

CHAPTER 219—S.F.No. 2528

An act relating to governmental operations; creating a task force to study the use of credit and debit cards for payment of taxes, licenses, permits, and other statutory fees.

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

Section 1. **CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation of task force; membership.** There is created a task force to study the use of credit and debit cards for transactions with state and local governments where payment is for taxes, licenses, permits, or other statutory fees. The membership of the task force shall consist of:

- (1) the commissioner of public safety or a designee;
- (2) the commissioner of natural resources or a designee;
- (3) the commissioner of finance or a designee;
- (4) a representative designated by the League of Minnesota Cities;
- (5) a representative designated by the Association of Minnesota Counties;
- (6) a representative designated by the Minnesota Deputy Registrar Association;
- (7) a representative designated by the Minnesota Association of County Auditors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers; and
- (8) a representative of the Consumer Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

Subd. 2. **Task force duties; report.** The commissioner of public safety or a designee shall call for the time and place of the first meeting of the task force. The task force shall elect a permanent chair from among its members. The task force shall study the advantages and disadvantages of the use of credit and debit cards for transactions with state and local government from both the government's and the consumer's point of view. The task force shall identify options to facilitate the use of credit and debit cards for transactions and identify the fiscal impacts of those options. The task force shall solicit testimony from representatives of state and local government, consumers, and the credit card industry. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2007 legislature as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195. The report shall also be provided to the chairs of the senate committee on state and local government operations, the house of representatives committee on local government, and the house of representatives committee on governmental operations and veterans affairs.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 18, 2006

Signed by the governor May 21, 2006, 10:00 p.m.