

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subject to the exceptions and reductions specified in section 296A.17.

- Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297H.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Materials.** The tax is not imposed upon charges to generators of mixed municipal solid waste or upon the volume of nonmixed municipal solid waste for waste management services to manage the following materials:
- (1) mixed municipal solid waste and nonmixed municipal solid waste generated outside of Minnesota;
- (2) recyclable materials that are separated for recycling by the generator, collected separately from other waste, and recycled, to the extent the price of the service for handling recyclable material is separately itemized on a bill to the generator;
- (3) recyclable nonmixed municipal solid waste that is separated for recycling by the generator, collected separately from other waste, delivered to a waste facility for the purpose of recycling, and recycled;
- (4) industrial waste, when it is transported to a facility owned and operated by the same person that generated it;
- (5) mixed municipal solid waste from a recycling facility that separates or processes recyclable materials and reduces the volume of the waste by at least 85 percent, provided that the exempted waste is managed separately from other waste;
- (6) recyclable materials that are separated from mixed municipal solid waste by the generator, collected and delivered to a waste facility that recycles at least 85 percent of its waste, and are collected with mixed municipal solid waste that is segregated in leakproof bags, provided that the mixed municipal solid waste does not exceed five percent of the total weight of the materials delivered to the facility and is ultimately delivered to a waste facility identified as a preferred waste management facility in county solid waste plans under section 115A.46;

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(7) source-separated compostable waste materials, if the waste is materials are
delivered to a facility exempted as described in this clause. To initially qualify for an
exemption, a facility must apply for an exemption in its application for a new or amended
solid waste permit to the Pollution Control Agency. The first time a facility applies to the
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and the commissioner of the agency shall so certify to the commissioner of revenue who
must grant the exemption. The facility must annually apply to the agency for certification
to renew its exemption for the following year. The application must be filed according to
the procedures of, and contain the information required by, the agency. The commissioner
of revenue shall grant the exemption if the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
finds and certifies to the commissioner of revenue that based on an evaluation of the
composition of incoming waste and residuals and the quality and use of the product:

- (i) generators separate materials at the source;
- (ii) the separation is performed in a manner appropriate to the technology specific to the facility that:
 - (A) maximizes the quality of the product;
 - (B) minimizes the toxicity and quantity of residuals rejects; and
- (C) provides an opportunity for significant improvement in the environmental efficiency of the operation;
- (iii) the operator of the facility educates generators, in coordination with each county using the facility, about separating the waste to maximize the quality of the waste stream for technology specific to the facility;
- (iv) process <u>residuals rejects</u> do not exceed 15 percent of the weight of the total material delivered to the facility; and
 - (v) the final product is accepted for use;
 - (8) waste and waste by-products for which the tax has been paid; and
- 18.27 (9) daily cover for landfills that has been approved in writing by the Minnesota 18.28 Pollution Control Agency.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297I.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Town and farmers' Township mutual insurance. A tax is imposed on town and farmers' township mutual insurance companies. The rate of tax is equal to one percent of gross premiums less return premiums on all direct business received by the insurer or agents of the insurer in Minnesota, in cash or otherwise, during the year.

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Subdivision 1. Cities of the first class. (a) The commissioner shall order and direct
a surcharge to be collected of two percent of the fire, lightning, and sprinkler leakage gross
premiums, less return premiums, on all direct business received by any licensed foreign or
domestic fire insurance company on property in a city of the first class, or by its agents for

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297I.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

it, in cash or otherwise.

- (b) By July 31 and December 31 of each year, the commissioner of management and budget shall pay to each city of the first class a warrant for an amount equal to the total amount of the surcharge on the premiums collected within that city since the previous payment.
- (c) The treasurer of the city shall place the money received under this subdivision in a special account or fund to defray all or a portion of the employer contribution requirement of public employees police and fire plan coverage for city firefighters.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297I.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** The amount necessary to make the payments required under this section is appropriated to the commissioner of management and budget from the general fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 298.01, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

Subd. 3b. **Deductions.** (a) For purposes of determining taxable income under subdivision 3, the deductions from gross income include only those expenses necessary to convert raw ores to marketable quality. Such expenses include costs associated with refinement but do not include expenses such as transportation, stockpiling, marketing, or marine insurance that are incurred after marketable ores are produced, unless the expenses are included in gross income. The allowable deductions from a mine or plant that mines and produces more than one mineral, metal, or energy resource must be determined separately for the purposes of computing the deduction in section 290.01, subdivision 19c, clause (8). These deductions may be combined on one occupation tax return to arrive at the deduction from gross income for all production.

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(b) The provisions of section 290.01, subdivisions 19c, clauses (6) and (8), and 19d
clauses (6) and (9) (8), are not used to determine taxable income.

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- Subd. 4c. **Special deductions; net operating loss.** (a) For purposes of determining taxable income under subdivision 4, the provisions of section 290.01, subdivisions 19c, clauses (6) and (8), and 19d, clauses (6) and (9) (8), are not used to determine taxable income.
- (b) The amount of net operating loss incurred in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 1990, that may be carried over to a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1989, is the amount of net operating loss carryover determined in the calculation of the hypothetical corporate franchise tax under Minnesota Statutes 1988, sections 298.40 and 298.402.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

20.15 **ARTICLE 4**

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TECHNICAL PROVISIONS: PROPERTY TAXES

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.02, subdivision 9, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 9. **Personal property; exceptions.** Except for the taxable personal property enumerated below, all personal property and the property described in section 272.03, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c) and (d), shall be exempt.

The following personal property shall be taxable:

- (a) personal property which is part of (i) an electric generating, transmission, or distribution system or; (ii) a pipeline system transporting or distributing water, gas, erude oil, or petroleum products; or (iii) mains and pipes used in the distribution of steam or hot or chilled water for heating or cooling buildings and structures;
- (b) railroad docks and wharves which are part of the operating property of a railroad company as defined in section 270.80;
 - (c) personal property defined in section 272.03, subdivision 2, clause (3);
- 20.29 (d) leasehold or other personal property interests which are taxed pursuant to section 20.30 272.01, subdivision 2; 273.124, subdivision 7; or 273.19, subdivision 1; or any other law 20.31 providing the property is taxable as if the lessee or user were the fee owner;
 - (e) manufactured homes and sectional structures, including storage sheds, decks, and similar removable improvements constructed on the site of a manufactured home,

sectional structure, park trailer or travel trailer as provided in section 273.125, subdivision 21.1 8, paragraph (f); and 21.2 (f) flight property as defined in section 270.071. 21.3 21.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment. Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.032, is amended to read: 21.5 273.032 MARKET VALUE DEFINITION. 21.6 (a) Unless otherwise provided, for the purpose of determining any property tax 21.7 levy limitation based on market value or any limit on net debt, the issuance of bonds, 21.8 certificates of indebtedness, or capital notes based on market value, any qualification to 21.9 receive state aid based on market value, or any state aid amount based on market value, 21.10 the terms "market value," "estimated market value," and "market valuation," whether 21.11 equalized or unequalized, mean the estimated market value of taxable property within the 21.12 local unit of government before any of the following or similar adjustments for: 21.13 (1) the market value exclusions under: 21.14 (i) section 273.11, subdivisions 14a and 14c (vacant platted land); 21.15 (ii) section 273.11, subdivision 16 (certain improvements to homestead property); 21.16 (iii) section 273.11, subdivisions 19 and 20 (certain improvements to business 21.17 properties); 21.18 (iv) section 273.11, subdivision 21 (homestead property damaged by mold); 21.19 21.20 (v) section 273.11, subdivision 22 (qualifying lead hazardous reduction projects); (vi) (v) section 273.13, subdivision 34 (homestead of a disabled veteran or family 21.21 caregiver); or 21.22 (vii) (vi) section 273.13, subdivision 35 (homestead market value exclusion); or 21.23 (2) the deferment of value under: 21.24 (i) the Minnesota Agricultural Property Tax Law, section 273.111; 21.25 (ii) the Aggregate Resource Preservation Law, section 273.1115; 21.26 (iii) the Minnesota Open Space Property Tax Law, section 273.112; 21.27 21.28 (iv) the rural preserves property tax program, section 273.114; or (v) the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Act, section 473H.10; or 21.29

(3) the adjustments to tax capacity for:

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(i) tax increment financing under sections 469.174 to 469.1794;

(ii) fiscal disparities under chapter 276A or 473F; or

(iii) powerline credit under section 273.425.

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- (b) Estimated market value under paragraph (a) also includes the market value of tax-exempt property if the applicable law specifically provides that the limitation, qualification, or aid calculation includes tax-exempt property.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided, "market value," "estimated market value," and "market valuation" for purposes of property tax levy limitations and calculation of state aid, refer to the estimated market value for the previous assessment year and for purposes of limits on net debt, the issuance of bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or capital notes refer to the estimated market value as last finally equalized.
- (d) For purposes of a provision of a home rule charter or of any special law that is not codified in the statutes and that imposes a levy limitation based on market value or any limit on debt, the issuance of bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or capital notes based on market value, the terms "market value," "taxable market value," and "market valuation," whether equalized or unequalized, mean "estimated market value" as defined in paragraph (a).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Listing and assessment in county.** The personal property of express, stage and transportation companies, and of pipeline companies engaged in the business of transporting natural gas, gasoline, erude oil, or other petroleum products, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be listed and assessed in the county, town or district where the same is usually kept.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Listing and assessment by commissioner.** The personal property, consisting of the pipeline system of mains, pipes, and equipment attached thereto, of pipeline companies and others engaged in the operations or business of transporting natural gas, gasoline, crude oil, or other petroleum products by pipelines, shall be listed with and assessed by the commissioner of revenue and the values provided to the city or county assessor by order. This subdivision shall not apply to the assessment of the products transported through the pipelines nor to the lines of local commercial gas companies engaged primarily in the business of distributing gas products to consumers at retail nor to pipelines used by the owner thereof to supply natural gas or other petroleum products exclusively for such owner's own consumption and not for resale to others. If more than 85 percent of the natural gas or other petroleum products actually transported

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over the pipeline is used for the owner's own consumption and not for resale to others, then this subdivision shall not apply; provided, however, that in that event, the pipeline shall be assessed in proportion to the percentage of gas products actually transported over such pipeline that is not used for the owner's own consumption. On or before August 1, the commissioner shall certify to the auditor of each county, the amount of such personal property assessment against each company in each district in which such property is located. If the commissioner determines that the amount of personal property assessment certified on or before August 1 is in error, the commissioner may issue a corrected certification on or before October 1. The commissioner may correct errors that are merely clerical in nature until December 31.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 274.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Ordinary board; meetings, deadlines, grievances.** (a) The town board of a town, or the council or other governing body of a city, is the <u>local</u> board of appeal and equalization except (1) in cities whose charters provide for a board of equalization or (2) in any city or town that has transferred its local board of review power and duties to the county board as provided in subdivision 3. The county assessor shall fix a day and time when the board or the <u>local</u> board of equalization shall meet in the assessment districts of the county. Notwithstanding any law or city charter to the contrary, a city board of equalization shall be referred to as a <u>local</u> board of appeal and equalization. On or before February 15 of each year the assessor shall give written notice of the time to the city or town clerk. Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter to the contrary, the meetings must be held between April 1 and May 31 each year. The clerk shall give published and posted notice of the meeting at least ten days before the date of the meeting.

The board shall meet either at a central location within the county or at the office of the clerk to review the assessment and classification of property in the town or city. No changes in valuation or classification which are intended to correct errors in judgment by the county assessor may be made by the county assessor after the board has adjourned in those cities or towns that hold a local board of review; however, corrections of errors that are merely clerical in nature or changes that extend homestead treatment to property are permitted after adjournment until the tax extension date for that assessment year. The changes must be fully documented and maintained in the assessor's office and must be available for review by any person. A copy of the changes made during this period in those cities or towns that hold a local board of review must be sent to the county board no later than December 31 of the assessment year.

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- (b) The board shall determine whether the taxable property in the town or city has been properly placed on the list and properly valued by the assessor. If real or personal property has been omitted, the board shall place it on the list with its market value, and correct the assessment so that each tract or lot of real property, and each article, parcel, or class of personal property, is entered on the assessment list at its market value. No assessment of the property of any person may be raised unless the person has been duly notified of the intent of the board to do so. On application of any person feeling aggrieved, the board shall review the assessment or classification, or both, and correct it as appears just. The board may not make an individual market value adjustment or classification change that would benefit the property if the owner or other person having control over the property has refused the assessor access to inspect the property and the interior of any buildings or structures as provided in section 273.20. A board member shall not participate in any actions of the board which result in market value adjustments or classification changes to property owned by the board member, the spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of a board member, or property in which a board member has a financial interest. The relationship may be by blood or marriage.
- (c) A local board may reduce assessments upon petition of the taxpayer but the total reductions must not reduce the aggregate assessment made by the county assessor by more than one percent. If the total reductions would lower the aggregate assessments made by the county assessor by more than one percent, none of the adjustments may be made. The assessor shall correct any clerical errors or double assessments discovered by the board without regard to the one percent limitation.
- (d) A local board does not have authority to grant an exemption or to order property removed from the tax rolls.
- (e) A majority of the members may act at the meeting, and adjourn from day to day until they finish hearing the cases presented. The assessor shall attend and take part in the proceedings, but must not vote. The county assessor, or an assistant delegated by the county assessor shall attend the meetings. The board shall list separately all omitted property added to the list by the board and all items of property increased or decreased, with the market value of each item of property, added or changed by the board. The county assessor shall enter all changes made by the board.
- (f) Except as provided in subdivision 3, if a person fails to appear in person, by counsel, or by written communication before the board after being duly notified of the board's intent to raise the assessment of the property, or if a person feeling aggrieved by an assessment or classification fails to apply for a review of the assessment or classification,

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the person may not appear before the county board of appeal and equalization for a review. This paragraph does not apply if an assessment was made after the local board meeting, as provided in section 273.01, or if the person can establish not having received notice of market value at least five days before the local board meeting.

