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CHAPTER 290

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**290.01 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Words, terms, and phrases.** Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words, terms, and phrases, for the purposes of this chapter, shall be given the meanings subjoined to them.

Subd. 2. **Person.** The term "person" includes individuals, fiduciaries, estates, and trusts, and partnerships not included in the definition of corporations and may, where the context requires, include corporations as herein defined.

Subd. 3. **Partnership.** The term "partnership" includes a syndicate, group, pool, joint venture, or other unincorporated organization, through or by means of which any business, financial operation, or venture is carried on, and which is not, within the meaning of this act, a trust or estate or a corporation; and the term "partner" includes a member in such a syndicate, group, pool, joint venture or organization.

Subd. 4. **Corporations.** The term "corporation" shall include joint stock companies and corporations existing under the laws of any state or country; partnerships, limited or otherwise, the organization of which is not interrupted by the

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death of a general partner or by a change in the ownership of his participating interest, and the management of which is centralized in one or more persons acting in a representative capacity; associations (other than ordinary partnerships) and common-law trusts organized or conducted for profit.

**Subd. 5. Domestic and foreign corporations.** The term "domestic" when applied to a corporation means a corporation created or organized in Minnesota or under its laws; and the term "foreign" when thus applied means a corporation other than a domestic corporation. The existence of any domestic corporation shall be deemed the exercise by it of the privilege of existing as a corporation; the grant to any foreign corporation of the right to engage in transacting local business within this state shall be deemed the grant to it of the privilege of transacting such business within this state in corporate or organized form; and the transaction of the local business within this state by any foreign corporation shall be deemed the transaction of such business within this state in corporate or organized form.

**Subd. 6. Taxpayer.** The term "taxpayer" means any person or corporation subject to a tax imposed by this chapter.

**Subd. 7. Resident.** The term "resident" means any individual domiciled in Minnesota and any other individual maintaining an abode therein during any portion of the tax year who shall not, during the whole of such tax year, have been domiciled outside the state.

**Subd. 8. Fiduciary.** The term "fiduciary" means a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, conservator, or any person acting in any fiduciary capacity for any person or corporation.

**Subd. 9. Taxable year.** The term "taxable year" means the period for which the taxes levied by this chapter are imposed. It shall be a calendar year, a fiscal year, or, in cases where returns for a fractional part of a year are permitted or required, the period for which such return is made.

**Subd. 10. Fiscal year.** The term "fiscal year" means an accounting period of 12 months ending on the last day of any month other than December.

**Subd. 11. Paid or incurred, paid or accrued, received, or received or accrued.** The terms "paid or incurred" and "paid or accrued" shall be construed according to the method of accounting upon the basis of which net income is computed for the purposes of the taxes imposed by this chapter; and the terms "received" and "received or accrued" shall be similarly construed.

**Subd. 12. Stock or share.** The term "stock" or "share" means the interest of a member in a corporation however evidenced.

**Subd. 13. Stockholder or shareholder.** The term "stockholder" or "shareholder" means the owner of any such "stock" or "share."

**Subd. 14. State or this state.** The term "state" or "this state" means the state of Minnesota.

**Subd. 15. Includes.** The term "includes" and its derivatives, when used in a definition contained in this chapter, shall not exclude other things otherwise within the meaning of the term defined.

**Subd. 16. Commissioner.** The term "commissioner" means the commissioner of taxation of the state of Minnesota.

**Subd. 17. Property.** The term "property" includes every form of property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, and every interest therein, legal or equitable, irrespective of how created or arising. Property pledged or mortgaged shall be treated as owned by the pledgor or mortgagor.

**Subd. 18. Duty on estate or trust.** When, in this chapter, the estate of a decedent or a trust is referred to as a taxable person, or a duty is imposed on such estate or trust, the reference may be construed as meaning the fiduciary in charge of the property of such estate or trust, and the duty shall be treated as imposed on such fiduciary.

**Subd. 19. Net income.** The term "net income" means the gross income, as defined in subdivision 20, less the deductions allowed by section 290.09.

**Subd. 20. Gross income.** The term "gross income" includes every kind of compensation for labor or personal services of every kind from any private or public employment, office, position or services; income derived from the ownership or use of property; gains or profits derived from every kind of disposition of, or every kind of dealings in, property; income derived from the transaction of any trade or business; and income derived from any source. Items of gross income includible within these definitions shall be deemed such regardless of the form

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in which received. Items of gross income shall be included in gross income of the taxable year in which received by a taxpayer unless properly to be accounted for as of a different taxable year under methods of accounting permitted by section 290.07, except that (1) amounts transferred from a reserve or other account, if in effect transfers to surplus, shall, to the extent that such amounts were accumulated through deductions from gross income or entered into the computation of taxable net income during any taxable year, be treated as gross income for the year in which the transfer occurs, but only to the extent that such amounts resulted in a reduction of the tax imposed by this act, and (2) amounts received as refunds on account of taxes deducted from gross income during any taxable year shall be treated as gross income for the year in which actually received, but only to the extent that such amounts resulted in a reduction of the tax imposed by this act. If a husband and wife have filed a joint federal income tax return and separate Minnesota income tax returns for the same taxable period, amounts received as refunds on account of federal income taxes paid shall be included in gross income in the same ratio as the deductions for federal income taxes were claimed in the separate Minnesota tax returns.

Subd. 21. **Dividends.** (1) The term "dividends" means any distribution made by a corporation to its shareholders, whether in money or in other property, (a) out of its earnings or profits accumulated after December 31, 1932, or (b) out of the earnings or profits of the taxable year (computed as of the close of the taxable year without diminution by reason of any distributions made during the taxable year), without regard to the amount of the earnings and profits at the time the distribution was made. Dividends paid in property other than cash shall be included in the recipient's income at the fair market value of such property on the date the action ordering their distribution was taken, or if no such action was taken, on the date of the actual payment or credit thereof to the shareholder.

(2) For the purposes of this section every distribution is presumed to be made out of earnings or profits to the extent thereof, and from the most recently accumulated earnings or profits. Any earnings or profits accumulated, or increase in value of tangible property with situs in Minnesota, accrued, before January 1, 1933, may be distributed exempt from tax, after the earnings and profits accumulated after December 31, 1932, have been distributed, but any such tax-free distribution shall be applied against and reduce the cost or other income tax basis of the stock with respect to which such distribution is made. If such or any similar tax-free distributions exceed such cost or other income tax basis, any excess shall be treated in the same manner as a gain from the sale or exchange of property for the taxable year in which received by the distributee.

(3) A distribution made by a corporation to its shareholders in its stock or in rights to acquire its stock shall not be treated as a dividend to the extent that it does not constitute income to the shareholder within the meaning of the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Whenever a distribution by a corporation is, at the election of any of the shareholders (whether exercised before or after the declaration thereof), payable either (a) in its stock or in rights to acquire its stock or (b) in money or any other property (including its stock or rights to acquire its stock) then the distribution shall constitute a taxable dividend in the hands of all shareholders, regardless of the medium in which paid. If a corporation cancels or redeems its stock, whether or not such stock was issued as a stock dividend, at such time and in such manner as to make the distribution and cancellation or redemption, in whole or in part, essentially equivalent to the distribution of a taxable dividend, the amount so distributed in cancellation or redemption of the stock shall be treated as a taxable dividend to the extent that it represents a distribution of earnings or profits.

(4) Amounts distributed in liquidation of a corporation shall be treated as payment in exchange for the stock, and the gain or loss to the distributee resulting from such exchange shall be determined under Section 290.12, but shall be recognized only to the extent provided in section 290.13, and shall be taken into account in computing net income only to the extent provided in section 290.16, subdivision 2. No amounts received in liquidation shall be taxed as a gain until the distributee shall have received in liquidation an amount in excess of the applicable loss or gain basis of the stock in respect of which the distribution is received, and any such excess shall be taxed as gain in the year in which received. No amount received in liquidation shall be treated as the distribution of an ordinary dividend.

(5) Amounts distributed by a regulated investment company, as that term is defined and limited by Section 361(a) and (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, which are designated as capital gain dividends, as that term is defined in Section 362(b) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, shall be treated by the shareholders of such a company as gains from the sale or exchange of capital assets held for more than six months and shall be taken into account in computing net income only to the extent provided in Section 290.16, Subdivision 2.

NOTE: The provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 648, amending subdivision 21, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**Subd. 22. Taxable net income.** The term "taxable net income" means the net income assignable to this state. Where the tax is computed according to the schedule of taxes provided in section 290.06, subdivision 2, the term "taxable net income" means the adjusted gross income assignable to this state. In either case the taxable net income assignable to this state shall be determined as provided in sections 290.17 to 290.20.

**Subd. 23. Adjusted gross income.** The term "adjusted gross income" means the gross income, as defined in subdivision 20, less the allowable deductions provided in sections 290.09, 290.075, 290.077, and 290.16, subdivision 6, to the extent allowed by section 290.18.

