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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; exempting medical facilities in underserved areas from certain
1.3 sales and property taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 275.025,
1.4 by adding a subdivision; 297A.70, subdivision 7; 297A.71, by adding a subdivision;
1.5 469.1812, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law
1.6 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 469.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 275.025, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 6. Medical facility in underserved areas; abatement of tax. The state general
1.11 levy for any property qualifying under section 469.1817 is abated as provided in that section.
1.12 The net tax capacity of the property is included in the definition of commercial-industrial
1.13 tax capacity for the purposes of determining the state general levy tax rate under subdivision
1.14 4.

1.15 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective beginning with taxes payable in 2020.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 297A.70, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 7. Hospitals, outpatient surgical centers, and critical access dental
1.18 providers. (a) Sales, except for those listed in paragraph (d), to a hospital are exempt, if
1.19 the items purchased are used in providing hospital services. For purposes of this subdivision,
1.20 "hospital" means a hospital organized and operated for charitable purposes within the
1.21 meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and licensed under chapter 144
1.22 or by any other jurisdiction, and "hospital services" are services authorized or required to
1.23 be performed by a "hospital" under chapter 144.

2.1 (b) Sales, except for those listed in paragraph (d), to an outpatient surgical center are  
2.2 exempt, if the items purchased are used in providing outpatient surgical services. For purposes  
2.3 of this subdivision, "outpatient surgical center" means an outpatient surgical center organized  
2.4 and operated for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
2.5 Revenue Code, and licensed under chapter 144 or by any other jurisdiction. For the purposes  
2.6 of this subdivision, "outpatient surgical services" means: (1) services authorized or required  
2.7 to be performed by an outpatient surgical center under chapter 144; and (2) urgent care. For  
2.8 purposes of this subdivision, "urgent care" means health services furnished to a person  
2.9 whose medical condition is sufficiently acute to require treatment unavailable through, or  
2.10 inappropriate to be provided by, a clinic or physician's office, but not so acute as to require  
2.11 treatment in a hospital emergency room.

2.12 (c) Sales, except for those listed in paragraph (d), to a critical access dental provider are  
2.13 exempt, if the items purchased are used in providing critical access dental care services.  
2.14 For the purposes of this subdivision, "critical access dental provider" means a dentist or  
2.15 dental clinic that qualifies under section 256B.76, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and, in the  
2.16 previous calendar year, had no more than 15 percent of its patients covered by private dental  
2.17 insurance.

2.18 (d) This exemption does not apply to the following products and services:

2.19 (1) purchases made by a clinic, physician's office, or any other medical facility not  
2.20 operating as a hospital, outpatient surgical center, qualifying medical facility, or critical  
2.21 access dental provider, even though the clinic, office, or facility may be owned and operated  
2.22 by a hospital, outpatient surgical center, qualifying medical facility, or critical access dental  
2.23 provider;

2.24 (2) sales under section 297A.61, subdivision 3, paragraph (g), clause (2), and prepared  
2.25 food, candy, and soft drinks;

2.26 (3) building and construction materials used in constructing buildings or facilities that  
2.27 will not be used principally by the hospital, outpatient surgical center, qualifying medical  
2.28 facility, or critical access dental provider;

2.29 (4) building, construction, or reconstruction materials purchased by a contractor or a  
2.30 subcontractor as a part of a lump-sum contract or similar type of contract with a guaranteed  
2.31 maximum price covering both labor and materials for use in the construction, alteration, or  
2.32 repair of a hospital, outpatient surgical center, qualifying medical facility, or critical access  
2.33 dental provider; or

2.34 (5) the leasing of a motor vehicle as defined in section 297B.01, subdivision 11.

3.1 (e) A limited liability company also qualifies for exemption under this subdivision if  
 3.2 (1) it consists of a sole member that would qualify for the exemption, and (2) the items  
 3.3 purchased qualify for the exemption.

3.4 (f) An entity that contains both a hospital and a nonprofit unit may claim this exemption  
 3.5 on purchases made for both the hospital and nonprofit unit provided that:

3.6 (1) the nonprofit unit would have qualified for exemption under subdivision 4; and

3.7 (2) the items purchased would have qualified for the exemption.

3.8 (g) Sales, except for those listed in paragraph (d), to a qualifying medical facility are  
 3.9 exempt, if the items are purchased or used in providing medical services. For purposes of  
 3.10 this subdivision, "qualifying medical facility" means a medical facility as defined in section  
 3.11 144.561, subdivision 1, that has been granted an abatement of the state general tax under  
 3.12 section 469.1817.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for sales and purchases made after June  
 3.14 30, 2019.

3.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 297A.71, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 3.16 read:

3.17 Subd. 51. **Medical facility in underserved areas.** Materials and supplies used or  
 3.18 consumed in, and equipment incorporated into, the construction or improvement of real  
 3.19 property that has been granted an abatement of the state general tax under section 469.1817  
 3.20 are exempt.

3.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for sales and purchases made after June  
 3.22 30, 2019.

3.23 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 469.1812, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.24 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of sections 469.1812 to ~~469.1815~~ 469.1817, the  
 3.25 following terms have the meanings given.

3.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning with taxes payable in 2020.

3.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 469.1812, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 3.28 to read:

3.29 Subd. 2a. **Medical facility.** "Medical facility" has the meaning given in section 144.561,  
 3.30 subdivision 1.

4.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning with taxes payable in 2020.

4.2 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 469.1812, is amended by adding a subdivision  
4.3 to read:

4.4 Subd. 2b. **Medically underserved county.** "Medically underserved county" means a  
4.5 county, any portion of which is designated by the federal secretary of health and human  
4.6 services as a health professional shortage area as defined under section 151.01, subdivision  
4.7 34. By December 15 of each year, for assessments in the following year, the commissioner  
4.8 of health must certify to the commissioner of revenue the counties that are medically  
4.9 underserved. By December 31 of each year, for assessments in the following year, the  
4.10 commissioner of revenue must certify the list of medically underserved counties to county  
4.11 assessors.

4.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE; SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.** (a) This section is effective  
4.13 beginning with taxes payable in 2020.

4.14 (b) For taxes payable in 2020, the certification required to be made by the commissioner  
4.15 of health must be made by June 1, 2019, and the certification required to be made by the  
4.16 commissioner of revenue must be made by June 15, 2019.

4.17 Sec. 7. **[469.1817] MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS.**

4.18 Subdivision 1. **Qualification for abatement.** The state general tax under section 275.025  
4.19 must be abated for any property or portion thereof containing a medical facility that has  
4.20 been granted an abatement under section 469.1813, provided that:

4.21 (1) the facility is located in a medically underserved county at the time the abatement  
4.22 resolution is adopted;

4.23 (2) the facility is not located in a metropolitan county as defined under section 473.121,  
4.24 subdivision 4;

4.25 (3) the resolution of one or more governing bodies granting the abatement specifies that  
4.26 the facility addresses an underserved need for medical services in the area; and

4.27 (4) both the county and the city or town are abating all taxes on the property containing  
4.28 the facility for at least 15 years.

4.29 Subd. 2. **Abatement of state general tax; duration.** For property qualifying under  
4.30 subdivision 1, the state general tax is abated for 15 years.

4.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning with taxes payable in 2020.