(g) The local board must complete its work and adjourn within 20 days from the time of convening stated in the notice of the clerk, unless a longer period is approved by the commissioner of revenue. No action taken after that date is valid. All complaints about an assessment or classification made after the meeting of the board must be heard and determined by the county board of equalization. A nonresident may, at any time, before the meeting of the board file written objections to an assessment or classification with the county assessor. The objections must be presented to the board at its meeting by the county assessor for its consideration.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 274.135, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

- Subd. 3. **Proof of compliance; transfer of duties.** (a) Any county that conducts county boards of appeal and equalization meetings must provide proof to the commissioner by December 1, 2009, and each year thereafter, February 1 that it is in compliance with the requirements of subdivision 2. Beginning in 2009, This notice must also verify that there was a quorum of voting members at each meeting of the board of appeal and equalization in the eurrent previous year. A county that does not comply with these requirements is deemed to have transferred its board of appeal and equalization powers to the special board of equalization appointed pursuant to section 274.13, subdivision 2, beginning with the following year's assessment and continuing unless the powers are reinstated under paragraph (c). A county that does not comply with the requirements of subdivision 2 and has not appointed a special board of equalization shall appoint a special board of equalization before the following year's assessment.
- (b) The county shall notify the taxpayers when the board of appeal and equalization for a county has been transferred to the special board of equalization under this subdivision and, prior to the meeting time of the special board of equalization, the county shall make available to those taxpayers a procedure for a review of the assessments, including, but not limited to, open book meetings. This alternate review process must take place in April and May.
- (c) A county board whose powers are transferred to the special board of equalization under this subdivision may be reinstated by resolution of the county board and upon proof of compliance with the requirements of subdivision 2. The resolution and proofs must

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be provided to the commissioner by December February 1 in order to be effective for the following current year's assessment.

(d) If a person who was entitled to appeal to the county board of appeal and equalization or to the county special board of equalization is not able to do so in a particular year because the county board or special board did not meet the quorum and training requirements in this section and section 274.13, or because the special board was not appointed, that person may instead appeal to the commissioner of revenue, provided that the appeal is received by the commissioner prior to August 1. The appeal is not subject to either chapter 14 or section 270C.92. The commissioner must issue an appropriate order to the county assessor in response to each timely appeal, either upholding or changing the valuation or classification of the property. Prior to October 1 of each year, the commissioner must charge and bill the county where the property is located \$500 for each tax parcel covered by an order issued under this paragraph in that year. Amounts received by the commissioner under this paragraph must be deposited in the state's general fund. If payment of a billed amount is not received by the commissioner before December 1 of the year when billed, the commissioner must deduct that unpaid amount from any state aid the commissioner would otherwise pay to the county under chapter 477A in the next year. Late payments may either be returned to the county uncashed and undeposited or may be accepted. If a late payment is accepted, the state aid paid to the county under chapter 477A must be adjusted within 12 months to eliminate any reduction that occurred because the payment was late. Amounts needed to make these adjustments are included in the appropriation under section 477A.03, subdivision 2.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for county boards of appeal and equalization meetings held in 2016 and thereafter.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 275.065, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Proposed levy.** (a) Notwithstanding any law or charter to the contrary, on or before September 30, each county and each home rule charter or statutory city shall certify to the county auditor the proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year.

- (b) Notwithstanding any law or charter to the contrary, on or before September 15, each town and each special taxing district shall adopt and certify to the county auditor a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year. For towns, the final certified levy shall also be considered the proposed levy.
- (c) On or before September 30, each school district that has not mutually agreed with its home county to extend this date shall certify to the county auditor the proposed

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property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year. Each school district that has agreed with its home county to delay the certification of its proposed property tax levy must certify its proposed property tax levy for the following year no later than October 7. The school district shall certify the proposed levy as:

- (1) a specific dollar amount by school district fund, broken down between voter-approved and non-voter-approved levies and between referendum market value and tax capacity levies; or
- (2) the maximum levy limitation certified by the commissioner of education according to section 126C.48, subdivision 1.
- (d) If the board of estimate and taxation or any similar board that establishes maximum tax levies for taxing jurisdictions within a first class city certifies the maximum property tax levies for funds under its jurisdiction by charter to the county auditor by the date specified in paragraph (a), the city shall be deemed to have certified its levies for those taxing jurisdictions.
- (e) For purposes of this section, "special taxing district" means a special taxing district as defined in section 275.066. Intermediate school districts that levy a tax under chapter 124 or 136D, joint powers boards established under sections 123A.44 to 123A.446, and Common School Districts No. 323, Franconia, and No. 815, Prinsburg, are also special taxing districts for purposes of this section.
- (f) At the meeting at which a taxing authority, other than a town, adopts its proposed tax levy under this subdivision, the taxing authority shall announce the time and place of its any subsequent regularly scheduled meetings at which the budget and levy will be discussed and at which the public will be allowed to speak. The time and place of those meetings must be included in the proceedings or summary of proceedings published in the official newspaper of the taxing authority under section 123B.09, 375.12, or 412.191.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 282.01, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. Conveyance to public entities. (a) Upon written request from a state agency or a governmental subdivision of the state, a parcel of unsold tax-forfeited land must be withheld from sale or lease to others for a maximum of six months. The request must be submitted to the county auditor. Upon receipt, the county auditor must withhold the parcel from sale or lease to any other party for six months, and must confirm the starting date of the six-month withholding period to the requesting agency or subdivision. If the request is from a governmental subdivision of the state, the governmental subdivision must pay the maintenance costs incurred by the county during the period the

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parcel is withheld. The county board may approve a sale or conveyance to the requesting party during the withholding period. A conveyance of the property to the requesting party terminates the withholding period.

A governmental subdivision of the state must not make, and a county auditor must not act upon, a second request to withhold a parcel from sale or lease within 18 months of a previous request for that parcel. A county may reject a request made under this paragraph if the request is made more than 30 days after the county has given notice to the requesting state agency or governmental subdivision of the state that the county intends to sell or otherwise dispose of the property.

- (b) Nonconservation tax-forfeited lands may be sold by the county board, for their market value as determined by the county board, to an organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property. When the term "market value" is used in this section, it means an estimate of the full and actual market value of the parcel as determined by the county board, but in making this determination, the board and the persons employed by or under contract with the board in order to perform, conduct, or assist in the determination, are exempt from the licensure requirements of chapter 82B.
- (c) Nonconservation tax-forfeited lands may be released from the trust in favor of the taxing districts on application to sold by the county board by, for their market value as determined by the county board, to a state agency for an authorized use at not less than their market value as determined by the county board any public purpose for which the agency is authorized to acquire property.
- (d) Nonconservation tax-forfeited lands may be sold by the county board to an organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state or state agency for less than their market value if:
- (1) the county board determines that a sale at a reduced price is in the public interest because a reduced price is necessary to provide an incentive to correct the blighted conditions that make the lands undesirable in the open market, or the reduced price will lead to the development of affordable housing; and
- (2) the governmental subdivision or state agency has documented its specific plans for correcting the blighted conditions or developing affordable housing, and the specific law or laws that empower it to acquire real property in furtherance of the plans.

If the sale under this paragraph is to a governmental subdivision of the state, the commissioner of revenue must convey the property on behalf of the state by quitclaim deed. If the sale under this paragraph is to a state agency, the property is released from the trust in favor of the taxing districts and the commissioner of revenue must issue a

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conveyance document that releases the property from the trust in favor of the taxing districts convey the property on behalf of the state by quitclaim deed to the agency.

- (e) Nonconservation tax-forfeited land held in trust in favor of the taxing districts may be conveyed by the commissioner of revenue in the name of the state to a governmental subdivision for an authorized public use, if an application is submitted to the commissioner which includes a statement of facts as to the use to be made of the tract and the favorable recommendation of the county board. For the purposes of this paragraph, "authorized public use" means a use that allows an indefinite segment of the public to physically use and enjoy the property in numbers appropriate to its size and use, or is for a public service facility. Authorized public uses as defined in this paragraph are limited to:
 - (1) a road, or right-of-way for a road;
- (2) a park that is both available to, and accessible by, the public that contains improvements such as campgrounds, playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, or shelters;
- (3) trails for walking, bicycling, snowmobiling, or other recreational purposes, along with a reasonable amount of surrounding land maintained in its natural state;
- (4) transit facilities for buses, light rail transit, commuter rail or passenger rail, including transit ways, park-and-ride lots, transit stations, maintenance and garage facilities, and other facilities related to a public transit system;
 - (5) public beaches or boat launches;
- (6) public parking;
 - (7) civic recreation or conference facilities; and
- (8) public service facilities such as fire halls, police stations, lift stations, water towers, sanitation facilities, water treatment facilities, and administrative offices.
 - No monetary compensation or consideration is required for the conveyance, except as provided in subdivision 1g, but the conveyance is subject to the conditions provided in law, including, but not limited to, the reversion provisions of subdivisions 1c and 1d.
 - (f) The commissioner of revenue shall convey a parcel of nonconservation tax-forfeited land to a local governmental subdivision of the state by quitclaim deed on behalf of the state upon the favorable recommendation of the county board if the governmental subdivision has certified to the board that prior to forfeiture the subdivision was entitled to the parcel under a written development agreement or instrument, but the conveyance failed to occur prior to forfeiture. No compensation or consideration is required for, and no conditions attach to, the conveyance.
 - (g) The commissioner of revenue shall convey a parcel of nonconservation tax-forfeited land to the association of a common interest community by quitclaim deed upon the favorable recommendation of the county board if the association certifies to the

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board that prior to forfeiture the association was entitled to the parcel under a written agreement, but the conveyance failed to occur prior to forfeiture. No compensation or consideration is required for, and no conditions attach to, the conveyance.

- (h) Conservation tax-forfeited land may be sold to a governmental subdivision of the state for less than its market value for either: (1) creation or preservation of wetlands; (2) drainage or storage of storm water under a storm water management plan; or (3) preservation, or restoration and preservation, of the land in its natural state. The deed must contain a restrictive covenant limiting the use of the land to one of these purposes for 30 years or until the property is reconveyed back to the state in trust. At any time, the governmental subdivision may reconvey the property to the state in trust for the taxing districts. The deed of reconveyance is subject to approval by the commissioner of revenue. No part of a purchase price determined under this paragraph shall be refunded upon a reconveyance, but the amount paid for a conveyance under this paragraph may be taken into account by the county board when setting the terms of a future sale of the same property to the same governmental subdivision under paragraph (b) or (d). If the lands are unplatted and located outside of an incorporated municipality and the commissioner of natural resources determines there is a mineral use potential, the sale is subject to the approval of the commissioner of natural resources.
- (i) A park and recreation board in a city of the first class is a governmental subdivision for the purposes of this section.
- (j) Tax-forfeited land held in trust in favor of the taxing districts may be conveyed by the commissioner of revenue in the name of the state to a governmental subdivision for a school forest under section 89.41. An application that includes a statement of facts as to the use to be made of the tract and the favorable recommendation of the county board and the commissioner of natural resources must be submitted to the commissioner of revenue. No monetary compensation or consideration is required for the conveyance, but the conveyance is subject to the conditional use and reversion provisions of subdivisions 1c and 1d, paragraph (e). At any time, the governmental subdivision may reconvey the property back to the state in trust for the taxing districts. The deed of reconveyance is subject to approval by the commissioner of revenue.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 282.01, subdivision 1d, is amended to read: Subd. 1d. **Reverter for failure to use; conveyance to state.** (a) After three years from the date of any conveyance of tax-forfeited land to a governmental subdivision for an authorized public use as provided in this section, regardless of when the deed for the

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authorized public use was executed, if the governmental subdivision has failed to put the land to that use, or abandons that use, the governing body of the subdivision must: (1) with the approval of the county board, purchase the property for an authorized public purpose at the present market value as determined by the county board, or (2) authorize the proper officers to convey the land, or the part of the land not required for an authorized public use, to the state of Minnesota in trust for the taxing districts. If the governing body purchases the property under clause (1), the commissioner of revenue shall, upon proper application submitted by the county auditor and upon the reconveyance of the land subject to the conditional use deed to the state, convey the property on behalf of the state by quitclaim deed to the subdivision free of a use restriction and the possibility of reversion or defeasement. If the governing body decides to reconvey the property to the state under this clause, the officers shall execute a deed of conveyance immediately. The conveyance is subject to the approval of the commissioner and its form must be approved by the attorney general. For 15 years from the date of the conveyance, there is no failure to put the land to the authorized public use and no abandonment of that use if a formal plan of the governmental subdivision, including, but not limited to, a comprehensive plan or land use plan, shows an intended future use of the land for the authorized public use.

(b) Property held by a governmental subdivision of the state under a conditional use deed executed under this section by the commissioner of revenue on or after January 1, 2007, may be acquired by that governmental subdivision after 15 years from the date of the conveyance if the commissioner determines upon written application from the subdivision that the subdivision has in fact put the property to the authorized public use for which it was conveyed, and the subdivision has made a finding that it has no current plans to change the use of the lands. Prior to conveying the property, the commissioner shall inquire whether the county board where the land is located objects to a conveyance of the property to the subdivision without conditions and without further act by or obligation of the subdivision. If the county does not object within 60 days, and the commissioner makes a favorable determination, the commissioner shall issue a quitclaim deed on behalf of the state unconditionally conveying the property to the governmental subdivision. For purposes of this paragraph, demonstration of an intended future use for the authorized public use in a formal plan of the governmental subdivision does not constitute use for that authorized public use.

(c) Property held by a governmental subdivision of the state under a conditional use deed executed under this section by the commissioner of revenue before January 1, 2007, is released from the use restriction and possibility of reversion on January 1, 2022, if the county board records a resolution describing the land and citing this paragraph. The

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county board may authorize the county treasurer to deduct the amount of the recording fees from future settlements of property taxes to the subdivision.

- (d) Except for tax-forfeited land conveyed to establish a school forest under section 89.41, property conveyed under a conditional use deed executed under this section by the commissioner of revenue, regardless of when the deed for the authorized public use was executed, is released from the use restriction and reverter, and any use restriction or reverter for which no declaration of reversion has been recorded with the county recorder or registrar of titles, as appropriate, is nullified on the later of: (1) January 1, 2015; (2) 30 years from the date the deed was acknowledged; or (3) final resolution of an appeal to district court under subdivision 1e, if a lis pendens related to the appeal is recorded in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles, as appropriate, prior to January 1, 2015.
- (e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (d), tax-forfeited land conveyed to establish a school forest under section 89.41 is subject to a perpetual conditional use deed and reverter. The property reverts to the state in trust for the taxing districts by operation of law if the commissioner of natural resources determines and reports to the commissioner of revenue under section 89.41, subdivision 3, that the governmental subdivision has failed to use the land for school forest purposes for three consecutive years. The commissioner of revenue shall record a declaration of reversion for land that has reverted under this paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 10. Laws 2014, chapter 308, article 9, section 94, is amended to read:

32.21 Sec. 94. **REPEALER.**

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 273.1398, subdivision 4b; 290.01, subdivision 19e; 290.0674, subdivision 3; 290.191, subdivision 4; and 290.33, and Minnesota Rules, part 8007.0200, are repealed.