[1933 c 405 s 1, 10, 11, 21, 22; Ex1937 c 49 s 16; 1941 c 550 s 4, 11; 1943 c 656 s 1, 11; 1945 c 604 s 1, 2, 19; 1947 c 635 s 1; 1949 c 541 s 1; 1949 c 734 s 1, 2, 3; 1953 c 648 s 1] (2394-1, 2394-10, 2394-11, 2394-21, 2394-22)

NOTE: The amendment to this section by the 1943 Legislature applies to the taxable year ending in 1939 and subsequent taxable years.

**290.02 IMPOSITION OF PRIVILEGE TAX ON CORPORATIONS; MEASUREMENT.** An annual tax is hereby imposed upon every domestic corporation, except those included within section 290.03, for the privilege of existing as a corporation during any part of its taxable year, and upon every foreign corporation, except those included within section 290.03, for the grant to it of the privilege of transacting or for the actual transaction by it of any local business within this state during any part of its taxable year, in corporate or organized form.

The tax so imposed shall be measured by such corporations' taxable net income for the taxable year for which the tax is imposed, and computed in the manner and at the rates provided in this chapter.

[1933 c 405 s 2; Ex1937 c 49 s 2; 1947 c 635 s 2] (2394-2)

**290.03 CLASSES OF TAXPAYERS.** An annual tax for each taxable year, computed in the manner and at the rates hereinafter provided, is hereby imposed upon the taxable net income for such year of the following classes of taxpayers:

(1) Domestic and foreign corporations not taxable under section 290.02 which own property within this state or whose business within this state during the taxable year consists exclusively of foreign commerce, interstate commerce, or both;

Business within the state shall not be deemed to include transportation in interstate or foreign commerce, or both, by means of ships navigating within or through waters which are made international for navigation purposes by any treaty or agreement to which the United States is a party;

(2) Resident and non-resident individuals, except that no non-resident individual shall be taxed on his income from compensation for labor or personal services within this state during any taxable year unless he shall have been engaged in work within this state for more than 150 working days during such taxable year;

(3) Estates of decedents, dying domiciled within or without this state; and,

(4) Trusts (except those taxable as corporations) however created by residents or non-residents or by domestic or foreign corporations.

[1933 c. 405 s. 3; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 3; 1941 c. 550 s. 1; 1945 c. 410 s. 1] (2394-3)

**290.04 LIABILITY.** Subdivision 1. **Accrual.** The liability for the tax imposed by section 290.02 shall arise upon the first day of the taxable year upon which a domestic corporation exercises any of the privileges specified in section 290.02 or exists as a corporation, or on which a foreign corporation is possessed of the privilege for the grant to it of the privilege of transacting or for the actual transaction by it of any local business within this state during any part of its taxable year, in corporate or organized form. The liability for the tax imposed by section 290.03 shall arise concurrently with the receipt or accrual of income during the taxable year. The provisions shall in no way affect the determination of the amount of such taxes, the time for making returns, and the time for paying such taxes.

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**Subd. 2. Fiduciary relationship not to affect.** The liability of any taxpayer shall remain unaffected by the fact that such taxpayer, or the title, possession, custody, or control of his business or property, is in the care of a guardian, trustee, receiver, conservator, or any other person acting in any fiduciary capacity for such taxpayer or in reference to his business or property, unless the taxes imposed by this chapter are specifically imposed by this chapter upon any such guardian, trustee, receiver, conservator, or fiduciary.

[1933 c. 405 s. 4; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 4] (2394-4)

**290.05 EXEMPTIONS FROM TAX.** The following corporations, individuals, estates, trusts, and organizations shall be exempted from taxation under this chapter, provided that every such person or corporation claiming exemption under this chapter, in whole or in part, must establish to the satisfaction of the commissioner the taxable status of any income or activity:

(1) National and state banks, except as such banks are subject to the excise tax imposed by sections 290.361 and 290.362;

(2) Corporations, individuals, estates, and trusts engaged in the business of mining or producing iron ore; but if any such corporation, individual, estate, or trust engages in any other business or activity or has income from any property not used in such business it shall be subject to this tax computed on the net income from such property or such other business or activity. Royalty (as defined in section 299.02) shall not be considered as income from the business of mining or producing iron ore within the meaning of this section;

(3) Farmers' mutual insurance companies organized and existing under the laws of the state and credit unions organized under chapter 52;

(4) Fraternal beneficiary associations wherever organized, and public department relief associations of public employees of this state or of any of its political subdivisions;

(5) Cooperative or mutual rural telephone associations; and cooperative associations organized under the provisions of Laws 1923, Chapter 326, as amended, which are engaged in the transmission and distribution of electrical heat, light or power upon a mutual, and cooperative plan in areas outside the corporate limits of any city or village; but if any such cooperative association engages in supplying electrical heat, light or power to consumers within the corporate limits of any city, village or borough, then such association shall be subject to this tax computed on that portion of its net income which its gross receipts from consumers within such corporate limits bears to its total gross receipts;

(6) Labor, agricultural, and horticultural organizations, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private member, stockholder, or individual;

(7) Farmers', fruit growers', or like associations organized and operated on a cooperative basis (a) for the purpose of processing or marketing the products of members or other producers, and turning back to them the proceeds of sales, less the necessary expenses, on the basis of either the quantity or the value of the products furnished by them, or (b) for the purpose of purchasing supplies and equipment for the use of members or other persons, and turning over such supplies and equipment to them at actual cost, plus necessary expenses; exemption shall not be denied any such association because it has capital stock, if the dividend rate of such stock is fixed at not to exceed the legal rate of interest in the state of incorporation or eight percent per annum, whichever is greater, on the value of the consideration for which the stock was issued, and if substantially all such stock (other than non-voting preferred stock, the owners of which are not entitled or permitted to participate, directly or indirectly, in the profits of the association, upon dissolution or otherwise, beyond the fixed dividends) is owned by producers who process or market their products or purchase their supplies and equipment through the association; nor shall exemption be denied any such association because there is accumulated and maintained by it a reserve required by state law or a reasonable reserve for any necessary purpose; such an association may market the products of non-members in an amount the value of which does not exceed the value of the products marketed for members, and may purchase supplies and equipment for non-members in an amount the value of which does not exceed the value of the supplies and equipment purchased for members, provided the value of the purchases made for persons who are neither members nor producers does

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not exceed 15 percent of the value of all its purchases; business done for the United States or any of its agencies shall be disregarded in determining the right to exemption under this clause;

(8) Corporations operating or conducting public burying grounds, public school-houses, public hospitals, academies, colleges, universities, seminaries of learning, churches, houses of worship, and institutions of purely public charity, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private member, stockholder, or individual;

(9) Any corporation, fund, foundation, trust or association organized for exclusively scientific, literary, religious, charitable, educational, or artistic purposes, or for the purpose of making contributions to or for the use of the United States of America, the State of Minnesota or any of its political subdivisions for exclusively public purposes, or for any combination of the above enumerated purposes, if no part of the net income of any such corporation, fund, foundation, trust or association inures to the benefit of any private member, stockholder, or individual;

(10) Business leagues and commercial clubs, not organized for profit and no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private member, stockholder, or individual;

(11) Clubs organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, or other non-profitable purposes, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private member, stockholder, or individual;

(12) Any corporation all the stock of which is owned by the United States or which may be exempt from a state franchise or income tax by federal law;

(13) The United States of America, the State of Minnesota or any political subdivision of either agencies, or instrumentalities, whether engaged in the discharge of governmental or proprietary functions;

(14) Corporations organized by an association exempt under the provisions of clause (7), or members thereof, for the purpose of financing the ordinary crop operations of such members or other producers, and operated in conjunction with such association; exemption shall not be denied any such corporation because it has capital stock, if the dividend rate of such stock is fixed at not to exceed the legal rate of interest in the state of incorporation or eight percent per annum, whichever is greater, on the value of the consideration for which the stock was issued, and if substantially all such stock (other than non-voting preferred stock, the owners of which are not entitled or permitted to participate, directly or indirectly, in the profits of the corporation, upon dissolution or otherwise, beyond the fixed dividends) is owned by such association, or members thereof; nor shall exemption be denied any such corporation because there is accumulated and maintained by it a reserve required by state law or a reasonable reserve for any necessary purpose;

(15) Corporations organized for the exclusive purpose of holding title to property, collecting income therefrom, and turning over the entire amount thereof, less expenses, to an organization which itself is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter;

(16) Voluntary employees' beneficiary associations providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of such association or their dependents if no part of their net earnings inures (other than through such payments) to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

[1933 c 405 s 5; Ex1937 c 49 s 5; 1939 c 446 s 1, 2; 1941 c 109 s 1; 1941 c 550 s 2; 1943 c 643 s 1; 1943 c 656 s 27; 1947 c 635 s 3; 1953 c 647 s 1] (2394-5)

NOTE: The provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 647, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**290.06 RATES OF TAX.** Subdivision 1. **Computation.** The privilege and income taxes imposed by this chapter upon corporations shall be computed by applying to their taxable net income in excess of the applicable credits allowed under section 290.21 the rate of six per cent. The amount of tax payable by a corporation required to file a return shall not be less than \$10.

