

Ramsey county is authorized to assume all remaining debt service on bonds issued by the city of St. Paul for construction of St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center under Laws 1957, chapter 938, section 6. The obligation authorized to be assumed under this section is not subject to election requirements nor to the debt or tax levy limitations applicable to the county and shall not be considered in calculating amounts subject to any other debt or tax levy limitations. Any levies by the county for debt servicing payment for the retirement of these bonds shall be exempt from all tax levy limitations applicable to the county.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective the day after filing of certificates of local approval by the governing body of the city of Saint Paul and by the Ramsey county board in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Approved April 21, 1988

CHAPTER 602—S.F.No. 2451

An act relating to claims against the state; clarifying that a public defender appointed by the state board of public defense or a court-appointed guardian ad litem is an employee of the state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 3.732, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 3.732, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this section and section 3.736 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

(1) "State" includes each of the departments, boards, agencies, commissions, courts, and officers in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the state of Minnesota and includes but is not limited to the Minnesota housing finance agency, the Minnesota higher education coordinating board, the Minnesota higher education facilities authority, the armory building commission, the Minnesota zoological board, the state agricultural society, the University of Minnesota, state universities, community colleges, state hospitals, and state penal institutions. It does not include a city, town, county, school district, or other local governmental body corporate and politic.

(2) "Employee of the state" means all present or former officers, members, directors, or employees of the state, members of the Minnesota national guard, or persons acting on behalf of the state in an official capacity, temporarily or permanently, with or without compensation, but does not include either an

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independent contractor or members of the Minnesota national guard while engaged in training or duty under United States Code, title 10, or United States Code, title 32, section 316, 502, 503, 504, or 505, as amended through December 31, 1983. “Employee of the state” includes a public defender appointed by the state board of public defense or a court-appointed guardian ad litem, whether paid by the state or by a political subdivision.

(3) “Scope of office or employment” means that the employee was acting on behalf of the state in the performance of duties or tasks lawfully assigned by competent authority.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 21, 1988

CHAPTER 603—H.F.No. 1749

An act relating to transportation; increasing the excise tax on gasoline and special fuel to 20 cents per gallon; increasing the fees for alternate fuel permits; providing for the distribution of motor vehicle excise tax revenue; creating a transportation study board; repealing the contingent income tax increase provision; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 296.02, subdivision 1b; and 296.026, subdivision 2, as amended; Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, sections 296.025, subdivisions 2a and 2b; and 297B.09, subdivision 1; repealing Laws 1987, chapter 268, article 18, section 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 296.02, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

Subd. 1b. **RATES IMPOSED.** The gasoline excise tax is imposed at the following rate:

(a) For the period beginning on the first day of the month following the month of final enactment of Laws 1983, chapter 17, or on the first day of the second month following the month of final enactment of Laws 1983, chapter 17 if the date of final enactment of Laws 1983, chapter 17 is within 15 days of the end of the month, and ending December 31, 1983, gasoline is taxed at the rate of 16 cents per gallon.

(b) For the period on and after January 1, 1984, May 1, 1988, gasoline is taxed at the rate of 17 20 cents per gallon.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 296.025, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

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