(b) Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 16D.02, subdivisions 5 and 8; 16D.11,

- subdivision 2; 270C.53; 270C.991, subdivision 4; 272.02, subdivisions 1, 1a, 43, 48, 51, 53, 67, 72, and 82; 272.027, subdivision 2; 272.031; 273.015, subdivision 1; 273.03,
- 32.28 subdivision 3; 273.075; 273.13, subdivision 21a; 273.1383; 273.1386; 273.80; 275.77;
- 32.29 279.32; 281.173, subdivision 8; 281.174, subdivision 8; 281.328; 282.10; 282.23; 287.20,
- subdivision 4; 287.27, subdivision 2; 290.01, subdivisions 4b and 20e; 295.52, subdivision
- 7; 297A.666; 297A.71, subdivisions 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 17, 18, 20, 32, and 41; 297F.08,
- 32.32 subdivision 11; 297H.10, subdivision 2; 469.174, subdivision 10c; 469.175, subdivision
- 32.33 2b; 469.176, subdivision 1i; 469.177, subdivision 10; 477A.0124, subdivisions 1 and 6;
- and 505.173, Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 273.1103, Laws 1993, chapter

33.1	375, article 9, section 47, and Minnesota Rules, parts 8002.0200, subpart 8; 8100.0800;
33.2	and 8130.7500, subpart 7, are repealed.
33.3	(c) Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 469.1764, is repealed.
33.4	(d) Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 289A.56, subdivision 7; 297A.68, subdivision
33.5	38; 469.330; 469.331; 469.332; 469.333; 469.334; 469.335; 469.336; 469.337; 469.338;
33.6	469.339; 469.340, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 5; and 469.341, and Minnesota Statutes 2013
33.7	Supplement, section 469.340, subdivision 4, are repealed.
33.8	(e) Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 290.06, subdivisions 30 and 31, are repealed.
33.9	Sec. 11. REVIVAL AND REENACTMENT.
33.10	Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 645.36, section 272.027, subdivision 2, is
33.11	revived and reenacted effective retroactively from May 20, 2014.
33.12	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
33.13	Sec. 12. REPEALER.
33.14	Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 273.111, subdivision 9a; and 281.22, are repealed.
33.15	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
33.16	ARTICLE 5
33.17	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TECHNICAL PROVISIONS: MISCELLANEOUS
33.18	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270A.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
33.19	Subd. 5. Debt. (a) "Debt" means a legal obligation of a natural person to pay a fixed
33.20	and certain amount of money, which equals or exceeds \$25 and which is due and payable
33.21	to a claimant agency. The term includes criminal fines imposed under section 609.10 or
33.22	609.125, fines imposed for petty misdemeanors as defined in section 609.02, subdivision
33.23	4a, and restitution. A debt may arise under a contractual or statutory obligation, a court
33.24	order, or other legal obligation, but need not have been reduced to judgment.
33.25	A debt includes any legal obligation of a current recipient of assistance which is
33.26	based on overpayment of an assistance grant where that payment is based on a client
33.27	waiver or an administrative or judicial finding of an intentional program violation;
33.28	or where the debt is owed to a program wherein the debtor is not a client at the time
33.29	notification is provided to initiate recovery under this chapter and the debtor is not a
33.30	current recipient of food support, transitional child care, or transitional medical assistance.

34.1	(b) A debt does not include any legal obligation to pay a claimant agency for medical
34.2	care, including hospitalization if the income of the debtor at the time when the medical
34.3	care was rendered does not exceed the following amount:
34.4	(1) for an unmarried debtor, an income of \$8,800 \$12,360 or less;
34.5	(2) for a debtor with one dependent, an income of \$11,270 \$15,830 or less;
34.6	(3) for a debtor with two dependents, an income of \$13,330 \$18,730 or less;
34.7	(4) for a debtor with three dependents, an income of \$15,120 \$21,240 or less;
34.8	(5) for a debtor with four dependents, an income of \$15,950 \$22,410 or less; and
34.9	(6) for a debtor with five or more dependents, an income of \$16,630 \$23,360 or less.
34.10	For purposes of this paragraph, "debtor" means the individual whose income,
34.11	together with the income of the individual's spouse, other than a separated spouse, brings
34.12	the individual within the income provisions of this paragraph. For purposes of this
34.13	paragraph, a spouse, other than a separated spouse, is a dependent.
34.14	(c) The commissioner shall adjust the income amounts in paragraph (b) by the
34.15	percentage determined pursuant to the provisions of section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue
34.16	Code, except that in section $1(f)(3)(B)$ the word "1999 2013" shall be substituted for
34.17	the word "1992." For 2001 2015, the commissioner shall then determine the percent
34.18	change from the 12 months ending on August 31, 1999 2013, to the 12 months ending on
34.19	August 31, 2000 2014, and in each subsequent year, from the 12 months ending on August
34.20	31, 1999 2013, to the 12 months ending on August 31 of the year preceding the taxable
34.21	year. The determination of the commissioner pursuant to this subdivision shall not be
34.22	considered a "rule" and shall not be subject to the Administrative Procedure Act contained
34.23	in chapter 14. The income amount as adjusted must be rounded to the nearest \$10 amount.
34.24	If the amount ends in \$5, the amount is rounded up to the nearest \$10 amount.
34.25	(d) Debt also includes an agreement to pay a MinnesotaCare premium, regardless of
34.26	the dollar amount of the premium authorized under section 256L.15, subdivision 1a.
34.27	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively for debts incurred
34.28	after December 31, 2013.
34.29	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.35, is amended by adding a subdivision
34.30	to read:
34.31	Subd. 11. Dismissal of administrative appeal. If a taxpayer files an administrative
34.32	appeal for an order of the commissioner and also files an appeal to the Tax Court for
34.33	that same order of the commissioner, the administrative appeal is dismissed and the

commissioner is no longer required to make a determination of appeal under subdivision 6.

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.72, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Licensing authority; duties.** All licensing authorities must require the applicant to provide the applicant's Social Security number <u>or individual taxpayer identification number</u> and Minnesota business identification number, <u>as applicable</u>, on all license applications. Upon request of the commissioner, the licensing authority must provide the commissioner with a list of all applicants, including the name, address, business name and address, <u>and Social Security number</u>, <u>or individual taxpayer identification number</u> and business identification number, <u>as applicable</u>, of each applicant. The commissioner may request from a licensing authority a list of the applicants no more than once each calendar year.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

35.14 **ARTICLE 6**

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE POLICY PROVISIONS: INDIVIDUAL INCOME, CORPORATE FRANCHISE, AND ESTATE TAXES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.08, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

- Subd. 16. **Tax refund or return preparers; electronic filing; paper filing fee imposed.** (a) A "tax refund or return preparer," as defined in section 289A.60, subdivision 13, paragraph (f), who is a tax return preparer for purposes of section 6011(e) of the Internal Revenue Code, and who reasonably expects to prepare more than ten Minnesota individual income, corporate franchise, S corporation, partnership, or fiduciary income tax returns for the prior ealendar year must file all Minnesota individual income, corporate franchise, S corporation, partnership, or fiduciary income tax returns prepared for that ealendar year by electronic means.
- (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a return if the taxpayer has indicated on the return that the taxpayer did not want the return filed by electronic means.
- (c) For each return that is not filed electronically by a tax refund or return preparer under this subdivision, including returns filed under paragraph (b), a paper filing fee of \$5 is imposed upon the preparer. The fee is collected from the preparer in the same manner as income tax. The fee does not apply to returns that the commissioner requires to be filed in paper form.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read: Subd. 2. Withholding statement. (a) A person required to deduct and withhold from an employee a tax under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or 290.923, subdivision 2, or who would have been required to deduct and withhold a tax under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or persons required to withhold tax under section 290.923, subdivision 2, determined without regard to section 290.92, subdivision 19, if the employee or payee had claimed no more than one withholding exemption, or who paid wages or made payments not subject to withholding under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or 290.923, subdivision 2, to an employee or person receiving royalty payments in excess of \$600, or who has entered into a voluntary withholding agreement with a payee under section 290.92, subdivision 20, must give every employee or person receiving royalty payments in respect to the remuneration paid by the person to the employee or person receiving royalty payments during the calendar year, on or before January 31 of the succeeding year, or, if employment is terminated before the close of the calendar year, within 30 days after the date of receipt of a written request from the employee if the 30-day period ends before January 31, a written statement showing the following:

- (1) name of the person;
- (2) the name of the employee or payee and the employee's or payee's Social Security account number;
- (3) the total amount of wages as that term is defined in section 290.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (1); the total amount of remuneration subject to withholding under section 290.92, subdivision 20; the amount of sick pay as required under section 6051(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and the amount of royalties subject to withholding under section 290.923, subdivision 2; and
- (4) the total amount deducted and withheld as tax under section 290.92, subdivision 2a or 3, or 290.923, subdivision 2.
- (b) The statement required to be furnished by paragraph (a) with respect to any remuneration must be furnished at those times, must contain the information required, and must be in the form the commissioner prescribes.
- (c) The commissioner may prescribe rules providing for reasonable extensions of time, not in excess of 30 days, to employers or payers required to give the statements to their employees or payees under this subdivision.

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(d) A duplicate of any statement made under this subdivision and in accordance
with rules prescribed by the commissioner, along with a reconciliation in the form the
commissioner prescribes of the statements for the calendar year, including a reconciliation
of the quarterly returns required to be filed under subdivision 1, must be filed with the
commissioner on or before February 28 of the year after the payments were made.

- (e) If an employer cancels the employer's Minnesota withholding account number required by section 290.92, subdivision 24, the information required by paragraph (d), must be filed with the commissioner within 30 days of the end of the quarter in which the employer cancels its account number.
- (f) The employer must submit the statements required to be sent to the commissioner in the same manner required to satisfy the federal reporting requirements of section 6011(e) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued under it. An employer must submit statements to the commissioner required by this section by electronic means if the employer is required to send more than 25 statements to the commissioner, even though the employer is not required to submit the returns federally by electronic means. For statements issued for wages paid in 2011 and after, the threshold is ten. All statements issued for withholding required under section 290.92 are aggregated for purposes of determining whether the electronic submission threshold is met. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the statement pursuant to section 270C.30.
- (g) A "third-party bulk filer" as defined in section 290.92, subdivision 30, paragraph (a), clause (2), must submit the returns required by this subdivision and subdivision 1, paragraph (a), with the commissioner by electronic means.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for statements required to be sent to the commissioner after December 31, 2015.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.12, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

Subd. 14. Regulated investment companies; Reporting exempt interest and 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, or any person receiving \$10 or more of exempt interest or exempt-interest dividends and paying as nominee to an individual who is a resident of Minnesota, must make a return indicating the amount of the exempt interest or 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 recipient by February 15 of the year following the year of the payment. The return provided to the shareholder recipient must include a clear statement, in the form prescribed by the commissioner, that the

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38.1	exempt interest or exempt-interest dividends must be included in the computation of
38.2	Minnesota taxable income. By June 1 of each year, the regulated investment company
38.3	payor must file a copy of the return with the commissioner.
38.4	(b) For purposes of this subdivision, the following definitions apply.
38.5	(1) "Exempt-interest dividends" mean exempt-interest dividends as defined in
38.6	section 852(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code, but does not include the portion of
38.7	exempt-interest dividends that are not required to be added to federal taxable income
38.8	under section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clause (1)(ii).
38.9	(2) "Regulated investment company" means regulated investment company as
38.10	defined in section 851(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or a fund of the regulated
38.11	investment company as defined in section 851(g) of the Internal Revenue Code.
38.12	(3) "Exempt interest" means income on obligations of any state other than
38.13	Minnesota, or a political or governmental subdivision, municipality, or governmental
38.14	agency or instrumentality of any state other than Minnesota, and exempt from federal
38.15	income taxes under the Internal Revenue Code or any other federal statute.
38.16	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for reports required to be filed after
38.17	December 31, 2015.
38.18	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.60, subdivision 28, is amended to read:
38.19	Subd. 28. Preparer identification number. Any Minnesota individual income tax
38.20	return or claim for refund prepared by a "tax refund or return preparer" as defined in
38.21	subdivision 13, paragraph (f), shall bear the identification number the preparer is required
38.22	to use federally under section 6109(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. A tax refund or
38.23	return preparer who prepares a Minnesota tax return for an individual income tax return,
38.24	corporation, S corporation, partnership, fiduciary, or claim for refund and fails to include
38.25	the required number on the return or claim is subject to a penalty of \$50 for each failure.
38.26	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for taxable years beginning after
38.27	December 31, 2014.
38.28	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290A.19, is amended to read:
38.29	290A.19 OWNER OR MANAGING AGENT TO FURNISH RENT
38.30	CERTIFICATE.
38.31	(a) The owner or managing agent of any property for which rent is paid for

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occupancy as a homestead must furnish a certificate of rent paid to a person who is a

renter on December 31, in the form prescribed by the commissioner. If the renter moves

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before December 31, the owner or managing agent may give the certificate to the renter at the time of moving, or mail the certificate to the forwarding address if an address has been provided by the renter. The certificate must be made available to the renter before February 1 of the year following the year in which the rent was paid. The owner or managing agent must retain a duplicate of each certificate or an equivalent record showing the same information for a period of three years. The duplicate or other record must be made available to the commissioner upon request.