Subd. 2. **Manner of computing.** (a) The income taxes imposed by this chapter upon individuals, estates, and trusts, other than those taxable as corporations, shall be computed by applying to their taxable net income in excess of the applicable credits allowed by section 290.21 the following schedule of rates:

- (1) On the first \$1,000, one percent;
- (2) On the second \$1,000, two percent;

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- (3) On the third \$1,000, three percent;
- (4) On the fourth \$1,000, four percent;
- (5) On the fifth \$1,000, five percent;
- (6) On the sixth and seventh \$1,000, six percent;
- (7) On the eighth and ninth \$1,000, seven percent;
- (8) On all over \$9,000, and not over \$12,500, eight percent;
- (9) On all over \$12,500, and not over \$20,000, nine percent;
- (10) On the remainder, ten percent.

(b) In lieu of a tax computed according to the rates set forth in clause (a) of this subdivision, the tax of any individual taxpayer whose adjusted gross income for the taxable year is less than \$10,000, at his election shall be computed according to the following schedule:

At least	If adjusted gross income is— But less than	The tax shall be
\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ .25
50	100	.65
100	150	1.10
150	200	1.55
200	250	2.00
250	300	2.45
300	350	2.95
350	400	3.35
400	450	3.80
450	500	4.25
500	550	4.70
550	600	5.20
600	650	5.65
650	700	6.10
700	750	6.55
750	800	7.00
800	850	7.45
850	900	7.95
900	950	8.35
950	1,000	8.75
1,000	1,050	9.25
1,050	1,100	9.65
1,100	1,150	10.30
1,150	1,200	11.15
1,200	1,250	12.05
1,250	1,300	12.95
1,300	1,350	13.85
1,350	1,400	14.75
1,400	1,450	15.65
1,450	1,500	16.55
1,500	1,550	17.45
1,550	1,600	18.35
1,600	1,650	19.25
1,650	1,700	20.15
1,700	1,750	21.05
1,750	1,800	21.95
1,800	1,850	22.85
1,850	1,900	23.75
1,900	1,950	24.65
1,950	2,000	25.55
2,000	2,050	26.45
2,050	2,100	27.35
2,100	2,150	28.25
2,150	2,200	29.15
2,200	2,250	30.15
2,250	2,300	31.45
2,300	2,350	32.75
2,350	2,400	34.15
2,400	2,450	35.50

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2,450	2,500	36.80
2,500	2,550	38.15
2,550	2,600	39.55
2,600	2,650	40.85
2,650	2,700	42.25
2,700	2,750	43.55
2,750	2,800	44.95
2,800	2,850	46.25
2,850	2,900	47.65
2,900	2,950	48.90
2,950	3,000	50.35
3,000	3,050	51.70
3,050	3,100	53.00
3,100	3,150	54.35
3,150	3,200	55.70
3,200	3,250	57.05
3,250	3,300	58.40
3,300	3,350	59.85
3,350	3,400	61.50
3,400	3,450	63.30
3,450	3,500	65.10
3,500	3,550	66.90
3,550	3,600	68.70
3,600	3,650	70.50
3,650	3,700	72.30
3,700	3,750	74.10
3,750	3,800	75.90
3,800	3,850	77.70
3,850	3,900	79.50
3,900	3,950	81.30
3,950	4,000	83.10
4,000	4,050	84.90
4,050	4,100	86.70
4,100	4,150	88.50
4,150	4,200	90.30
4,200	4,250	92.10
4,250	4,300	93.90
4,300	4,350	95.70
4,350	4,400	97.50
4,400	4,450	99.35
4,450	4,500	101.40
4,500	4,550	103.65
4,550	4,600	105.80
4,600	4,650	108.15
4,650	4,700	110.40
4,700	4,750	112.65
4,750	4,800	114.85
4,800	4,850	117.10
4,850	4,900	119.35
4,900	4,950	121.60
4,950	5,000	123.85
5,000	5,050	126.10
5,050	5,100	128.35
5,100	5,150	130.60
5,150	5,200	132.85
5,200	5,250	135.10
5,250	5,300	137.35
5,300	5,350	139.60
5,350	5,400	141.85
5,400	5,450	144.10
5,450	5,500	146.35

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5,500	5,550	148.60
5,550	5,600	151.05
5,600	5,650	153.75
5,650	5,700	156.45
5,700	5,750	159.15
5,750	5,800	161.85
5,800	5,850	164.55
5,850	5,900	167.25
5,900	5,950	169.95
5,950	6,000	172.65
6,000	6,050	175.35
6,050	6,100	178.05
6,100	6,150	180.75
6,150	6,200	183.45
6,200	6,250	186.15
6,250	6,300	188.85
6,300	6,350	191.55
6,350	6,400	194.25
6,400	6,450	196.95
6,450	6,500	199.65
6,500	6,550	202.35
6,550	6,600	205.05
6,600	6,650	207.75
6,650	6,700	210.45
6,700	6,750	213.15
6,750	6,800	215.85
6,800	6,850	218.55
6,850	6,900	221.25
6,900	6,950	223.95
6,950	7,000	226.65
7,000	7,050	229.35
7,050	7,100	232.05
7,100	7,150	234.75
7,150	7,200	237.45
7,200	7,250	240.15
7,250	7,300	242.85
7,300	7,350	245.55
7,350	7,400	248.25
7,400	7,450	250.95
7,450	7,500	253.65
7,500	7,550	256.35
7,550	7,600	259.05
7,600	7,650	261.75
7,650	7,700	264.45
7,700	7,750	267.15
7,750	7,800	269.95
7,800	7,850	272.95
7,850	7,900	276.10
7,900	7,950	279.25
7,950	8,000	282.40
8,000	8,050	285.55
8,050	8,100	288.70
8,100	8,150	291.85
8,150	8,200	295.00
8,200	8,250	298.15
8,250	8,300	301.30
8,300	8,350	304.45
8,350	8,400	307.60
8,400	8,450	310.75
8,450	8,500	313.90
8,500	8,550	317.05

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At least	If adjusted gross income is— But less than	The tax shall be
8,550	8,600	320.20
8,600	8,650	323.35
8,650	8,700	326.50
8,700	8,750	329.65
8,750	8,800	332.80
8,800	8,850	335.95
8,850	8,900	339.10
8,900	8,950	342.25
8,950	9,000	345.40
9,000	9,050	348.55
9,050	9,100	351.70
9,100	9,150	354.85
9,150	9,200	358.00
9,200	9,250	361.15
9,250	9,300	364.30
9,300	9,350	367.45
9,350	9,400	370.60
9,400	9,450	373.75
9,450	9,500	376.90
9,500	9,550	380.05
9,550	9,600	383.20
9,600	9,650	386.35
9,650	9,700	389.50
9,700	9,750	392.65
9,750	9,800	395.80
9,800	9,850	398.95
9,850	9,900	402.10
9,900	9,950	405.25
9,950	10,000	408.40

NOTE: Laws 1953, Chapter 667, Section 1, amends subdivision 2, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 667, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**Subd. 3. Credits.** The taxes due under the foregoing computation shall be credited with the following amounts:

(1) In the case of an unmarried individual, and, except as provided in paragraph 7, in the case of the estate of a decedent, \$10, and in the case of a trust, \$5;

(2) In the case of a married individual, living with husband or wife, and in the case of a head of a household, \$30. If such husband and wife make separate returns the personal exemption may be taken by either or divided between them;

(3) In the case of an individual, \$10 for each person (other than husband or wife) dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer. One taxpayer only shall be allowed this credit with respect to any given dependent. In the case of the head of the household, a credit for one dependent shall be disallowed. A payment to a divorced or separated wife which is includible under this act in the gross income of such wife, shall not be considered a payment by the husband for the support of any dependent.

(4) (a) In the case of an unmarried individual who has attained the age of 65 before the close of his taxable year, an additional \$10;

(b) In the case of an unmarried individual who is blind at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$10;

(c) In the case of a married individual, living with husband or wife, an additional \$15 for each spouse who has attained the age of 65 before the close of the individual's taxable year, and an additional \$15 for each spouse who is blind at the close of the individual's taxable year. If such husband and wife make separate returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(d) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (4) of this subdivision, an individual is blind if his central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

(5) In the case of a corporation, an amount computed by applying to the tax a fraction equal to one-tenth of the average of the following ratios:

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(a) The ratio of the fair value of tangible property, real, personal and mixed, owned and used by the taxpayer in this state in connection with his trade or business during the taxable year to the total fair value of such property of the taxpayer owned and used by him in connection with the trade or business everywhere; cash on hand or in bank, shares of stocks, notes, bonds, accounts receivable or other evidence of indebtedness, special privileges, franchises, good-will or property the income of which is not taxable or is separately allocable, shall not be considered tangible property nor included in the apportionment:

(b) The ratio of the total wages and salaries paid or incurred during the taxable year in this state to the total wages and salaries paid or incurred during the taxable year everywhere;

(6) In the case of an insurance company, it shall receive a credit on the tax computed as above equal in amount to any taxes based on premiums paid by it during the period for which the tax under this act is imposed by virtue of any law of this state, other than the surcharge on premiums imposed by Extra Session Laws 1933, Chapter 53, as amended:

(7) If the status of a taxpayer, insofar as it affects the credits allowed under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall change during the taxable year, or if the taxpayer shall either become or cease to be a resident of the state during such taxable year, such credit shall be apportioned, in accordance with the number of months before and after such change. For the purpose of such apportionment, a fractional part of a month shall be disregarded unless more than one-half of a month, in which case it shall be considered as a month. In case of death during a taxable year a credit shall be allowed to the decedent, in proportion to the number of months before his death, and to his estate, in proportion to the number of months after his death, and in any event a minimum credit of \$5 shall be allowed to the decedent and his estate, respectively:

(8) In the case of a nonresident individual, credits under paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be apportioned in the proportion of the gross income from sources in Minnesota to the gross income from all sources, and in any event a minimum credit of \$5 shall be allowed.

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 676, amends subdivision 3, and the provisions of Chapter 676 are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

NOTE: Laws 1953, Chapter 667, Section 2, amends subdivision 3, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 667, Section 2, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**Subd. 4. Veteran bonus income tax.** The rate of taxation fixed by subdivision 1 as the rate to be applied in computing the privilege and income taxes imposed by this chapter upon corporations is increased five percent of such rate. This subdivision shall apply to all taxable years which begin after December 31, 1948, and prior to January 1, 1959. The increase in the rate of taxation of the privilege and income taxes imposed by this subdivision shall hereafter be known as the surtax upon corporations other than banks. The proceeds of the surtax imposed by this subdivision are pledged to the payment of the bonds authorized by Laws 1949, Chapter 642, and the surtax shall not be reduced below three-tenths of one percent before the expiration of this subdivision as hereinbefore provided. The proceeds of the surtax imposed by this subdivision shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the veteran compensation fund. There shall be paid from this veterans compensation fund all refunds of such surtaxes erroneously collected from taxpayers under this chapter as provided herein.

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 605, Section 1, amends subdivision 4, and the provisions of Chapter 605, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

**Subd. 5. Increase of rates.** The rates of taxation fixed by subdivision 2 as the several rates to be applied in computing the income taxes imposed by this chapter upon individuals, estates, and trusts, other than those taxable as corporations, are increased five percent of such respective rates; provided, however, that if the taxpayer elects to compute his tax according to the schedule of taxes contained in subdivision 2(b), that tax shall be increased by five percent. This subdivision shall apply to all taxable years which begin after December 31, 1948, and prior to January 1, 1959. The increase of the rates of taxation of the income taxes imposed by this chapter upon individuals, estates, and trusts, other than those taxable as corporations, and the increase of taxes of those taxpayers who elect to compute their taxes according to the schedule of taxes contained in subdivision 2(b), shall hereafter be known as the surtax upon individuals other than corporations. The proceeds of the surtax imposed by this subdivision are pledged to the payment of the bonds authorized by Laws 1949, Chapter 642, and the surtax shall not be re-

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duced below five percent of the respective rates as they are now fixed by subdivision 2 before the expiration of this subdivision as hereinbefore provided. The proceeds of the surtax imposed by this subdivision shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the veteran compensation fund. There shall be paid from this veteran compensation fund all refunds of such surtaxes erroneously collected from taxpayers under this chapter as provided herein.

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 605, Section 2, amends subdivision 5, and the provisions of Chapter 605, Section 2, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

[1933 c 405 s 6; Ex:1937 c 49 s 6; 1939 c 446 s 3; 1941 c 550 s 3; 1943 c 656 s 2; 1945 c 604 s 3; 1947 c 635 s 4; 1949 c 642 s 13; 1949 c 734 s 4, 5; 1951 c 605 s 1, 2; 1951 c 676 s 1; 1953 c 667 s 1, 2] (2394-6)

**290.061 VETERANS ADJUSTMENT, CORPORATION TAXES.** Subdivision 1. As an addition to the privilege and income taxes imposed by Laws 1949, Chapter 642, upon corporations to be computed as provided by Section 290.06, Subdivision 1, as amended, an annual tax of \$5.00 for each taxable year is hereby imposed upon all corporations which are required to make returns by section 290.37, as amended.

Subd. 2. In addition to all other taxes imposed by Laws 1949, Chapter 642, an annual tax of \$5.00 for each taxable year is hereby imposed upon the taxable net income for such year of all persons except corporations, who are required to make a return by section 290.37, as amended.

Subd. 3. As an addition to the excise tax measured by net income imposed on national state bank by this chapter as provided in section 290.361, as amended, an annual tax of \$5.00 for each taxable year is hereby imposed upon all national and state banks which are required to make returns by section 290.37, as amended.

Subd. 4. This section shall apply to all taxable years which begin after December 31, 1948, and prior to January 1, 1959. The proceeds of the taxes imposed by this section are pledged to the payment of the bonds authorized by Laws 1949, Chapter 642, and the taxes so imposed shall not be reduced below \$5.00 before the expiration of this section as hereinbefore provided. The proceeds of the taxes imposed by this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the veterans compensation fund. There shall be paid from this veterans compensation fund all refunds of such taxes erroneously collected from taxpayers under this chapter as provided herein.

[1949 c 642 s 14; 1951 c 605 s 3]

**290.07 COMPUTATION OF NET INCOME.** Subdivision 1. **Upon annual accounting period.** Net income and taxable net income shall be computed upon the basis of the taxpayer's annual accounting period; and, except as specifically provided to the contrary by this chapter, in accordance with the method of accounting regularly employed in keeping the taxpayer's books; but if no such accounting system has been regularly employed, or if that employed does not clearly or fairly reflect income or the income taxable under this chapter, the computation shall be made in accordance with such method as in the opinion of the commissioner does clearly and fairly reflect income and the income taxable under this chapter. If a taxpayer has no annual accounting period, or has one other than a fiscal year, as heretofore defined, the net income and taxable net income shall be computed on the basis of the calendar year. Taxpayers shall employ the same accounting period on which they report, or would be required to report, their net income under the federal income tax act, except that their right to change accounting periods is limited as hereinafter set forth.

Subd. 2. **Change of accounting period.** A taxpayer may change his accounting period only with the consent of the commissioner. In case of any such change, he shall pay a tax for the period not included in either his former or newly adopted taxable year, computed as provided in section 290.32.

Subd. 3. **Upon annual accounting period.** (1) The commissioner may, whenever in his opinion the fair distribution of income as between taxable years will be promoted thereby, permit, under such regulations as he may prescribe, taxpayers who regularly dispose of property on the instalment plan, or who make a casual disposition of property on terms under which the initial payment in cash or property other than the purchaser's evidences of indebtedness does not exceed 30 per cent of the purchase price, to return their income from such transactions over the taxable years during which they occurred.

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(2) If an instalment obligation is satisfied at other than its face value or distributed, transmitted, sold or otherwise disposed of, gain or loss shall result to the extent of the difference between the basis of the obligation, and (a) in the case of satisfaction at other than face value or a sale or exchange—the amount realized, or (b) in case of a distribution, transmission or disposition otherwise than by sale or exchange the fair market value of the obligation at the time of such distribution, transmission, or disposition. Any gain or loss so resulting shall be considered as resulting from the sale or exchange of the property in respect of which the instalment obligation was received. The basis of the obligation shall be the excess of the face value of the obligation over an amount equal to the income which would be returnable were the obligation satisfied in full. This subsection shall not apply to the transmission at death of instalment obligations if there is filed with the commissioner, at such time as he may by regulation prescribe, a bond in such amount and with such sureties as he may deem necessary, conditioned upon the return as income, by the person receiving any payment on such obligations, of the same proportion of such payment as would be returnable as income by the decedent if he had lived and had received such payment. If an instalment obligation is distributed by one corporation to another corporation in the course of a liquidation, and under Section 290.13, Subdivision 1 (6) no gain or loss with respect to the receipt of such obligation is recognized in the case of the recipient corporation, then no gain or loss with respect to the distribution of such obligation shall be recognized in the case of the distributing corporation.

**Subd. 4. What items included in gross income.** The amount of all items of gross income shall be included in the gross income for the taxable year in which received by the taxpayer, unless, under methods of accounting permitted under subdivision 1, such amounts are to be properly accounted for as of a different period. In case of the death of a taxpayer whose net income is computed upon the basis of the accrual method of accounting, amounts (except amounts includible in computing a partner's net income under Section 290.31) accrued only by reason of the death of the taxpayer, shall not be included in computing net income for the period in which falls the date of the taxpayer's death.

**Subd. 5. Deductions and credits, when taken.** The deductions and credits provided for in this chapter shall be taken for a taxable year in which "paid or accrued" or "paid and incurred," dependent upon the method of accounting upon the basis of which the net income is computed, unless in order to clearly reflect the income the deductions or credits should be taken as of a different period. In the case of the death of a taxpayer whose net income is computed upon the basis of the accrual method of accounting, amounts (except amounts includible in computing a partner's net income under section 290.31) accrued as deductions and credits only by reason of the death of the taxpayer shall not be allowed in computing net income for the period in which falls the date of the taxpayer's death.