- (b) The commissioner may require the owner or managing agent, through a simple process, to furnish to the commissioner on or before March 1 a copy of each certificate of rent paid furnished to a renter for rent paid in the prior year, in the content, format, and manner prescribed by the commissioner pursuant to section 270C.30. Before implementing requirements under this paragraph, the commissioner, after consulting with representatives of owners or managing agents, shall develop an implementation and administration plan for the requirements of this paragraph that attempts to minimize financial burdens, costs of administration and compliance, and takes into consideration existing systems of owners and managing agents.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, "owner" includes a park owner as defined under section 327C.01, subdivision 6, and "property" includes a lot as defined under section 327C.01, subdivision 3.
- 39.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for certificates of rent paid for rent paid after December 31, 2014.
 - Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 291.03, subdivision 10, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 10. **Qualified farm property.** Property satisfying all of the following requirements is qualified farm property:
 - (1) The value of the property was included in the federal adjusted taxable estate.
 - (2) The property consists of agricultural land and is owned by a person or entity that is either not subject to or is in compliance with section 500.24.
 - (3) For property taxes payable in the taxable year of the decedent's death, the property is classified as class 2a property under section 273.13, subdivision 23, and is classified as agricultural homestead, agricultural relative homestead, or special agricultural homestead under section 273.124.
 - (4) The decedent continuously owned the property, including property the decedent is deemed to own under sections 2036, 2037, and 2038 of the Internal Revenue Code, for the three-year period ending on the date of death of the decedent either by ownership of

40.1	the agricultural land or pursuant to holding an interest in an entity that is not subject to
40.2	or is in compliance with section 500.24.
40.3	(5) The property is classified for property tax purposes as class 2a property under
40.4	section 273.13, subdivision 23, for three years following the date of death of the decedent
40.5	, provided that:
40.6	(i) no property ceases to be qualified farm property solely because a residence
40.7	existing at the time of the decedent's death is reclassified as class 4bb property under
40.8	section 273.13, subdivision 25, during the three-year period; and
40.9	(ii) no property ceases to be qualified farm property solely because a portion
40.10	consisting of no more than one-fifth is reclassified as 2b property under section 273.13,
40.11	subdivision 23, during the three-year period, if the qualified heir has not substantially
40.12	altered the reclassified property during the holding period.
40.13	(6) The estate and the qualified heir elect to treat the property as qualified farm
40.14	property and agree, in a form prescribed by the commissioner, to pay the recapture tax
40.15	under subdivision 11, if applicable.
40.16	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively for estates of decedents
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40.18	ARTICLE 7
40.19	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE POLICY PROVISIONS: SPECIAL TAXES
40.20	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.38, subdivision 6, is amended to read
40.21	Subd. 6. Omission in excess of 25 percent. Additional taxes may be assessed
40.22	within 6-1/2 years after the due date of the return or the date the return was filed,
40.23	whichever is later, if:
40.24	(1) the taxpayer omits from gross income an amount properly includable in it that is
40.25	in excess of 25 percent of the amount of gross income stated in the return;
40.26	(2) the taxpayer omits from a sales, use, or withholding tax return, or a return for a
40.27	tax imposed under section 295.52, an amount of taxes in excess of 25 percent of the
40.28	taxes reported in the return; or
40.29	(3) the taxpayer omits from the gross estate assets in excess of 25 percent of the
40.30	gross estate reported in the return.
40.31	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 295.54, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. Pharmacy refund. A pharmacy may claim an annual refund against
the total amount of tax, if any, the pharmacy owes during that calendar year under
section 295.52, subdivision 4. The refund shall equal the amount paid by the pharmacy
to a wholesale drug distributor subject to tax under section 295.52, subdivision 3, for
legend drugs delivered by the pharmacy outside of Minnesota, multiplied by the tax
percentage specified in section 295.52, subdivision 3. If the amount of the refund exceeds
the tax liability of the pharmacy under section 295.52, subdivision 4, the commissioner
shall provide the pharmacy with a refund equal to the excess amount. Each qualifying
pharmacy must apply for the refund on the annual return as provided under section
295.55, subdivision 5 prescribed by the commissioner, on or before March 15 of the year
following the calendar year the legend drugs were delivered outside Minnesota. The
refund must be claimed within 18 months from the date the drugs were delivered outside
of Minnesota shall not be allowed if the initial claim for refund is filed more than one year
after the original due date of the return. Interest on refunds paid under this subdivision
will begin to accrue 60 days after the date a claim for refund is filed. For purposes of this
subdivision, the date a claim is filed is the due date of the return if a return is due or the
date of the actual claim for refund, whichever is later.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for qualifying legend drugs delivered outside Minnesota after December 31, 2014.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 296A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9a. Bulk storage or bulk storage facility. "Bulk storage" or "bulk storage facility" means a single property, or contiguous or adjacent properties used for a common purpose and owned or operated by the same person, on or in which are located one or more stationary tanks that are used singularly or in combination for the storage or containment of more than 1,100 gallons of petroleum.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 296A.01, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

Subd. 33. **Motor fuel.** "Motor fuel" means a liquid or gaseous form of fuel,

regardless of its composition or properties, used to propel a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297E.02, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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Subd. 7. Untaxed gambling product. (a) In addition to penalties or criminal
sanctions imposed by this chapter, a person, organization, or business entity possessing or
selling a pull-tab, electronic pull-tab game, or tipboard upon which the tax imposed by
this chapter has not been paid is liable for a tax of six percent of the ideal gross of each
pull-tab, electronic pull-tab game, or tipboard. The tax on a partial deal must be assessed
as if it were a full deal.

- (b) In addition to penalties and criminal sanctions imposed by this chapter, a person (1) not licensed by the board who conducts bingo, linked bingo, electronic linked bingo, raffles, or paddlewheel games, or (2) who conducts gambling prohibited under sections 609.75 to 609.763, other than activities subject to tax under section 297E.03, is liable for a tax of six percent of the gross receipts from that activity.
- (c) The tax <u>must may</u> be assessed by the commissioner. An assessment must be considered a jeopardy assessment or jeopardy collection as provided in section 270C.36. The commissioner shall assess the tax based on personal knowledge or information available to the commissioner. The commissioner shall mail to the taxpayer at the taxpayer's last known address, or serve in person, a written notice of the amount of tax, demand its immediate payment, and, if payment is not immediately made, collect the tax by any method described in chapter 270C, except that the commissioner need not await the expiration of the times specified in chapter 270C. The tax assessed by the commissioner is presumed to be valid and correctly determined and assessed. The burden is upon the taxpayer to show its incorrectness or invalidity. The tax imposed under this subdivision does not apply to gambling that is exempt from taxation under subdivision 2.
- (d) A person, organization, or business entity conducting gambling activity under this subdivision must file monthly tax returns with the commissioner, in the form required by the commissioner. The returns must be filed on or before the 20th day of the month following the month in which the gambling activity occurred. The tax imposed by this section is due and payable at the time when the returns are required to be filed.
- (e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, neither the commissioner nor a public employee may reveal facts contained in a tax return filed with the commissioner of revenue as required by this subdivision, nor can any information contained in the report or return be used against the tax obligor in any criminal proceeding, unless independently obtained, except in connection with a proceeding involving taxes due under this section, or as provided in section 270C.055, subdivision 1. However, this paragraph does not prohibit the commissioner from publishing statistics that do not disclose the identity of tax obligors or the contents of particular returns or reports. Any person violating this paragraph is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for games played or purchased after

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13.3	ARTICLE 8
13.4	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE POLICY PROVISIONS: PROPERTY TAXES
13.5	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.51, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
13.6	Subd. 2. Income property assessment data. The following data collected by
13.7	political subdivisions and the state from individuals or business entities concerning
13.8	income properties are classified as private or nonpublic data pursuant to section 13.02,
13.9	subdivisions 9 and 12:
13.10	(a) detailed income and expense figures;
13.11	(b) average vacancy factors;
13.12	(c) verified net rentable areas or net usable areas, whichever is appropriate;
13.13	(d) anticipated income and expenses;
13.14	(e) projected vacancy factors; and
13.15	(f) lease information.
13.16	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
13.17	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
13.18	Subd. 2. Air commerce. (a) "Air commerce" means the transportation by aircraft
13.19	of persons or property for hire in interstate, intrastate, or international transportation
13.20	on regularly scheduled flights or on intermittent or irregularly timed flights by airline
13.21	companies and includes transportation by any airline company making three or more
13.22	flights in or out of Minnesota, or within Minnesota, during a calendar year.
13.23	(b) "Air commerce" includes but is not limited to an intermittent or irregularly timed
13.24	flight, a flight arranged at the convenience of an airline and the person contracting for the
13.25	transportation, or a charter flight. It includes any airline company making three or more
13.26	flights in or out of Minnesota during a calendar year.
13.27	(e) "Air commerce" does not include easual transportation for hire by aircraft
13.28	commonly owned and used for private air flight purposes if the person furnishing the
13.29	transportation does not hold out to be engaged regularly in transportation for hire.
13.30	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and
13.31	thereafter.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.071, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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44.1	Subd. 7. Flight property. "Flight property" means all aircraft and flight equipment
44.2	used in connection therewith, including spare flight equipment. Flight property also
44.3	includes computers and computer software used in operating, controlling, or regulating
44.4	aircraft and flight equipment. Flight property does not include aircraft with a maximum
44.5	takeoff weight of less than 30,000 pounds.
44.6	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and
44.7	thereafter.
44.8	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.071, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
44.9	Subd. 8. Person. "Person" means any an individual, eorporation, firm,
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44.11	administrator, receiver, conservator, or any person acting in any fiduciary capacity therefor
44.12	trust, estate, fiduciary, partnership, company, corporation, limited liability company,
44.13	association, governmental unit or agency, public or private organization of any kind,
44.14	or other legal entity.
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44.15	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and
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44.17	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.071, is amended by adding a subdivision
44.18	to read: Subd. 10. Intermittant or irregularly timed flights. "Intermittantly or irregularly."
44.19	Subd. 10. Intermittent or irregularly timed flights. "Intermittently or irregularly
44.20	timed flights" means any flight in which the departure time, departure location, and arrival
44.21	location are specifically negotiated with the customer or the customer's representative,
44.22	including but not limited to charter flights.
44.23	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and
44.24	thereafter.
44.25	Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.072, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
44.26	Subd. 2. Assessment of flight property. Flight property that is owned by, or is
44.27	leased, loaned, or otherwise made available to an airline company operating in Minnesota
44.28	shall be assessed and appraised annually by the commissioner with reference to its value
44.29	on January 2 of the assessment year in the manner prescribed by sections 270.071 to
44.30	270.079. Aircraft with a gross weight of less than 30,000 pounds and used on intermittent
44.31	or irregularly timed flights shall be excluded from the provisions of sections 270.071 to
44.32	270.079.

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45.1	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and
45.2	thereafter.
45.3	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.072, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
45.4	Subd. 3. Report by airline company. (a) Each year, on or before July 1, every
45.5	airline company engaged in air commerce in this state shall file with the commissioner a
45.6	report under oath setting forth specifically the information prescribed by the commissioner
45.7	to enable the commissioner to make the assessment required in sections 270.071 to
45.8	270.079, unless the commissioner determines that the airline company or person should be
45.9	excluded from is exempt from filing because its activities do not constitute air commerce
45.10	as defined herein.
45.11	(b) The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the report
45.12	pursuant to section 270C.30, except that a "law administered by the commissioner"
45.13	includes the property tax laws. If a report is made by electronic means, the taxpayer's
45.14	signature is defined pursuant to section 270C.304, except that a "law administered by the
45.15	commissioner" includes the property tax laws.
45.16	EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendment to paragraph (a) is effective for reports
45.17	filed in 2016 and thereafter. The amendment adding paragraph (b) is effective the day
45.18	following final enactment.
45.19	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.072, is amended by adding a subdivision
45.20	to read:
45.21	Subd. 3a. Commissioner filed reports. If an airline company fails to file a report
45.22	required by subdivision 3, the commissioner may, from information in the commissioner's
45.23	possession or obtainable by the commissioner, make and file a report for the airline
45.24	company, or may issue a notice of net tax capacity and tax under section 270.075,
45.25	subdivision 2.
45.26	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and
45.27	thereafter.
45.28	Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
45.29	to read:
45.30	Subd. 6. Reassessment orders. If the State Board of Equalization determines that a
45.31	considerable amount of property has been undervalued or overvalued compared to like
45.32	property such that the assessment is grossly unfair or inequitable, the State Board of

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Equalization may, pursuant to its responsibilities under subdivisions 2 and 3, issue orders to the county assessor to reassess all or any part of a parcel in a county.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and thereafter.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.82, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Annual report required.** Every railroad company doing business in Minnesota shall annually file with the commissioner on or before March 31 a report under oath setting forth the information prescribed by the commissioner to enable the commissioner to make the valuation and equalization required by sections 270.80 to 270.87. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the report pursuant to section 270C.30, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws. If a report is made by electronic means, the taxpayer's signature is defined pursuant to section 270C.304, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.89, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Initial report.** Each county assessor shall file by April 1 with the commissioner a copy of the abstract that will be acted upon by the local and county boards of review. The abstract must list the real and personal property in the county itemized by assessment districts. The assessor of each county in the state shall file with the commissioner, within ten working days following final action of the local board of review or equalization and within five days following final action of the county board of equalization, any changes made by the local or county board. The information must be filed in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. It must be accompanied by a printed or typewritten copy of the proceedings of the appropriate board.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for county boards of appeal and equalization meetings held in 2016 and thereafter.

- Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.029, subdivision 2, is amended to read: Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the term:
- (1) "wind energy conversion system" has the meaning given in section 216C.06, subdivision 19, and also includes a substation that is used and owned by one or more wind energy conversion facilities;

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(2) "large scale wind energy conversion system" means a wind energy conversion
system of more than 12 megawatts, as measured by the nameplate capacity of the system
or as combined with other systems as provided in paragraph (b);

- (3) "medium scale wind energy conversion system" means a wind energy conversion system of over two and not more than 12 megawatts, as measured by the nameplate capacity of the system or as combined with other systems as provided in paragraph (b); and
- (4) "small scale wind energy conversion system" means a wind energy conversion system of two megawatts and under, as measured by the nameplate capacity of the system or as combined with other systems as provided in paragraph (b).
- (b) For systems installed and contracted for after January 1, 2002, the total size of a wind energy conversion system under this subdivision shall be determined according to this paragraph. Unless the systems are interconnected with different distribution systems, the nameplate capacity of one wind energy conversion system shall be combined with the nameplate capacity of any other wind energy conversion system that is:
 - (1) located within five miles of the wind energy conversion system;
- (2) constructed within the same ealendar year 12-month period as the wind energy conversion system; and
 - (3) under common ownership.

In the case of a dispute, the commissioner of commerce shall determine the total size of the system, and shall draw all reasonable inferences in favor of combining the systems.