[1933 c 405 s 9; 1939 c 446 s 4; 1945 c 604 s 4, 5; 1947 c 635 s 5] (2394-9)

**290.071 TREATMENT OF INCOME FROM UNITED STATES BONDS.** Subdivision 1. In the case of obligations of the United States issued at a discount and redeemable for fixed amounts increasing at stated intervals, a corporate taxpayer may at its election treat such increase as income for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1940, notwithstanding the fact that such taxpayer files its returns on the cash basis.

**Subd. 2. (1)** If at least 80 per cent of the total compensation for personal services covering a period of 36 months or more is received or accrued in one taxable year by an individual or a partnership, the tax attributable to any part thereof which is included in the gross income of any individual shall not be greater than the aggregate of the taxes attributable to such part had it been included in the gross income of such individual ratably over that part of the period preceding the date of receipt or accrual. This provision shall be applicable to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1940.

(2) If the amount of the back pay received or accrued by an individual during the taxable year exceeds 15 per cent of the gross income of the individual for such year, the part of the tax attributable to the inclusion of such back pay in gross income for the taxable year shall not be greater than the aggregate of the increases in the taxes which would have resulted from the inclusion of the respective por-

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tions of such back pay in gross income for the taxable years to which such portions are respectively attributable, as determined under the regulations prescribed by the commissioner.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), "back pay" means (A) remuneration, including wages, salaries, retirement pay, and other similar compensation, which is received or accrued during the taxable year by an employee for services performed prior to the taxable year for his employer and which would have been paid prior to the taxable year except for the intervention of one of the following events: (i) bankruptcy or receivership of the employer; (ii) dispute as to the liability of the employer to pay such remuneration, which is determined after the commencement of court proceedings; (iii) if the employer is the United States, a State, a Territory, or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, lack of funds appropriated to pay such remuneration; or (iv) any other event determined to be similar in nature under regulations prescribed by the commissioner; and (B) wages or salaries which are received or accrued during the taxable year by an employee for services performed prior to the taxable year for his employer and which constitute retroactive wage or salary increases ordered, recommended, or approved by any federal or state agency, and made retroactive to any period prior to the taxable year; and (C) payments which are received or accrued during the taxable year as the result of an alleged violation by an employer of any state or federal law relating to labor standards or practices, and which are determined under regulations prescribed by the commissioner to be attributable to a prior taxable year. Amounts not includible in gross income under this subdivision shall not constitute "back pay."

Subd. 3. Income attributable to the recovery during the year of a bad debt, on account of which a deduction or credit was allowed for a prior taxable year, shall be included in gross income only to the extent that the deduction or credit resulted in a reduction of the tax imposed by this chapter for such prior year.

Subd. 4. **Applicable.** The provisions of subdivision 2 apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1943.

[1943 c. 656 s. 3; 1945 c. 413 ss. 1, 2]

**290.072 CERTAIN ALIMONY PAYMENTS TO BE REPORTED FOR TAXATION.** Subdivision 1. Periodic payments to a wife who is divorced or separated from her husband by decree of divorce or separate maintenance, received subsequent to such decree in discharge of, or attributable to property transferred in trust or otherwise in discharge of, a legal obligation imposed on the husband by such decree or by written instrument incident to such divorce or separation, shall be included in the gross income of the wife if she is a resident of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 2. Amounts received by the wife who is a resident of the state of Minnesota from property transferred under the conditions set forth in subdivision 1 shall not be included in gross income of the husband.

Subd. 3. This section shall not apply to that part of any periodic payment which is fixed by the decree or written instrument as payable for the support of minor children of the husband. To the extent of the amount so fixed, the entire amount of such payment, if less than the total amount payable, shall be considered as payable for the support of minor children.

Subd. 4. Instalment payments of lump sum obligations fixed in the decree or written instrument shall not be considered periodic payments under this section, unless the total amount is to be paid within a period ending more than ten years from the date of the decree or instrument, and then only to the extent that instalment payments received during the taxable year do not exceed ten per cent of the total amount so fixed.

Subd. 5. For purposes of this section the terms "wife" and "husband" shall include "former wife" and "former husband," respectively.

[1943 c 656 s 4; 1949 c 734 s 5]

**290.073 COMMODITY CREDIT LOANS.** Amounts received as loans from the Commodity Credit Corporation shall, at the election of the taxpayer, be considered as income, and included in gross income for the taxable year in which received. If the taxpayer so elects, then the method of computing income so adopted shall

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be adhered to with respect to all subsequent taxable years unless with the approval of the commissioner a change to a different method is authorized. This section shall apply to 1942 and subsequent taxable years.

[1943 c. 656 s. 22]

**290.074** [Repealed, 1947 c 635 s 21]

**290.075 RENEGOTIATED WAR CONTRACTS ADJUSTED.** Any taxpayer who, supplies any goods, wares and merchandise or performs services, or both, under any contract, with the United States of America, or under any subcontract thereunder, or under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract with the United States of America, or any agency thereof and who is subject to renegotiations under the renegotiation laws of the United States of America, or is required to renegotiate with his subcontractor, shall be required to adjust his or its Minnesota income and franchise tax liability in accordance with the following rules:

A return shall be filed and the income and franchise tax computed, on the basis of the Minnesota taxable net income without giving effect to any renegotiations occurring after the close of the taxable year. If after the close of the taxable year there is a final determination under renegotiation, the difference between (1) the amount determined by the renegotiation to be (a) excess profits, (b) excess fees under a fixed fee contract with the United States, or any agency thereof, or (c) the amount of any item for which the taxpayer has been reimbursed but which is disallowed as an item of cost chargeable to a fixed fee contract, and (2) the amount of federal income and excess profits taxes applicable thereto, shall be allowed as a deduction from gross income in the taxable year in which said final determination is made, but only to the extent that such renegotiated profits, fees or amounts were included in the taxable net income in a prior year. If the taxable net income for the taxable year in which said final determination is made is less than said deduction, the taxpayer shall be entitled to a refund of the state income tax which it has paid on the difference between said deduction and said taxable income. This section shall apply to all taxable years ending after December 31, 1941, notwithstanding the expiration of the period of limitation provided by law; provided, that no refund shall be allowed unless a claim therefor is filed as provided by law within three and one half years after the return was filed or two years after the tax was paid or collected, whichever period is the longer. The certificate of the agency or instrumentality of the United States conducting such renegotiation proceedings shall be evidence of the amount of the renegotiated profit and of the date thereof.

[1943 c 656 s 26; 1945 c 604 s 6; 1951 c 578 s 1]

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 578, amends this section, and is applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1949.

**290.076 INCOME FROM SERVICES OF CHILD; WHERE INCLUDED.**

Amounts received in respect of the services of a child shall be included in his gross income and not in the gross income of the parent, even though such amounts are not received by the child. All expenditures by the parent or the child attributable to amounts which are includible in the gross income of the child and not of the parent solely by reason of this section shall be deemed to have been paid or incurred by the child. For the purposes of this section the term "parent" includes an individual who is entitled to the services of a child by reason of having parental rights and duties in respect to the child. Any tax assessed against the child to the extent attributable to amounts includible in the gross income of the child and not of the parent solely by reason of this section shall, if not paid by the child, for all purposes be considered as having also been properly assessed against the parent.

[1945 c. 604 s. 13]

**290.077 INCOME IN RESPECT OF DECEDENTS.** Subdivision 1. **Inclusion in gross income of income in respect of decedents.**

(1) **General Rule.** The amount of all items of gross income in respect of a decedent which are not properly includible in respect of the taxable period in which falls the date of his death or a prior period shall be included in the gross income, for the taxable year when received; of:

(A) the estate of the decedent, if the right to receive the amount is acquired by the decedent's estate from the decedent;

(B) the person who, by reason of the death of the decedent, acquires the right to receive the amount, if the right to receive the amount is not acquired by the decedent's estate from the decedent; or

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(C) the person who acquires from the decedent the right to receive the amount by bequest, devise or inheritance, if the amount is received after a distribution by the decedent's estate of such right.

(2) **Income in Case of Sale, Etc.** If a right, described in paragraph (1) of this subdivision, to receive an amount is transferred by the estate of the decedent or a person who receives such right by reason of the death of the decedent or by bequest, devise, or inheritance from the decedent, there shall be included in the gross income of the estate or such person, as the case may be, for the taxable period in which the transfer occurs, the fair market value of such right at the time of such transfer plus the amount by which any consideration for the transfer exceeds such fair market value. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "transfer" includes sale, exchange, or other disposition, but does not include a transfer to a person pursuant to the right of such person to receive such amount by reason of the death of the decedent or by bequest, devise, or inheritance from the decedent except as provided in subdivision 3 of this section.

(3) **Character of Income Determined by Reference to Decedent.** The right, described in paragraph (1) of this subdivision, to receive an amount shall be treated, in the hands of the estate of the decedent or any person who acquired such right by reason of the death of the decedent, or by bequest, devise, or inheritance from the decedent, as if it had been acquired by the estate or such person in the transaction by which the decedent acquired such right; and the amount includible in gross income under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subdivision shall be considered in the hands of the estate or such person to have the character which it would have had in the hands of the decedent if the decedent had lived and received such amount.

**Subd. 2. Allowance of deductions and credit.** The amount of any deductions specified in sections 290.09 (1), (2), (3) or (7) (relating to deductions for expenses, interest, taxes and depletion) in respect of a decedent which is not properly allowable to the decedent in respect of the taxable period in which falls the date of his death, or a prior period, shall be allowed:

(1) **Expenses, Interest and Taxes.** In the case of a deduction specified in sections 290.09 (1), (2) or (3), in the taxable year when paid

(A) to the estate of the decedent; except that

(B) if the estate of the decedent is not liable to discharge the obligation to which the deduction relates, to the person who, by reason of the death of the decedent or by bequest, devise or inheritance acquires, subject to such obligation, from the decedent an interest in property of the decedent.

(2) In the case of the deduction specified in section 290.09 (7) to the person described in subdivision 1 (1), (A) (B) or (C) of this section who, in the manner described therein, receives the income to which the deduction relates, in the taxable year when such income is received.

**Subd. 3. Treatment of non-residents.** (1) If a right described in subdivision 1 of this section to receive an amount is transferred to a non-resident by the executor or administrator of an estate, the fair market value of such right at the date of the transfer shall be included in the gross income of the estate for the year in which such transfer occurs and the value of such right shall not be allowed as a deduction in computing the taxable net income of the estate. The estate shall not include the value of such right in its gross income and the executor or administrator shall be relieved of any further liability with respect to such right if the non-resident; (A) includes the fair market value of such right (as of the date the right is received) in his gross income for the year such right is received and pays the tax thereon, or (B) elects to include the amount received in payment of such right in his gross income for the year in which such payment is received and pays the tax thereon in the same manner as a resident of this state and files a bond with the commissioner of taxation during the year such right is received, in such form and in such amount as the commissioner may deem necessary to assure payment of the tax. A bond required under (B) shall be deemed sufficient if in an amount equivalent to the tax which would be due if the method provided in (A) were followed.

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**290.078 RESTRICTED STOCK OPTIONS.** Subdivision 1. If a share of stock is transferred to an individual pursuant to his exercise after 1950 of a restricted stock option, and no disposition of such share is made by him within two years from the date of the granting of the option nor within six months after the transfer of such share to him.

(1) no income shall result at the time of the transfer of such share to the individual upon his exercise of the option with respect to such share;

(2) no deduction under section 290.09 shall be allowable at any time to the employer corporation of such individual or its parent or subsidiary corporation with respect to the share so transferred; and

(3) no amount other than the option price shall be considered as received by either of such corporations for the share so transferred.

This subdivision and subdivision 2 shall not apply unless (A) the individual, at the time he exercises the restricted stock option, is an employee of the corporation granting such option or of a parent or subsidiary corporation of such corporation, or (B) the option is exercised by him within three months after the date he ceases to be an employee of any of such corporation.

Subd. 2. If no disposition of a share of stock acquired by an individual upon his exercise after 1950 of a restricted stock option is made by him within two years from the date of the granting of the option nor within six months after the transfer of such share to him, but, at the time the restricted stock option was granted, the option price was less than 95 percent of the fair market value at such time of such share, then, in the event of any disposition of such share by him, or in the event of his death (whenever occurring) while owning such share, there shall be included as compensation (and not as gain upon the sale or exchange of a capital asset) in his gross income, for the taxable year in which falls the date of such disposition or for the taxable year closing with his death, whichever is applicable, an amount equal to the amount (if any) by which the option price is exceeded by the lesser of

(1) the fair market value of the share at the time of such disposition or death, or

(2) the fair market value of the share at the time the option was granted. In the case of the disposition of such share by the individual, the basis of the share in his hands at the time of such disposition shall be increased by an amount equal to the amount so includible in his gross income.

Subd. 3. If stock transferred to an individual upon his exercise of the option is exchanged by him for stock or securities in an exchange within the provisions of section 290.13, subdivision 1, clauses (2) or (3), or if a stock dividend, as described in section 290.14(8), is acquired upon a distribution with respect to such stock, the stock or securities acquired in such exchange and such stock dividend shall be considered as having been transferred to him upon his exercise of such option. A similar rule shall be applied in the case of a series of such exchanges or acquisitions.

Subd. 4. As used in this section

(1) The term "restricted stock option" means an option granted after February 26, 1945, to an individual, for any reason connected with his employment by a corporation, if granted by the employer corporation or its parent or subsidiary corporation, to purchase stock of any of such corporations, but only if

(A) At the time such option is granted the option price is at least 85 percent of the fair market value at such time of the stock subject to the option; and

(B) Such option by its terms is not transferable by such individual otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and is exercisable, during his lifetime, only by him; and

(C) Such individual, at the time the option is granted, does not own stock possessing more than 10 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the employer corporation or of its parent or subsidiary corporation. For the purposes of this subparagraph

(i) such individual shall be considered as owning the stock owned, directly or indirectly, by or for his brothers and sisters (whether by the whole or half blood), spouse, ancestors, and lineal descendants; and

(ii) stock owned, directly or indirectly, by or for a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust, shall be considered as being owned proportionately by or for its shareholders, partners, or beneficiaries.

(2) The term "parent corporation" means any corporation (other than the employer corporation) in an unbroken chain of corporations ending with the employer corporation if, at the time of granting of the option, each of the corporations other than the employer corporation owns stock possessing more than 50 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain.

(3) The term "subsidiary corporation" means any corporation (other than the employer corporation) in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the employer corporation if, at the time of the granting of the option, each of the corporations other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain owns stock possessing more than 50 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain.

(4) The term "disposition" includes a sale, exchange, gift, or any transfer of legal title, but does not include

- (A) a transfer from a decedent to his estate or a transfer by bequest or inheritance;
- (B) an exchange which is within the provisions of section 290.13, subdivision 1, clauses (2) or (3); or
- (C) a mere pledge or hypothecation.

Subd. 5. For the purposes of subdivision 4, if the terms of any option to purchase stock are modified, extended, or renewed, the following rules shall be applied with respect to transfers of stock made upon an exercise of the option after the making of such modification, extension, or renewal:

(1) Such modification, extension, or renewal shall be considered as the granting of a new option;

(2) The fair market value of such stock at the time of the granting of such option shall be considered as (A) the fair market value of such stock on the date of the original granting of the option, (B) the fair market value of such stock on the date of the making of such modification, extension, or renewal, or (C) the fair market value of such stock at the time of the making of any intervening modification, extension, or renewal, whichever is the highest.

Subd. 6. The provisions of this section are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

[1951 c 577 s 1, 2]

**290.08 EXEMPTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.** The following items shall not be included in gross income:

(1) The value of property acquired by gift, devise, bequest or inheritance, but the income from such property shall be included in gross income; the income received under a gift, devise, bequest or inheritance of a right to receive income shall also be included in gross income. Amounts paid, credited, or to be distributed at intervals, under the terms of the gift, devise or inheritance, shall be included in gross income of the recipient to the extent paid, credited, or to be distributed out of income;

(2) Amounts received under a life insurance contract payable by reason of the death of the insured, whether in a single sum or in instalments; but the interest accruing after December 31, 1932, and paid by the insurer on any such amount held by it after the death of the insured shall be included in gross income. This paragraph shall not apply with respect to so much of a payment under a life insurance, endowment, or annuity contract, or any interest therein, as is includible in gross income under section 290.072;

(3) Amounts received, other than those specified in clause (2), and other than amounts received as annuities, under a life insurance, or endowment contract; but, if such amounts when added to the amounts received under such contract before the taxable year (after deducting from the aggregate of amounts received such proportion as is represented by interest accrued prior to January 1, 1933) exceed the aggregate premiums or consideration paid, whether or not paid during the taxable year, then the excess shall be included in gross income. Amounts received as an annuity under an annuity or endowment contract shall be included in gross income; except that there shall be excluded from gross income the excess of the amount received in the taxable year over an amount equal to three percent of the aggregate premiums or consideration paid for such annuity, whether or not paid during the taxable year, until the aggregate amount excluded from gross

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income under the income tax laws of this state plus the amounts received prior to January 1, 1933 (after deducting such proportion of such aggregate amount and amounts received as is represented by interest accrued prior to January 1, 1933), in respect to such annuity equal the aggregate premiums or consideration paid for such annuity. The amount which a transferee for a valuable consideration of any such contract, or interest therein, shall be permitted to exclude from his gross income shall be the actual value of the consideration paid by him plus the amount of the premiums and other sums subsequently paid by him hereunder. This paragraph shall not apply with respect to so much of a payment under a life insurance, endowment, or annuity contract, or any interest therein, as is includible in gross income under section 290.072;

(4) Amounts received as compensation for personal injuries or sickness by the injured or sick taxpayer, whether received under accident or health insurance contracts, workmen's compensation acts, any plan maintained by employers for such purpose, or by way of damages received in any suit or by agreement; also amounts received as compensation for the death of any member of the taxpayer's family, whether received under insurance contracts, workmen's compensation acts, any plan maintained by employers for such purposes, or by way of damages received in a suit or by agreement; and amounts received under any arrangement entered into by the taxpayer to provide a fund specifically intended to defray the funeral expenses of himself or any member of his family. The words "compensation" and "damages," as used in this clause, shall include reimbursement for medical, hospital, and funeral expenses in connection with such sickness, injury, or death;