(c) In making a determination under paragraph (b), the commissioner of commerce may determine that two wind energy conversion systems are under common ownership when the underlying ownership structure contains similar persons or entities, even if the ownership shares differ between the two systems. Wind energy conversion systems are not under common ownership solely because the same person or entity provided equity financing for the systems.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for reports filed in 2016 and thereafter.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.029, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Reports.** (a) An owner of a wind energy conversion system subject to tax under subdivision 3 shall file a report with the commissioner of revenue annually on or before February 1 January 15 detailing the amount of electricity in kilowatt-hours that was produced by the wind energy conversion system for the previous calendar year. The commissioner shall prescribe the form of the report. The report must contain the information required by the commissioner to determine the tax due to each county under this section for the current year. If an owner of a wind energy conversion system subject

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to taxation under this section fails to file the report by the due date, the commissioner of revenue shall determine the tax based upon the nameplate capacity of the system multiplied by a capacity factor of 60 percent.

(b) On or before February 28, the commissioner of revenue shall notify the owner of the wind energy conversion systems of the tax due to each county for the current year and shall certify to the county auditor of each county in which the systems are located the tax due from each owner for the current year.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for reports filed in 2016 and thereafter.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.029, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. Extension. The commissioner may, for good cause, extend the time for filing the report required by subdivision 4. The extension must not exceed 15 days.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for reports filed in 2016 and thereafter.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.061, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Division of duties between local and county assessor.** The duty of the duly appointed local assessor shall be to view and appraise the value of all property as provided by law, but all the book work shall be done by the county assessor, or the assessor's assistants, and the value of all property subject to assessment and taxation shall be determined by the county assessor, except as otherwise hereinafter provided. If directed by the county assessor, the local assessor shall must perform the duties enumerated in subdivision 8, clause (16), and must enter construction and valuation data into the records

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Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.08, is amended to read:

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in the manner prescribed by the county auditor.

The assessor shall actually view, and determine the market value of each tract or lot of real property listed for taxation, including the value of all improvements and structures thereon, at maximum intervals of five years and shall enter the value opposite each description. When directed by the county assessor, local assessors must enter construction and valuation data into the records in the manner prescribed by the county assessor.

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	thereafter.
	Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.121, is amended by adding a subdivision
	to read:
	Subd. 3. Compliance. A county assessor, or a city assessor having the powers
	of a county assessor, who does not comply with the timely notice requirement under
	subdivision 1 must:
	(1) mail an additional valuation notice to each person who was not provided timely
	notice; and
	(2) convene a supplemental local board of appeal and equalization or local review
	session no sooner than ten days after sending the additional notices required by clause (1).
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	Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.371, is amended to read:
	273.371 REPORTS OF UTILITY COMPANIES.
	Subdivision 1. Report required. Every electric light, power, gas, water, express,
;	stage, and transportation company, and pipeline company doing business in Minnesota
5	shall annually file with the commissioner on or before March 31 a report under oath setting
Í	forth the information prescribed by the commissioner to enable the commissioner to make
	valuations, recommended valuations, and equalization required under sections 273.33,
	273.35, 273.36, 273.37, and 273.3711. If all the required information is not available on
	March 31, the company or pipeline shall file the information that is available on or before
	March 31, and the balance of the information as soon as it becomes available.
	Subd. 2. Extension. The commissioner for good cause may extend the time for
	filing the report required by subdivision 1. The extension may must not exceed 15 days.
	Subd. 3. Reports filed by the commissioner. If a company fails to file a report
	required by subdivision 1, the commissioner may, from information in the commissioner's
	possession or obtainable by the commissioner, make and file a report for the company, or
	make the valuations, recommended valuations, and equalizations required under sections
	273.33, 273.35 to 273.37, and 273.3711.
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Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.372, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Contents and filing of petition.** (a) In all appeals to court that are required to be brought against the commissioner under this section, the petition initiating the appeal must be served on the commissioner and must be filed with the Tax Court in Ramsey County, as provided in paragraph (b) or (c).

- (b) If the appeal to court is from an order of the commissioner, it must be brought under chapter 271 and filed within the time period prescribed in section 271.06, subdivision 2, except that when the provisions of this section conflict with chapter 271 or 278, this section prevails. In addition, the petition must include all the parcels encompassed by that order which the petitioner claims have been partially, unfairly, or unequally assessed, assessed at a valuation greater than their real or actual value, misclassified, or are exempt. For this purpose, an order of the commissioner is either (1) a certification or notice of value by the commissioner for property described in subdivision 1, or (2) the final determination by the commissioner of either an administrative appeal conference or informal administrative appeal described in subdivision 4.
- (c) If the appeal is from the tax that results from implementation of the commissioner's order, certification, or recommendation, it must be brought under chapter 278, and the provisions in that chapter apply, except that service shall be on the commissioner only and not on the local officials specified in section 278.01, subdivision 1, and if any other provision of this section conflicts with chapter 278, this section prevails. In addition, the petition must include either all the utility parcels or all the railroad parcels in the state in which the petitioner claims an interest and which the petitioner claims have been partially, unfairly, or unequally assessed, assessed at a valuation greater than their real or actual value, misclassified, or are exempt.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and thereafter.

- Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.372, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4. **Administrative appeals.** (a) Companies that submit the reports under section 270.82 or 273.371 by the date specified in that section, or by the date specified by the commissioner in an extension, may appeal administratively to the commissioner prior to bringing an action in court.
- (b) Companies that must submit reports under section 270.82 must submit file a written request to for an appeal with the commissioner for a conference within ten 30 days after the notice date of the commissioner's valuation certification or other notice to the company, or by June 15, whichever is earlier. For purposes of this section, the

51.1	term "notice date" means the date of the valuation certification, commissioner's order,
51.2	recommendation, or other notice.
51.3	(c) Companies that submit reports under section 273.371 must submit a written
51.4	request to the commissioner for a conference within ten days after the date of the
51.5	commissioner's valuation certification or notice to the company, or by July 1, whichever
51.6	is earlier. The appeal need not be in any particular form but must contain the following
51.7	information:
51.8	(1) name and address of the company;
51.9	(2) the date;
51.10	(3) its Minnesota identification number;
51.11	(4) the assessment year or period involved;
51.12	(5) the findings in the valuation that the company disputes;
51.13	(6) a summary statement specifying its reasons for disputing each item; and
51.14	(7) the signature of the company's duly authorized agent or representative.
51.15	(d) When requested in writing and within the time allowed for filing an
51.16	administrative appeal, the commissioner may extend the time for filing an appeal for a
51.17	period of not more than 15 days from the expiration of the time for filing the appeal.
51.18	(d) (e) The commissioner shall conduct the conference either in person or by
51.19	telephone upon the commissioner's entire files and records and such further information as
51.20	may be offered. The conference must be held no later than 20 days after the date of the
51.21	commissioner's valuation certification or notice to the company, or by the date specified
51.22	by the commissioner in an extension request for an appeal. Within 60 30 days after the
51.23	conference the commissioner shall make a final determination of the matter and shall
51.24	notify the company promptly of the determination. The conference is not a contested
51.25	case hearing subject to chapter 14.
51.26	(e) In addition to the opportunity for a conference under paragraph (a), the
51.27	commissioner shall also provide the railroad and utility companies the opportunity to
51.28	discuss any questions or concerns relating to the values established by the commissioner
51.29	through certification or notice in a less formal manner. This does not change or modify
51.30	the deadline for requesting a conference under paragraph (a), the deadline in section
51.31	271.06 for appealing an order of the commissioner, or the deadline in section 278.01 for
51.32	appealing property taxes in court.
51.33	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and
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Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.372, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 5. Agreement determining valuation. When it appears to be in the best interest of the state, the commissioner may settle any matter under consideration regarding an appeal filed under this section. The agreement must be in writing and signed by the commissioner and the company or the company's authorized representative. The agreement is final and conclusive, and except upon a showing of fraud, malfeasance, or misrepresentation of a material fact, the case may not be reopened as to the matters agreed upon.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for assessment year 2016 and thereafter.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.372, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Dismissal of administrative appeal.** If a taxpayer files an administrative appeal from an order of the commissioner and also files an appeal to the tax court for that same order of the commissioner, the administrative appeal is dismissed and the commissioner is no longer required to make the determination of appeal under subdivision 4.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective beginning with assessment year 2015.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 274.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Members; meetings; rules for equalizing assessments.** The county commissioners, or a majority of them, with the county auditor, or, if the auditor cannot be present, the deputy county auditor, or, if there is no deputy, the court administrator of the district court, shall form a board for the equalization of the assessment of the property of the county, including the property of all cities whose charters provide for a board of equalization. This board shall be referred to as the county board of appeal and equalization. The board shall meet annually, on the date specified in section 274.14, at the office of the auditor. Each member shall take an oath to fairly and impartially perform duties as a member. Members shall not participate in any actions of the board which result in market value adjustments or classification changes to property owned by the board member, the spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of a board member, or property in which a board member has a financial interest. The relationship may be by blood or marriage. The board shall examine

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and compare the returns of the assessment of property of the towns or districts, and equalize them so that each tract or lot of real property and each article or class of personal property is entered on the assessment list at its market value, subject to the following rules:

- (1) The board shall raise the valuation of each tract or lot of real property which in its opinion is returned below its market value to the sum believed to be its market value. The board must first give notice of intention to raise the valuation to the person in whose name it is assessed, if the person is a resident of the county. The notice must fix a time and place for a hearing.
- (2) The board shall reduce the valuation of each tract or lot which in its opinion is returned above its market value to the sum believed to be its market value.
- (3) The board shall raise the valuation of each class of personal property which in its opinion is returned below its market value to the sum believed to be its market value. It shall raise the aggregate value of the personal property of individuals, firms, or corporations, when it believes that the aggregate valuation, as returned, is less than the market value of the taxable personal property possessed by the individuals, firms, or corporations, to the sum it believes to be the market value. The board must first give notice to the persons of intention to do so. The notice must set a time and place for a hearing.
- (4) The board shall reduce the valuation of each class of personal property that is returned above its market value to the sum it believes to be its market value. Upon complaint of a party aggrieved, the board shall reduce the aggregate valuation of the individual's personal property, or of any class of personal property for which the individual is assessed, which in its opinion has been assessed at too large a sum, to the sum it believes was the market value of the individual's personal property of that class.
- (5) The board must not reduce the aggregate value of all the property of its county, as submitted to the county board of equalization, with the additions made by the auditor under this chapter, by more than one percent of its whole valuation. The board may raise the aggregate valuation of real property, and of each class of personal property, of the county, or of any town or district of the county, when it believes it is below the market value of the property, or class of property, to the aggregate amount it believes to be its market value.
- (6) The board shall change the classification of any property which in its opinion is not properly classified.
- (7) The board does not have the authority to grant an exemption or to order property removed from the tax rolls.
- (8) The board may not make an individual market value adjustment or classification change that would benefit property if the owner or other person having control over the

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property has refused the assessor access to inspect the property and the interior of any buildings or structures as provided in section 273.20.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for county board of appeal and equalization meetings in 2016 and thereafter.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 275.62, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Local governments required to report.** For purposes of this section, "local governmental unit" means a county, home rule charter or statutory city with a population greater than 2,500, a town with a population greater than 5,000, or a home rule charter or statutory city or town that receives a distribution from the taconite municipal aid account in the levy year.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 278.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Determination of validity.** (a) Any person having personal property, or any estate, right, title, or interest in or lien upon any parcel of land, who claims that such property has been partially, unfairly, or unequally assessed in comparison with other property in the (1) city, or (2) county, or (3) in the case of a county containing a city of the first class, the portion of the county excluding the first class city, or that the parcel has been assessed at a valuation greater than its real or actual value, or that the tax levied against the same is illegal, in whole or in part, or has been paid, or that the property is exempt from the tax so levied, may have the validity of the claim, defense, or objection determined by the district court of the county in which the tax is levied or by the Tax Court by serving one copy of a petition for such determination upon the county auditor, one copy on the county attorney, one copy on the county treasurer, and three copies on the county assessor. The county assessor shall immediately forward one copy of the petition to the appropriate governmental authority in a home rule charter or statutory city or town in which the property is located if that city or town employs its own certified assessor. A copy of the petition shall also be forwarded by the assessor to the school board of the school district in which the property is located.

(b) In counties where the office of county treasurer has been combined with the office of county auditor, the county may elect to require the petitioner to serve the number of copies as determined by the county. The county assessor shall immediately forward one copy of the petition to the appropriate governmental authority in a home rule charter or statutory city or town in which the property is located if that city or town employs its own

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certified assessor. A list of petitioned properties, including the name of the petitioner, the identification number of the property, and the estimated market value, shall be sent on or before the first day of July by the county auditor/treasurer to the school board of the school district in which the property is located.