(5) Amounts, including interest, received by any person from the United States or from the State of Minnesota or any of its political or governmental subdivisions, either as a refund of contributions to, or by way of payment as a pension, public employee retirement benefit, unemployment compensation benefit, social security benefit or railroad retirement or unemployment compensation benefit, family allotment, or other similar allowance;

(6) Interest upon obligations of the State of Minnesota, any of its political or governmental subdivisions, any of its municipalities, or any of its governmental agencies or instrumentalities;

(7) Interest upon obligations of the United States, its possessions, its agencies, or its instrumentalities, so far as immune from state taxation under federal law; provided, that salaries, wages, fees, commissions or other compensation received from the United States, its possessions, its agencies, or its instrumentalities shall be excluded from gross income for all taxable years ending prior to January, 1939; provided, that salaries, wages, fees, commissions, or other compensation received from the United States, its possessions, its agencies, or its instrumentalities for taxable years ending prior to January 1, 1939, shall be excluded only to the extent that salaries, wages, commissions, fees and other compensation received from the State of Minnesota, its political or governmental subdivisions, its municipalities, or its governmental agencies or instrumentalities for that year are excluded from gross income under the federal revenue acts; provided, that salaries, wages, fees, commissions, or other compensation received from the United States, its possessions, its agencies, or its instrumentalities by federal employees residing in "federal areas" shall be excluded from gross income for all taxable years ending prior to January 1, 1941;

(8) The rental value of the premises occupied by the taxpayer as his home, or for his business, except where the occupancy by such taxpayer of such premises for such purposes constitutes in whole or in part the consideration received by him in connection with a transaction such that, had such consideration been received thereunder in cash or other property, the amount thereof would have been required, either in whole or in part, to be included in his gross income;

(9) The value of food and goods produced by the taxpayer and consumed or used by his immediate family;

(10) Amounts deducted from the wages or salaries of employees by employers under a voluntary or compulsory plan of unemployment insurance shall not be included in the gross income of such employees;

(11) The amounts distributed by cooperative buying, selling or producing associations, however organized, as patronage dividends shall not be included in the gross income of such associations;

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(12) Clauses (3), (4), (9), and (10) shall not apply to corporations and clauses (6) and (7) shall not apply to corporations taxable under section 290.02 or under section 290.361.

(13) Income, other than rent, derived by a lessor of real property upon the termination of a lease, representing the value of such property attributable to buildings erected or other improvements made by a lessee;

(14) The rental value of a dwelling house and of appurtenances thereof furnished to a minister of the gospel as part of his compensation;

(15) Amounts received during the taxable year as mustering-out payments with respect to service in the military or naval forces of the United States or the United Nations.

This amendment set forth in clause (15) shall apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1943.

[1933 c 405 s 12; Ex1937 c 49 s 7; 1939 c 446 s 5, 6; 1941 c 18 s 4; 1941 c 550 s 5, 6; 1943 c 656 s 5, 21; 1945 c 449; 1945 c 604 s 8; 1947 c 635 s 6; 1949 c 734 s 6; 1951 c 608 s 1] (2394-12)

**290.081 RECIPROCITY.** The compensation received for services performed within this state by an individual who resides and has his place of abode and place to which he customarily returns at least once a month in another state, shall be excluded from gross income to the extent such compensation is subject to an income tax imposed by the state of his residence; provided that such state allows a similar exclusion of compensation received by residents of Minnesota for services performed therein, or a credit against the tax imposed on the income of residents of this state substantially similar in effect.

This section shall apply to the taxable year 1942 and subsequent years.

[1941 c. 429; 1948 c. 656 s. 19]

NOTE: This section as originally enacted was applicable to the calendar year 1940 and subsequent taxable years.

**290.09 DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.** The following deductions from gross income shall be allowed in computing net income:

(1) Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred in conducting the activity or in carrying on the trade, profession, gainful occupation or business from which the gross income is derived, including a reasonable allowance for salaries and voluntary or compulsory contributions made by employers to maintain a voluntary or compulsory system of unemployment insurance or a system of old age pensions for their employees, and any welfare work for the benefit of such employee;

(2) The interest paid or accrued within the taxable year on indebtedness, except on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry obligations or securities the income from which is excludible from gross income under section 290.08, or on indebtedness incurred or continued in connection with the purchasing or carrying of an annuity;

(3) Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable year, except (a) income or franchise taxes imposed by this chapter; and (b) taxes assessed against local benefits of a kind deemed in law to increase the value of the property assessed; and (c) inheritance, gift and estate taxes. Income taxes permitted to be deducted hereunder shall, regardless of the methods of accounting employed, be deductible only in the taxable year in which paid. Taxes imposed upon a shareholder's interest in a corporation which are paid by the corporation without reimbursement from the shareholder shall be deductible only by such corporation;

(4) Losses sustained during the taxable year not compensated for by insurance or otherwise if incurred in connection with a business or transaction the gains from which, if any, would be includible in gross income; or if arising from fires not attributable to arson by the taxpayer or some one acting for him, or from storms, wrecks, other casualty, or theft. Losses from wagering transactions shall be allowed only to the extent of the gain from such transactions. No deductions shall be allowed under this clause for any loss sustained in any sale or other disposition of shares of stock or other securities if within 30 days before or after the date of such sale or other disposition the taxpayer has acquired (other than by bequest or inheritance) or entered into a contract or option to acquire substantially identical property and the property so acquired is held by the taxpayer for any period after such sale or disposition; but if such acquisition or the contract or option to acquire is to the extent of part only of substantially identical property, then only a proportionate part of such loss shall be disallowed. Deductible losses arising from

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fires, storms, wrecks, or other casualty shall be treated as sustained in the taxable year during which the property was injured or destroyed, and deductible losses arising from theft shall be treated as sustained in the taxable year in which the taxpayer discovers the theft. The amount of the deductible loss shall be computed on the same basis as is provided by section 290.12 for determining the gain or loss on the sale or other disposition of property;

(5) Debts which become worthless during the taxable year, provided, that the taxpayer may in the alternative deduct a reasonable addition to a reserve for bad debts; provided further, that the commissioner may allow a bad debt to be deducted or charged off in part. Corporations taxable under the provisions of section 290.361 which have heretofore in any taxable year taken such deductions by the reserve method in their income tax returns to the Federal Government may, on or before July 1, 1949, make application to the commissioner for permission to take such deductions for the same year upon the same method;

(6) A reasonable allowance for the exhaustion, wear and tear of property the periodical income from which is includible in gross income, and of property used in an occupation or business, including a reasonable allowance for obsolescence. In the case of property held by one person for life with remainder to another person the deduction shall be computed as if the life tenant were the absolute owner of the property and shall be allowed to the life tenant. In the case of property held in trust the allowable deduction shall be apportioned between the income beneficiary and the trustee in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the instrument creating the trust, or, in the absence of such provisions, on the basis of the trust income allocable to each. In the case of buildings or other structures or improvements constructed or made on leased premises by a lessee, and the fixtures and machinery therein installed, the lessee alone shall be entitled to the allowance of this deduction;

(7) In the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits, and timber, a reasonable allowance for depletion. In the case of leases the deduction shall be equitably apportioned between the lessor and lessee in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner. In the case of property held by one person for life with remainder to another person, the deduction shall be computed as if the life tenant were the absolute owner of the property and shall be allowed to the life tenant. In the case of property held in trust the allowable deduction shall be apportioned between the income beneficiaries and the trustee in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the instrument creating the trust, or, in the absence of such provisions, on the basis of the trust income allocable to each;

(8) The amount of the deduction under clauses (6) and (7) shall be computed on the basis specified in section 290.16;

(9) The deductions provided for herein shall be taken for the taxable year in which paid or accrued, dependent upon the method of accounting employed in computing net income, unless in order to clearly reflect income they should be taken as of a different year;

(10) No deductions shall be allowed unless the taxpayer, when thereunto requested by the commissioner, furnishes him with information sufficient to enable him to determine the validity and correctness thereof;

(11) Payments for expenses for hospital, nursing, medical, surgical, dental and other healing services, including institutional care and treatment for the mentally ill and physically handicapped, and for medical supplies and ambulance hire, incurred by the taxpayer on account of sickness, mental illness, physical handicap or personal injury to himself or his dependents and premiums paid for hospitalization insurance including non-profit hospital service and non-profit medical service plans. Payments for traveling expenses shall not be deductible under the provisions of this subdivision. Payments for hotel or similar lodging expenses shall be deductible in the same manner as payments for hospital services, if the taxpayer or his dependent is not hospitalized but is nevertheless required to remain in a medical center away from his usual place of abode, for the purpose of receiving prescribed medical treatment;

(12) An allowance for amortization of war facilities to the extent that such deduction is finally allowed under sections 124 or 124A of the internal revenue code provided no deduction has been claimed with respect thereto under clause (6) of this section or any other section, subdivision, or clause of this chapter;

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(13) In the case of a corporation, the amount of any income of the taxpayer attributable to the discharge, within the taxable year, of any indebtedness of the taxpayer, or for which the taxpayer is liable evidenced by a security (as hereinafter in this paragraph defined) if the taxpayer makes and files at the time of filing the return, in such manner as the commissioner by regulations prescribes, its consent to the regulations prescribed under section 290.12, subdivision 3, then in effect. In such cases the amount of any income of the taxpayer attributable to any unamortized premium (computed as of the first day of the taxable year in which such discharge occurred) with respect to such indebtedness shall not be included in gross income and amount of the deduction attributable to any unamortized discount (computed as of the first day of the taxable year in which such discharge occurred) with respect to such indebtedness shall not be allowed as a deduction. As used in this paragraph the term "security" means any bond, debenture, note, or certificate, or other evidence of indebtedness issued by any corporation.