(c) For all counties, the petitioner must file the copies with proof of service, in the office of the court administrator of the district court on or before April 30 of the year in which the tax becomes payable. A petition for determination under this section may be transferred by the district court to the Tax Court. An appeal may also be taken to the Tax Court under chapter 271 at any time following receipt of the valuation notice that county assessors are required by section 273.121 to send to persons whose property is to be included on the assessment roll that year, but prior to May 1 of the year in which the taxes are payable.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290C.03, is amended to read:

290C.03 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) Land may be enrolled in the sustainable forest incentive program under this chapter if all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) the land consists of at least 20 contiguous acres and at least 50 percent of the land must meet the definition of forest land in section 88.01, subdivision 7, during the enrollment;
- (2) a forest management plan for the land must be (i) prepared by an approved plan writer and implemented during the period in which the land is enrolled, and (ii) registered with the Department of Natural Resources;
- (3) timber harvesting and forest management guidelines must be used in conjunction with any timber harvesting or forest management activities conducted on the land during the period in which the land is enrolled;
 - (4) the land must be enrolled for a minimum of eight years;
- 55.28 (5) there are no delinquent property taxes on the land; and
 - (6) claimants enrolling more than 1,920 acres in the sustainable forest incentive program must allow year-round, nonmotorized access to fish and wildlife resources and motorized access on established and maintained roads and trails, unless the road or trail is temporarily closed for safety, natural resource, or road damage reasons on enrolled land except within one-fourth mile of a permanent dwelling or during periods of high fire hazard as determined by the commissioner of natural resources-; and

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56.1	(7) the land is not classified as 2c managed forest land.
56.2	(b) Claimants required to allow access under paragraph (a), clause (6), do not by
56.3	that action:
56.4	(1) extend any assurance that the land is safe for any purpose;
56.5	(2) confer upon the person the legal status of an invitee or licensee to whom a duty
56.6	of care is owed; or
56.7	(3) assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to the person or property
56.8	caused by an act or omission of the person.
56.9	(c) A minimum of three acres must be excluded from enrolled land when the land is
56.10	improved with a structure that is not a minor, ancillary, or nonresidential structure. If land
56.11	does not meet the definition of forest land in section 290C.02, subdivision 6, because the
56.12	land is (1) enrolled in the reinvest in Minnesota program, (2) enrolled in a state or federal
56.13	conservation reserve or easement program under sections 103F.501 to 103F.531, (3)
56.14	subject to the Minnesota agricultural property tax under section 273.111, or (4) subject
56.15	to agricultural land preservation controls or restrictions as defined in section 40A.02, or
56.16	the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Act under chapter 473H, the entire parcel that
56.17	contains the land is not eligible to be enrolled in the program.
56.18	EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendment to paragraph (a), clause (2), is effective for
56.19	certifications filed after July 1, 2016. The amendment adding paragraph (a), clause (7), is
56.20	effective for certifications and applications due in 2015 and thereafter. The amendment
56.21	adding paragraph (c) is effective the day following final enactment.
56.22	Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 477A.013, is amended by adding a
56.23	subdivision to read:
56.24	Subd. 14. Communication by electronic mail. Prior to receiving aid pursuant to
56.25	this section, a city must register an official electronic mail address with the commissioner,
56.26	which the commissioner may use as an exclusive means to communicate with the city.
56.27	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for aids payable in 2016 and thereafter.
56.28	Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 477A.19, is amended by adding a
56.29	subdivision to read:
56.30	Subd. 3a. Certification. On or before June 1 of each year, the commissioner of
56.31	natural resources shall certify to the commissioner of revenue the number of watercraft
56.32	launches and the number of watercraft trailer parking spaces in each county.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for aids payable in 2016 and thereafter.

57.1	Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 477A.19, is amended by adding a
57.2	subdivision to read:
57.3	Subd. 3b. Certification. On or before June 1 of each year, the commissioner of
57.4	natural resources shall certify to the commissioner of revenue the counties that complied
57.5	with the requirements of subdivision 3 the prior year and are eligible to receive aid
57.6	under this section.
57.7	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for aids payable in 2016 and thereafter.
57.8	Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 559.202, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
57.9	Subd. 2. Exception. This section does not apply to sales made under chapter 282 or
57.10	if the purchaser is represented throughout the transaction by either:
57.11	(1) a person licensed to practice law in this state; or
57.12	(2) a person licensed as a real estate broker or salesperson under chapter 82,
57.13	provided that the representation does not create a dual agency, as that term is defined
57.14	in section 82.55, subdivision 6.
57.15	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for sales of tax-forfeited land
57.16	occurring after the day following final enactment.
57.17	Sec. 31. Laws 2014, chapter 308, article 1, section 14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
57.18	Subd. 2. Payment of supplemental credit. (a) The commissioner must pay
57.19	supplemental credit amounts to each qualifying taxpayer by October 15, 2014.
57.20	(b) If the commissioner cannot locate the qualifying taxpayer by October 15, 2016,
57.21	or if a qualifying taxpayer to whom a warrant was issued does not cash that warrant within
57.22	two years from the date the warrant was issued, the right to the credit shall lapse and the
57.23	warrant shall be deposited in the general fund.
57.24	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
57.25	Sec. 32. REPEALER.
57.26	Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290C.02, subdivisions 5 and 9; and 290C.06, are
57.27	repealed.
57.28	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE POLICY PROVISIONS: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270.82, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Annual report required.** Every railroad company doing business in Minnesota shall annually file with the commissioner on or before March 31 a report under oath setting forth the information prescribed by the commissioner to enable the commissioner to make the valuation and equalization required by sections 270.80 to 270.87. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the report pursuant to section 270C.30, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws. If a report is made by electronic means, the taxpayer's signature is defined pursuant to section 270C.304, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270B.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Disclosure to commissioner of human services.** (a) On the request of the commissioner of human services, the commissioner shall disclose return information regarding taxes imposed by chapter 290, and claims for refunds under chapter 290A, to the extent provided in paragraph (b) and for the purposes set forth in paragraph (c).
- (b) Data that may be disclosed are limited to data relating to the identity, whereabouts, employment, income, and property of a person owing or alleged to be owing an obligation of child support.
- (c) The commissioner of human services may request data only for the purposes of carrying out the child support enforcement program and to assist in the location of parents who have, or appear to have, deserted their children. Data received may be used only as set forth in section 256.978.
- (d) The commissioner shall provide the records and information necessary to administer the supplemental housing allowance to the commissioner of human services.
- (e) At the request of the commissioner of human services, the commissioner of revenue shall electronically match the Social Security numbers and names of participants in the telephone assistance plan operated under sections 237.69 to 237.71, with those of property tax refund filers, and determine whether each participant's household income is within the eligibility standards for the telephone assistance plan.
- (f) The commissioner may provide records and information collected under sections 295.50 to 295.59 to the commissioner of human services for purposes of the Medicaid

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102-234. Upon the written agreement by the United States Department of Health and
Human Services to maintain the confidentiality of the data, the commissioner may provide
records and information collected under sections 295.50 to 295.59 to the Centers for
Medicare and Medicaid Services section of the United States Department of Health and
Human Services for purposes of meeting federal reporting requirements.

- (g) The commissioner may provide records and information to the commissioner of human services as necessary to administer the early refund of refundable tax credits.
- (h) The commissioner may disclose information to the commissioner of human services <u>as necessary to verify income for welfare income verification</u> for eligibility and premium payment under the MinnesotaCare program, under section 256L.05, subdivision 2, as well as the medical assistance program under section 256B.
- (i) The commissioner may disclose information to the commissioner of human services necessary to verify whether applicants or recipients for the Minnesota family investment program, general assistance, food support, Minnesota supplemental aid program, and child care assistance have claimed refundable tax credits under chapter 290 and the property tax refund under chapter 290A, and the amounts of the credits.
- (j) The commissioner may disclose information to the commissioner of human services necessary to verify income for purposes of calculating parental contribution amounts under section 252.27, subdivision 2a.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.30, is amended to read:

270C.30 RETURNS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS; FORMAT; FURNISHING.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the commissioner shall prescribe the content and, format, and manner of all returns and other forms required to be filed under a law administered by the commissioner, and may furnish them subject to charge on application.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.33, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Sufficiency of notice.** An assessment of tax made by the commissioner, sent postage prepaid by United States mail to the taxpayer at the taxpayer's last known address, or sent by electronic mail to the taxpayer's last known electronic mailing address as provided for in section 325L.08, is sufficient even if the taxpayer is deceased or is under a legal disability, or, in the case of a corporation, has terminated its existence, unless

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the commissioner has been provided with a new address by a party authorized to receive notices of assessment. Notice of an assessment is sufficient if it is sent on or before the notice date designated by the commissioner on the assessment.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for orders dated after September 30, 2015.

- Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.34, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Procedure.** (a) A request for abatement of penalty under subdivision 1 or section 289A.60, subdivision 4, or a request for abatement of interest or additional tax charge, must be filed with the commissioner within 60 days of the <u>notice</u> date <u>of</u> the <u>notice</u> was mailed to the taxpayer's last known address, stating that a penalty has been imposed or additional tax charge. For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means the notice date designated by the commissioner on the order or other notice that a penalty or additional tax charge has been imposed.
- (b) If the commissioner issues an order denying a request for abatement of penalty, interest, or additional tax charge, the taxpayer may file an administrative appeal as provided in section 270C.35 or appeal to Tax Court as provided in section 271.06.
- (c) If the commissioner does not issue an order on the abatement request within 60 days from the date the request is received, the taxpayer may appeal to Tax Court as provided in section 271.06.
- 60.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for orders and notices dated after 60.21 September 30, 2015.
 - Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.347, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Checks and warrants, authority to reissue.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner may, based on a showing of reasonable cause, reissue an uncashed rebate, supplemental agricultural credit, or property tax refund warrant or check that has lapsed under any provision of law relating to rebates or under section 290A.18, subdivision 2. The authority to reissue warrants or checks under this subdivision is limited to five years after the date of issuance of the original warrant or check.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.35, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Notice date.** For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means the

date of designated by the commissioner on the order adjusting the tax or order denying a

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61.1	request for abatement, or, in the case of a denied refund, the <u>notice</u> date <u>of designated by</u>
61.2	the commissioner on the notice of denial.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for orders and notices dated after September 30, 2015.

- Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.38, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

 Subdivision 1. **Sufficient notice.** (a) If no method of notification of a written determination or action of the commissioner is otherwise specifically provided for by law, notice of the determination or action sent postage prepaid by United States mail to the taxpayer or other person affected by the determination or action at the taxpayer's or person's last known address, is sufficient. If the taxpayer or person being notified is deceased or is under a legal disability, or, in the case of a corporation being notified that has terminated its existence, notice to the last known address of the taxpayer, person, or corporation is sufficient, unless the department has been provided with a new address by a party authorized to receive notices from the commissioner.
- (b) If a taxpayer or other person agrees to accept notification by electronic means, notice of a determination or action of the commissioner sent by electronic mail to the taxpayer's or person's last known electronic mailing address as provided for in section 325L.08 is sufficient.
- (c) Notice of a determination or action of the commissioner is sufficient if it is sent on or before the notice date designated by the commissioner on the assessment.
- 61.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for orders dated after September 61.22 30, 2015.
- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.445, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- Subd. 9. Enforcement; limitations. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the imposition of a penalty or any other action against a tax return preparer authorized by subdivision 6 with respect to a return may be taken by the commissioner within the period provided by section 289A.38 to assess tax on that return.
 - (b) Imposition of a penalty or other action against a tax return preparer authorized by subdivision 6 other than with respect to a return must be taken by the commissioner within five years of the violation of statute.
- 61.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for tax preparation services provided after the day following final enactment.

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Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.446, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
Subd. 5. Removal from list. The commissioner shall remove the name of a tax

preparer from the list of tax preparers published under this section:

- (1) when the commissioner determines that the name was included on the list in error;
- (2) within 90 days three years after the preparer has demonstrated to the commissioner that the preparer fully paid all fines or penalties imposed, served any suspension, satisfied any sentence imposed, successfully completed any probationary period imposed, and successfully completed any remedial actions required by the commissioner, the State Board of Accountancy, or the Lawyers Board of Professional Responsibility; or
 - (3) when the commissioner has been notified that the tax preparer is deceased.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 271.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Time; notice; intervention.** Except as otherwise provided by law, within 60 days after the notice of the making and filing date of an order of the commissioner of revenue, the appellant, or the appellant's attorney, shall serve a notice of appeal upon the commissioner and file the original, with proof of such service, with the Tax Court administrator or with the court administrator of district court acting as court administrator of the Tax Court; provided, that the Tax Court, for cause shown, may by written order extend the time for appealing for an additional period not exceeding 30 days. For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means the notice date designated by the commissioner on the order. The notice of appeal shall be in the form prescribed by the Tax Court. Within five days after receipt, the commissioner shall transmit a copy of the notice of appeal to the attorney general. The attorney general shall represent the commissioner, if requested, upon all such appeals except in cases where the attorney general has appealed in behalf of the state, or in other cases where the attorney general deems it against the interests of the state to represent the commissioner, in which event the attorney general may intervene or be substituted as an appellant in behalf of the state at any stage of the proceedings.

Upon a final determination of any other matter over which the court is granted jurisdiction under section 271.01, subdivision 5, the taxpayer or the taxpayer's attorney shall file a petition or notice of appeal as provided by law with the court administrator of district court, acting in the capacity of court administrator of the Tax Court, with proof of service of the petition or notice of appeal as required by law and within the time required by law. As used in this subdivision, "final determination" includes a notice of assessment and equalization for the year in question received from the local assessor, an order of the local board of equalization, or an order of a county board of equalization.

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The Tax Court shall prescribe a filing system so that the notice of appeal or petition filed with the district court administrator acting as court administrator of the Tax Court is forwarded to the Tax Court administrator. In the case of an appeal or a petition concerning property valuation for which the assessor, a local board of equalization, a county board of equalization or the commissioner of revenue has issued an order, the officer issuing the order shall be notified of the filing of the appeal. The notice of appeal or petition shall be in the form prescribed by the Tax Court.

63.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for orders dated after September 63.9 30, 2015.

- Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 271.06, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- Subd. 7. **Rules.** Except as provided in section 278.05, subdivision 6, the Rules of Evidence and Civil Procedure for the district court of Minnesota shall govern the procedures in the Tax Court, where practicable. The Rules of Civil Procedure do not apply to alter the 60-day period of time to file a notice of appeal provided in subdivision 2. The Tax Court may adopt rules under chapter 14. The rules in effect on January 1, 1989, apply until superseded.
- 63.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for orders dated after September 63.18 30, 2015.

Subd. 10. **Personal property used for pollution control.** Personal property used primarily for the abatement and control of air, water, or land pollution is exempt to the extent that it is so used, and real property is exempt if it is used primarily for abatement and control of air, water, or land pollution as part of an agricultural operation, as a part of a centralized treatment and recovery facility operating under a permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency pursuant to chapters 115 and 116 and Minnesota Rules, parts 7001.0500 to 7001.0730, and 7045.0020 to 7045.1260, as a wastewater treatment facility and for the treatment, recovery, and stabilization of metals, oils, chemicals, water, sludges, or inorganic materials from hazardous industrial wastes, or as part of an electric generation system. For purposes of this subdivision, personal property includes ponderous machinery and equipment used in a business or production activity that at common law is considered real property.

Any taxpayer requesting exemption of all or a portion of any real property or any equipment or device, or part thereof, operated primarily for the control or abatement of air,

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water, or land pollution shall file an application with the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner shall develop an electronic means to notify interested parties when electric power generation facilities have filed an application. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the application pursuant to section 270C.30, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws, and if an application is made by electronic means, the taxpayer's signature is defined pursuant to section 270C.304, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall upon request of the commissioner furnish information and advice to the commissioner.

The information and advice furnished by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency must include statements as to whether the equipment, device, or real property meets a standard, rule, criteria, guideline, policy, or order of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and whether the equipment, device, or real property is installed or operated in accordance with it. On determining that property qualifies for exemption, the commissioner shall issue an order exempting the property from taxation. The commissioner shall develop an electronic means to notify interested parties when the commissioner has issued an order exempting property from taxation under this subdivision. The equipment, device, or real property shall continue to be exempt from taxation as long as the order issued by the commissioner remains in effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.0211, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Efficiency determination and certification. An owner or operator of a new or existing electric power generation facility, excluding wind energy conversion systems, may apply to the commissioner of revenue for a market value exclusion on the property as provided for in this section. This exclusion shall apply only to the market value of the equipment of the facility, and shall not apply to the structures and the land upon which the facility is located. The commissioner of revenue shall prescribe the forms content, format, manner, and procedures for this application pursuant to section 270C.30, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws. If an application is made by electronic means, the taxpayer's signature is defined pursuant to section 270C.304, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws. Upon receiving the application, the commissioner of revenue shall: (1) request the commissioner of commerce to make a determination of the efficiency of the applicant's electric power generation facility; and (2) shall develop an electronic means to notify interested parties when electric power generation facilities have filed an application.

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The commissioner of commerce shall calculate efficiency as the ratio of useful energy outputs to energy inputs, expressed as a percentage, based on the performance of the facility's equipment during normal full load operation. The commissioner must include in this formula the energy used in any on-site preparation of materials necessary to convert the materials into the fuel used to generate electricity, such as a process to gasify petroleum coke. The commissioner shall use the Higher Heating Value (HHV) for all substances in the commissioner's efficiency calculations, except for wood for fuel in a biomass-eligible project under section 216B.2424; for these instances, the commissioner shall adjust the heating value to allow for energy consumed for evaporation of the moisture in the wood. The applicant shall provide the commissioner of commerce with whatever information the commissioner deems necessary to make the determination. Within 30 days of the receipt of the necessary information, the commissioner of commerce shall certify the findings of the efficiency determination to the commissioner of revenue and to the applicant. The commissioner of commerce shall determine the efficiency of the facility and certify the findings of that determination to the commissioner of revenue every two years thereafter from the date of the original certification.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.025, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Statement of exemption.** (a) Except in the case of property owned by the state of Minnesota or any political subdivision thereof, and property exempt from taxation under section 272.02, subdivisions 9, 10, 13, 15, 18, 20, and 22 to 25, and at the times provided in subdivision 3, a taxpayer claiming an exemption from taxation on property described in section 272.02, subdivisions 2 to 33, must file a statement of exemption with the assessor of the assessment district in which the property is located.

- (b) A taxpayer claiming an exemption from taxation on property described in section 272.02, subdivision 10, must file a statement of exemption with the commissioner of revenue, on or before February 15 of each year for which the taxpayer claims an exemption.
- (c) In case of sickness, absence or other disability or for good cause, the assessor or the commissioner may extend the time for filing the statement of exemption for a period not to exceed 60 days.
- (d) The commissioner of revenue shall prescribe the <u>form and contents</u> <u>content</u>, <u>format</u>, <u>and manner</u> of the statement of exemption <u>pursuant to section 270C.30</u>, <u>except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws</u>.

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(e) If a statement is made by electronic means, the taxpayer's signature is defined pursuant to section 270C.304, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.029, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Reports.** (a) An owner of a wind energy conversion system subject to tax under subdivision 3 shall file a report with the commissioner of revenue annually on or before February 1 detailing the amount of electricity in kilowatt-hours that was produced by the wind energy conversion system for the previous calendar year. The commissioner shall prescribe the form content, format, and manner of the report pursuant to section 270C.30, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws. The report must contain the information required by the commissioner to determine the tax due to each county under this section for the current year. If an owner of a wind energy conversion system subject to taxation under this section fails to file the report by the due date, the commissioner of revenue shall determine the tax based upon the nameplate capacity of the system multiplied by a capacity factor of 60 percent.

(b) If a report is made by electronic means, the taxpayer's signature is defined pursuant to section 270C.304, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws.

(b) (c) On or before February 28, the commissioner of revenue shall notify the owner of the wind energy conversion systems of the tax due to each county for the current year and shall certify to the county auditor of each county in which the systems are located the tax due from each owner for the current year.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.0295, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Reports.** An owner of a solar energy generating system subject to tax under this section shall file a report with the commissioner of revenue annually on or before January 15 detailing the amount of electricity in megawatt-hours that was produced by the system in the previous calendar year. The commissioner shall prescribe the form content, format, and manner of the report pursuant to section 270C.30. The report must contain the information required by the commissioner to determine the tax due to each county under this section for the current year. If an owner of a solar energy generating system subject to taxation under this section fails to file the report by the due date, the

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commissioner of revenue shall determine the tax based upon the nameplate capacity of the system multiplied by a capacity factor of 30 percent.

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Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.115, subdivision 2, is amended to read: Subd. 2. **Form; information required.** The certificate of value shall require such facts and information as may be determined by the commissioner to be reasonably necessary in the administration of the state education aid formulas. The form commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the certificate of value shall be prescribed by the Department of Revenue which shall provide an adequate supply of forms to each county auditor pursuant to section 270C.30, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.124, subdivision 13, is amended to read:
- Subd. 13. **Homestead application.** (a) A person who meets the homestead requirements under subdivision 1 must file a homestead application with the county assessor to initially obtain homestead classification.
- (b) The format and contents of a uniform homestead application shall be prescribed by the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the homestead application required to be filed under this chapter pursuant to section 270C.30. The application must clearly inform the taxpayer that this application must be signed by all owners who occupy the property or by the qualifying relative and returned to the county assessor in order for the property to receive homestead treatment.
- (c) Every property owner applying for homestead classification must furnish to the county assessor the Social Security number of each occupant who is listed as an owner of the property on the deed of record, the name and address of each owner who does not occupy the property, and the name and Social Security number of each owner's spouse who occupies the property. The application must be signed by each owner who occupies the property and by each owner's spouse who occupies the property, or, in the case of property that qualifies as a homestead under subdivision 1, paragraph (c), by the qualifying relative.

If a property owner occupies a homestead, the property owner's spouse may not claim another property as a homestead unless the property owner and the property owner's spouse file with the assessor an affidavit or other proof required by the assessor stating that the property qualifies as a homestead under subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

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Owners or spouses occupying residences owned by their spouses and previously occupied with the other spouse, either of whom fail to include the other spouse's name and Social Security number on the homestead application or provide the affidavits or other proof requested, will be deemed to have elected to receive only partial homestead treatment of their residence. The remainder of the residence will be classified as nonhomestead residential. When an owner or spouse's name and Social Security number appear on homestead applications for two separate residences and only one application is signed, the owner or spouse will be deemed to have elected to homestead the residence for which the application was signed.

- (d) If residential real estate is occupied and used for purposes of a homestead by a relative of the owner and qualifies for a homestead under subdivision 1, paragraph (c), in order for the property to receive homestead status, a homestead application must be filed with the assessor. The Social Security number of each relative and spouse of a relative occupying the property shall be required on the homestead application filed under this subdivision. If a different relative of the owner subsequently occupies the property, the owner of the property must notify the assessor within 30 days of the change in occupancy. The Social Security number of a relative or relative's spouse occupying the property is private data on individuals as defined by section 13.02, subdivision 12, but may be disclosed to the commissioner of revenue, or, for the purposes of proceeding under the Revenue Recapture Act to recover personal property taxes owing, to the county treasurer.
- (e) The homestead application shall also notify the property owners that if the property is granted homestead status for any assessment year, that same property shall remain classified as homestead until the property is sold or transferred to another person, or the owners, the spouse of the owner, or the relatives no longer use the property as their homestead. Upon the sale or transfer of the homestead property, a certificate of value must be timely filed with the county auditor as provided under section 272.115. Failure to notify the assessor within 30 days that the property has been sold, transferred, or that the owner, the spouse of the owner, or the relative is no longer occupying the property as a homestead, shall result in the penalty provided under this subdivision and the property will lose its current homestead status.
- (f) If a homestead application has not been filed with the county by December 15, the assessor shall classify the property as nonhomestead for the current assessment year for taxes payable in the following year, provided that the owner may be entitled to receive the homestead classification by proper application under section 375.192.

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Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.371, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Report required.** Every electric light, power, gas, water, express, stage, and transportation company and pipeline doing business in Minnesota shall annually file with the commissioner on or before March 31 a report under oath setting forth the information prescribed by the commissioner to enable the commissioner to make valuations, recommended valuations, and equalization required under sections 273.33, 273.35, 273.36, 273.37, and 273.3711. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the report pursuant to section 270C.30, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws. If all the required information is not available on March 31, and the balance of the information as soon as it becomes available. If a report is made by electronic means, the taxpayer's signature is defined pursuant to section 270C.304, except that a "law administered by the commissioner" includes the property tax laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 287.2205, is amended to read:

287.2205 TAX-FORFEITED LAND.

Before a state deed for tax-forfeited land may be issued, the deed tax must be paid by the purchaser of tax-forfeited land whether the purchase is the result of a public auction or private sale or a repurchase of tax-forfeited land. State agencies and local units of government that acquire tax-forfeited land by purchase or any other means are subject to this section. The deed tax is \$1.65 for a conveyance of tax-forfeited lands to a governmental subdivision for an authorized public use under section 282.01, subdivision 1a, for a school forest under section 282.01, subdivision 1b.

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Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 17. **Format.** The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the returns and other documents pursuant to section 270C.30. This does not authorize the commissioner to require individual income taxpayers to file individual income tax returns electronically.

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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 The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the returns pursuant to section 270C.30. Every return for taxes withheld must be signed by the employer, entertainment entity, contract payor, partnership, or S corporation, or a designee.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Return required.** (a) Except as provided in section 289A.18, subdivision 4, for the month in which taxes imposed by chapter 297A 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. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the returns pursuant to section 270C.30. 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. In computing the dollar amount of items on the return, the amounts are rounded off to the nearest whole dollar, disregarding amounts less than 50 cents and increasing amounts of 50 cents to 99 cents to the next highest dollar.

(b) Notwithstanding this subdivision, a person who is not required to hold a sales tax permit under chapter 297A and who makes annual purchases, for use in a trade or business, of less than \$18,500, or a person who is not required to hold a sales tax permit and who

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makes purchases for personal use, that are subject to the use tax imposed by section 297A.63, may file an annual use tax return on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the return pursuant to section 270C.30. 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, for use in a trade or business, in excess of \$18,500 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 \$18,500 is made and a return must be filed for the preceding reporting period.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph paragraphs (a) and (b), a person prohibited by the person's religious beliefs from using electronics shall be allowed to file by mail, without any additional fees. The filer must notify the commissioner of revenue of the intent to file by mail on a form prescribed by the commissioner. A return filed under this paragraph must be postmarked no later than the day the return is due in order to be considered filed on a timely basis.

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- Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 289A.50, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 7. **Remedies.** (a) If the taxpayer is notified by the commissioner that the refund claim is denied in whole or in part, the taxpayer may:
 - (1) file an administrative appeal as provided in section 270C.35, or an appeal with the Tax Court, within 60 days after issuance the notice date of the commissioner's notice of denial; or
 - (2) file an action in the district court to recover the refund.
 - (b) An action in the district court on a denied claim for refund must be brought within 18 months of the <u>notice</u> date of the denial of the claim by the commissioner. <u>For</u> the purposes of this section, "notice date" is defined in section 270C.35, subdivision 3.
 - (c) No action in the district court or the Tax Court shall be brought within six months of the filing of the refund claim unless the commissioner denies the claim within that period.
 - (d) If a taxpayer files a claim for refund and the commissioner has not issued a denial of the claim, the taxpayer may bring an action in the district court or the Tax Court at any time after the expiration of six months from the time the claim was filed.
 - (e) The commissioner and the taxpayer may agree to extend the period for bringing an action in the district court.
 - (f) An action for refund of tax by the taxpayer must be brought in the district court of the district in which lies the county of the taxpayer's residence or principal place of

72.1	business. In the case of an estate or trust, the action must be brought at the principal place
72.2	of its administration. Any action may be brought in the district court for Ramsey County.
72.3	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for claims for refund denied after
72.4	September 30, 2015.
72.5	Sec. 26. [290B.11] FORMS.
72.6	The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of all forms and
72.7	other documents required to be filed under this chapter pursuant to section 270C.30.
72.8	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
72.9	Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290C.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
72.10	Subd. 3. Notice date. For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means the
72.11	notice date designated by the commissioner on the order or notice of the determination
72.12	removing enrolled land or the <u>notice</u> date of <u>designated by the commissioner on</u> the notice
72.13	denying an application to enroll land or denying part or all of an incentive payment.
72.14	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for orders and notices dated after
72.15	September 30, 2015.
72.16	Sec. 28. [293.15] FORMS.
72.17	The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of all forms and
72.18	other documents required to be filed under this chapter pursuant to section 270C.30.
72.19	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
72.20	Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 295.55, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
72.21	Subd. 6. Form of returns. The estimated payments and annual return must contain
72.22	the information and be in the form prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner
72.23	shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of the estimated payment forms and annual
72.24	return pursuant to section 270C.30.
72.25	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
72.26	Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 296A.02, is amended by adding a
72.27	subdivision to read:

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73.1	Subd. 5. Forms. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner
73.2	of all forms and other documents required to be filed under this chapter pursuant to section
73.3	<u>270C.30.</u>
73.4	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
73.5	Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 296A.22, subdivision 9, is amended to read:
73.6	Subd. 9. Abatement of penalty. (a) The commissioner may by written order
73.7	abate any penalty imposed under this section, if in the commissioner's opinion there is
73.8	reasonable cause to do so.
73.9	(b) A request for abatement of penalty must be filed with the commissioner within
73.10	60 days of the <u>notice</u> date <u>of</u> the notice stating that a penalty has been imposed was mailed
73.11	to the taxpayer's last known address. For purposes of this section, the term "notice date"
73.12	means the notice date designated by the commissioner on the order or other notice that a
73.13	penalty has been imposed.
73.14	(c) If the commissioner issues an order denying a request for abatement of penalty,
73.15	the taxpayer may file an administrative appeal as provided in section 270C.35 or appeal to
73.16	Tax Court as provided in section 271.06. If the commissioner does not issue an order on
73.17	the abatement request within 60 days from the date the request is received, the taxpayer
73.18	may appeal to Tax Court as provided in section 271.06.
73.19	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for orders and notices dated after
73.20	September 30, 2015.
73.21	Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 296A.26, is amended to read:
73.22	296A.26 JUDICIAL REVIEW; APPEAL TO TAX COURT.
73.23	In lieu of an administrative appeal under section 270C.35, any person aggrieved by
73.24	an order of the commissioner fixing a tax, penalty, or interest under this chapter may, within
73.25	60 days from the <u>notice</u> date of the notice of the order, appeal to the Tax Court in the manner
73.26	provided under section 271.06. For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means
73.27	the notice date designated by the commissioner on the order fixing a tax, penalty, or interest.
73.28	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for orders dated after September
73.29	30, 2015.
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Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297D.02, is amended to read:

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The commissioner of revenue shall administer this chapter. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of all forms and other documents required to be filed under this chapter pursuant to section 270C.30. Payments required by this chapter must be made to the commissioner on the form provided by the commissioner. Tax obligors are not required to give their name, address, Social Security number, or other identifying information on the form. The commissioner shall collect all taxes under this chapter.

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Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297E.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read: Subd. 3. **Collection; disposition.** (a) Taxes imposed by this section are due and payable to the commissioner when the gambling tax return is required to be filed. Distributors must file their monthly sales figures with the commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner. Returns covering the taxes imposed under this section must be filed with the commissioner on or before the 20th day of the month following the close of the previous calendar month. The commissioner may require that the returns be filed via magnetic media or electronic data transfer. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of returns or other documents pursuant to section 270C.30. The proceeds, along with the revenue received from all license fees and other fees under sections 349.11 to 349.191, 349.211, and 349.213, must be paid to the commissioner of management and budget for deposit in the general fund.

- (b) The sales tax imposed by chapter 297A on the sale of pull-tabs and tipboards by the distributor is imposed on the retail sales price. The retail sale of pull-tabs or tipboards by the organization is exempt from taxes imposed by chapter 297A and is exempt from all local taxes and license fees except a fee authorized under section 349.16, subdivision 8.
- (c) One-half of one percent of the revenue deposited in the general fund under paragraph (a), is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for the compulsive gambling treatment program established under section 245.98. One-half of one percent of the revenue deposited in the general fund under paragraph (a), is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for a grant to the state affiliate recognized by the National Council on Problem Gambling to increase public awareness of problem gambling, education and training for individuals and organizations providing effective treatment services to problem gamblers and their families, and research relating to problem gambling. Money appropriated by this paragraph must supplement and must not replace existing state funding for these programs.

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Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297E.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Reports of sales.** A manufacturer who sells gambling product for use or resale in this state, or for receipt by a person or entity in this state, shall file with the commissioner, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, a report of gambling product sold to any person in the state, including the established governing body of an Indian tribe recognized by the United States Department of the Interior. The report must be filed monthly on or before the 20th day of the month succeeding the month in which the sale was made. The commissioner may require that the report be submitted via magnetic media or electronic data transfer. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of returns or other documents pursuant to section 270C.30. The commissioner may inspect the premises, books, records, and inventory of a manufacturer without notice

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during the normal business hours of the manufacturer. A person violating this section is

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297E.05, subdivision 4, is amended to read: Subd. 4. **Reports.** A distributor shall report monthly to the commissioner, on a form the commissioner prescribes, its sales of each type of gambling product. This report must be filed monthly on or before the 20th day of the month succeeding the month in which the sale was made. The commissioner may require that a distributor submit the monthly report and invoices required in this subdivision via magnetic media or electronic data transfer. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of returns or other documents pursuant to section 270C.30.

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Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297E.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Reports.** An organization must file with the commissioner, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, a report showing all gambling activity conducted by that organization for each month. Gambling activity includes all gross receipts, prizes, all gambling taxes owed or paid to the commissioner, all gambling expenses, and all lawful purpose and board-approved expenditures. The report must be filed with the commissioner on or before the 20th day of the month following the month in which the gambling activity takes place. The commissioner may require that the reports be filed via magnetic media or electronic data transfer. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of returns or other documents pursuant to section 270C.30.

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Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297F.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Monthly return; cigarette distributor.** On or before the 18th day of each calendar month, a distributor with a place of business in this state shall file a return with the commissioner showing the quantity of cigarettes manufactured or brought in from outside the state or purchased during the preceding calendar month and the quantity of cigarettes sold or otherwise disposed of in this state and outside this state during that month. A licensed distributor outside this state shall in like manner file a return showing the quantity of cigarettes shipped or transported into this state during the preceding calendar month. Returns must be made in the form and manner prescribed by The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of returns pursuant to section 270C.30, and the returns must contain any other information required by the commissioner. The return must be accompanied by a remittance for the full unpaid tax liability shown by it. For distributors subject to the accelerated tax payment requirements in subdivision 10, the return for the May liability is due two business days before June 30th of the year and the return for the June liability is due on or before August 18th of the year.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297F.23, is amended to read:

297F.23 JUDICIAL REVIEW.

In lieu of an administrative appeal under section 270C.35, a person aggrieved by an order of the commissioner fixing a tax, penalty, or interest under this chapter may, within 60 days from the <u>notice</u> date of the notice of the order, appeal to the Tax Court in the manner provided under section 271.06. For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means the notice date designated by the commissioner on the order fixing a tax, penalty, or interest.

76.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for orders dated after September 30, 2015.

Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297G.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Monthly returns; manufacturers, wholesalers, brewers, or importers.** On or before the 18th day of each calendar month following the month in which a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler first sells wine and distilled spirits within the state, or a brewer or importer first sells or imports fermented malt beverages, or a wholesaler knowingly acquires title to or possession of untaxed fermented malt beverages,

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the licensed manufacturer, wholesaler, brewer, or importer liable for the excise tax must file a return with the commissioner, and in addition must keep records and render reports as required by the commissioner. Returns must be made in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, and The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of returns pursuant to section 270C.30. The returns must contain any other information required by the commissioner. Returns must be accompanied by a remittance for the full unpaid tax liability. Returns must be filed regardless of whether a tax is due.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297G.22, is amended to read:

297G.22 JUDICIAL REVIEW.

In lieu of an administrative appeal under this chapter, a person aggrieved by an order of the commissioner fixing a tax, penalty, or interest under this chapter may, within 60 days from the date of the notice date of the order, appeal to the Tax Court in the manner provided under section 271.06. For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means the notice date designated by the commissioner on the order fixing a tax, penalty, or interest.

- 77.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for orders dated after September 30, 2015.
- Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297I.30, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 77.20 <u>Subd. 11.</u> **Format.** The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of returns or other documents pursuant to section 270C.30.

77.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297I.60, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Remedies.** (a) If the taxpayer is notified that the refund claim is denied in whole or in part, the taxpayer may contest the denial by:
- 77.26 (1) filing an administrative appeal with the commissioner under section 270C.35;
- 77.27 (2) filing an appeal in Tax Court within 60 days of the <u>notice</u> date of the <u>notice</u> of denial; or
- 77.29 (3) filing an action in the district court to recover the refund.
- 77.30 (b) An action in the district court must be brought within 18 months <u>following of</u> the notice date of the <u>notice of</u> denial. For purposes of this section, "notice date" is defined in

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section 270C.35, subdivision 3. An action for refund of tax or surcharge must be brought in the district court of the district in which lies the taxpayer's principal place of business or in the District Court for Ramsey County. If a taxpayer files a claim for refund and the commissioner has not issued a denial of the claim, the taxpayer may bring an action in the district court or the Tax Court at any time after the expiration of six months from the time the claim was filed.

78.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for claims for refund denied after September 30, 2015.

- Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 469.319, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 5. Waiver authority. (a) The commissioner may waive all or part of a repayment required under subdivision 1, if the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of employment and economic development and appropriate officials from the local government units in which the qualified business is located, determines that requiring repayment of the tax is not in the best interest of the state or the local government units and the business ceased operating as a result of circumstances beyond its control including, but not limited to:
- 78.17 (1) a natural disaster;
 - (2) unforeseen industry trends; or
 - (3) loss of a major supplier or customer.
 - (b)(1) The commissioner shall waive repayment required under subdivision 1a if the commissioner has waived repayment by the operating business under subdivision 1, unless the person that received benefits without having to operate a business in the zone was a contributing factor in the qualified business becoming subject to repayment under subdivision 1;
 - (2) the commissioner shall waive the repayment required under subdivision 1a, even if the repayment has not been waived for the operating business if:
 - (i) the person that received benefits without having to operate a business in the zone and the business that operated in the zone are not related parties as defined in section 267(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2007; and
 - (ii) actions of the person were not a contributing factor in the qualified business becoming subject to repayment under subdivision 1.
- (c) Requests for waiver must be made no later than 60 days after the earlier of the notice date of an order issued under subdivision 4, paragraph (d), or the date of a tax statement issued under subdivision 4, paragraph (c). For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means the notice date designated by the commissioner on the order.

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79.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for orders of the commissioner of

revenue dated after September 30, 2015.

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273.111 AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX.

- Subd. 9a. Cross-compliance with agricultural chemical and water laws. (a) A parcel of property enrolled under this section whose owner is subject to two or more final enforcement actions for violations of chapter 18B, 18C, 18D, 103E, 103F, 103G, or 103H, or any rule adopted under those chapters, including but not limited to the agricultural shoreland use standards in Minnesota Rules, chapter 6120, occurring on the parcel, shall be subject to a property tax penalty as defined in this subdivision.
- (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "final enforcement action" means any administrative, civil, or criminal penalty other than a verbal or written warning. An enforcement action is not final until any time period for corrective action has expired, and until the completion or expiration of any applicable review or appeal procedure or period provided by law.
- (c) The first time a final enforcement action is taken based on a violation occurring on a parcel enrolled under this section, the owner must be notified that if a second final enforcement action is issued, the property is subject to a property tax penalty, as defined in this subdivision.
- (d) When a second final enforcement action is taken based on a violation occurring on a parcel enrolled under this section within three years from the first violation, the law enforcement officer or other person enforcing the law or rule must notify the county auditor. The auditor must then determine the property tax penalty, equal to the deferred taxes on the parcel for the current year and the two previous years, but not to exceed the current owner's time of ownership, and extend the penalty against the property on the tax list for the current year, provided that no interest or penalties shall be levied on the penalty if timely paid. The penalty levied under this subdivision is in addition to any additional taxes levied under subdivision 9 at the time a property is withdrawn from the program.

281.22 COUNTY AUDITOR TO GIVE NOTICE.

In case any parcel of land bid in for the state at any tax judgment sale heretofore held has not been sold or assigned to an actual purchaser by one year before the expiration of the stated period of redemption of such parcel, it shall be the duty of the county auditor thereupon forthwith to give notice of expiration of the time for redemption of such parcel, as herein provided. Such notice shall be given and all other things done with respect to all such parcels, as provided by section 281.23, except that the notice shall state that the time for redemption will expire one year after service of notice and the filing of proof thereof, instead of 60 days. Otherwise, all the provisions of section 281.23 shall apply to and govern the corresponding matters under this section.

The time for redemption of any parcel of land as to which notice of expiration has been given, as provided in this section, shall expire one year after the giving of such notice and the filing of proof thereof in the office of the county auditor, unless such parcel shall theretofore be assigned to an actual purchaser, as herein provided.

290C.02 DEFINITIONS.

- Subd. 5. **Current use value.** "Current use value" means the statewide average annual income per acre, multiplied by 90 percent and divided by the capitalization rate determined under subdivision 9. The statewide net annual income shall be a weighted average based on the most recent data as of July 1 of the computation year on stumpage prices and annual tree growth rates and acreage by cover type provided by the Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service North Central Research Station.
- Subd. 9. **Capitalization rate.** By July 1 of each year, the commissioner shall determine a statewide capitalization rate for use under this chapter. The rate shall be the average annual effective interest rate for St. Paul on new loans under the Farm Credit Bank system calculated under section 2032A(e)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

290C.06 CALCULATION OF AVERAGE ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE; MANAGED FOREST LAND.

The commissioner shall annually calculate a statewide average estimated market value per acre for class 2c managed forest land under section 273.13, subdivision 23.

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8092.2000 CONTRACTS WITH STATE; WITHHOLDING; CERTIFICATION.

Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.66 provides that no department of the state of Minnesota nor any political or governmental subdivision thereof shall make final settlement with any contractor, under a contract requiring the employment of employees for wages by said contractor, until satisfactory showing is furnished to said department or governmental subdivision that the contractor in question has complied with the withholding provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 290.92. The statute further provides that a certificate issued by the commissioner of revenue shall satisfy this requirement.

The provisions of the statute are prospective in their effect and apply only to contracts executed after April 7, 1961. To facilitate the obtaining of the certification provided for by Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.66 the commissioner has made available form IC134. This form is in two parts, the first section thereof is in the form of an affidavit to be executed by a prime contractor or subcontractor and the second portion thereof is the commissioner's certification. The affidavit portion of the form in any event requires that certain identifying information be set forth by the affiant such as the name of the contractor, the address, withholding identification number, the number of the contract or contracts involved and the name of the department of the state or governmental subdivision with whom the contractor has contracted. The affidavit itself is divided into two parts A and B and it is intended that part A will be executed by both a prime contractor or subcontractor with respect to the employees of such prime contractor or subcontractor.

Part B of said affidavit is to be executed only by a prime contractor who has utilized subcontractors in completing a contract with the state or governmental subdivision thereof. In such a case it is contemplated that each subcontractor will execute part A of the affidavit on form IC134 and obtain from the commissioner certification with respect to such subcontractor's own employees. This copy of form IC134 certified to with respect to the subcontractor's employees will be given to the prime contractor who should keep such affidavit and certification in the prime contractor's own files. When the prime contractor has received such an affidavit and certification from all of the subcontractors on the contract, the prime contractor will then be in a position to execute part B of the affidavit as well as part A and obtain a certification from the commissioner as to the prime contractor's own employees. This form IC134, when both parts A and B have been executed by the prime contractor and certified to by the commissioner, should then be delivered to the department or governmental subdivision in satisfaction of the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.66.

The withholding section of the Department of Revenue will process these affidavits and any requests for form IC134 or inquiries relative to their use and application should be directed to this part.