(14) An allowance for all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1942, for amortization of bond premiums in accordance with the provisions of section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code adapted to the provisions of this chapter under regulations issued by the commissioner, but only to the extent that such deduction has not been allowed under any other section of this chapter.

(15) Periodic payments to a wife who is divorced or separated from her husband by order of court or by decree of divorce or separate maintenance, received subsequent to such decree in discharge of, or attributable to property transferred in trust or otherwise in discharge of, a legal obligation imposed on the husband by such decree or by written instrument incident to such divorce or separation, shall be deductible from gross income of the husband except to the extent they are excluded from his gross income as provided in section 290.072, subdivision 2. The term "periodic payments" as used in this clause shall not include that part of any amount which is fixed by order of court or by the decree or written instrument as payable for the support of minor children of the husband. To the extent of the amount so fixed, the entire amount of such payment, if less than the total amount payable, shall be considered as payable for the support of minor children. Instalment payments of lump sum obligations fixed in the decree or written instrument shall not be considered periodic payments under this clause, unless the total amount is to be paid within a period ending more than ten years from the date of the decree or instrument, and then only to the extent that installment payments paid during the taxable year do not exceed ten percent of the total amount so fixed.

(16) In lieu of all deductions provided for in this chapter other than those enumerated in section 290.18, subdivision 2, and in lieu of the credits enumerated in section 290.21, clause (2), an individual may claim or be allowed a standard deduction as follows:

(a) If his adjusted gross income is \$10,000 or more, the standard deduction shall be \$1,000.

(b) If his adjusted gross income is less than \$10,000, the standard deduction shall be an amount equal to ten percent thereof; in such case the standard deduction will be available only through the use of the schedule of taxes provided in section 290.06, subdivision 2.

In the case of a husband and wife living together, the standard deduction shall not be allowed to either if the net income of one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard deduction. For the purposes of this paragraph the determination of whether an individual is living with his spouse shall be made as of the last day of the taxable year unless the spouse dies during the taxable year in which case such determination shall be made as of the date of such spouse's death.

If a taxable year is less than 12 months because of a change in the accounting period or because of a change in domicile, the standard deduction shall not be allowed.

(17) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.10(2), all expenditures (other than expenditures for the purchase of land or depreciable property or for the acquisition of circulation through the purchase of any part of the business of another publisher of a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical) to establish, maintain, or increase the circulation of a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical; except that the deduction shall not be allowed with respect to the portion of such expenditures as, under regulations prescribed by the commissioner, is chargeable

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to capital account if the taxpayer elects, in accordance with such regulations, to treat such portion as so chargeable. Such election, if made, must be for the total amount of such portion of the expenditures which is so chargeable to capital account, and shall be binding for all subsequent taxable years unless, upon application by the taxpayer, the commissioner permits a revocation of such election subject to such conditions as he deems necessary.

(18) In the case of a tenant-stockholder as defined herein, amounts, not otherwise deductible, paid or accrued to a cooperative apartment corporation within the taxable year, if such amounts represent that proportion of (a) the real estate taxes (allowable as deductions under clause (3) of this section) paid or incurred by the corporation on the apartment building and the land on which it is situated, and (b) the interest (allowable as a deduction under clause (2) of this section) paid or incurred by the corporation on its indebtedness contracted in the acquisition, construction, alteration, rehabilitation, or maintenance of such apartment building or in the acquisition of the land on which the building is located, which the stock of the corporation owned by the tenant-stockholder is of the total outstanding stock of the corporation, including that held by the corporation.

As used in this clause the term "cooperative apartment corporation" means a corporation

(a) having one and only one class of stock outstanding,

(b) all of the stockholders of which are entitled, solely by reason of their ownership of stock in the corporation, to occupy for dwelling purposes apartments in a building owned or leased by such corporation, and who are not entitled, either conditionally or unconditionally, except upon a complete or partial liquidation of the corporation, to receive any distribution not out of earnings and profits of the corporation, and

(c) 80 percent or more of the gross income of which for the taxable year in which the taxes and interest described in this clause are paid or incurred is derived from tenant-stockholders.

The term "tenant-stockholder" means an individual who is a stockholder in a cooperative apartment corporation, and whose stock is fully paid-up in an amount not less than an amount shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner as bearing a reasonable relationship to the portion of the value of the corporation's equity in the building and the land on which it is situated which is attributable to the apartment which such individual is entitled to occupy.

[1933 c 405 s 13; Ex1937 c 49 s 8, 9; 1941 c 550 s 7; 1943 c 656 s 6, 7, 8, 24, 25; 1945 c 604 s 7; 1949 c 734 s 7; 1951 c 421 s 1; 1951 c 679 s 1; 1953 c 667 s 3] (2394-13)

NOTE: Laws 1953, Chapter 667, Section 3, amends this section, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 667, Section 3, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**290.095 NET OPERATING LOSS.** Subdivision 1. The term "net operating loss" as used in this section shall mean the excess of the deductions of the kind provided for in section 290.09, permitted to be taken in computing a taxpayer's taxable net income, as that term is defined in section 290.01, subdivision 19, over the gross income used in computing such taxable net income, with the exceptions, additions and limitations provided in subdivision 4 of this section.

Subd. 2. If for any taxable year after December 31, 1944, a taxpayer has a net operating loss, such net operating loss shall be a net operating loss carry-over for each of the two succeeding taxable years, except that the carry-over in the case of the second succeeding taxable year shall be the excess, if any, of the amount of such net operating loss over the net income for the intervening taxable year computed (a) with the exceptions, additions and limitations provided in subdivision 4 (b) through (h) of this section and (b) by determining the net operating loss deduction for such intervening taxable year without regard to such net operating loss.

Subd. 3. The amount of the net operating loss allowed as a deduction in computing net income shall be the aggregate of the net operating loss carry-overs to the taxable year reduced by the amount, if any, by which the net income (computed with the exceptions and limitations provided in subdivision (4) (b) through (h) of this section) exceeds the net income (computed without such deduction).

Subd. 4. The exceptions, additions and limitations referred to in subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of this section shall be as follows:

(a) Deductions otherwise allowable in computing taxable net income, but which are not attributable to the operation of a trade or business regularly carried on by the taxpayer, shall be allowed only to the extent of the amount of the gross

income, not derived from such trade or business, included in computing such taxpayer's taxable net income. For the purpose of this paragraph, deductions and gross income shall be computed with the exceptions, additions and limitations provided in paragraphs (a) (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) of this subdivision.

(b) There shall be included in computing the gross income used in computing taxable net income the amount of the interest, excludible from gross income under section 290.08, that would be treated as assignable to this state, decreased by the amount of interest paid or accrued to purchase or carry the investments earning such interest to the extent that such interest would not have been deductible in computing the taxpayer's taxable net income.

(c) In the case of a taxpayer conducting any trade or business whose taxable net income is determined by an allocation of net income under section 290.19, the net operating loss shall be computed for any such business in the same manner as if the entire gross income therefrom were assignable to this state, and the entire amount of such net operating loss (computed with the exceptions, additions and limitations provided in paragraphs (b), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of this subdivision) shall be carried over in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions 2 and 3 of this section as a deduction in computing net income. The net operating loss referred to herein shall be separately computed in regard to such separate business.

(d) No taxpayer shall be allowed a net operating loss deduction for or with respect to losses connected with income producing activities if the income therefrom would not be required to be either assignable to this state or included in computing the taxpayer's taxable net income.

(e) In computing the net operating loss for any taxable year, a net operating loss for a prior year shall not be allowed as a deduction.

(f) Gains and losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets shall be taken into account without regard to the provisions of section 290.16, subdivision 2. As so computed, the amount deductible on account of such losses shall not exceed the amount includible on account of such gains.

(g) Renegotiation of profits for a prior taxable year under the renegotiation laws of the United States of America, including renegotiation of the profits with a subcontractor, shall not enter into the computation of a net operating loss.

(h) Federal income and excess profits taxes shall not be allowed as a deduction in computing a net operating loss.

Subd. 5. Wherever, under the provisions of this chapter, any taxpayer is required or permitted to make a return for a period of less than 12 months, such period shall be deemed a taxable year in the application of the provisions of this section.

[1945 c. 604 s. 28]

**290.10 NON-DEDUCTIBLE ITEMS.** In computing the net income no deduction shall in any case be allowed for:

- (1) Personal, living or family expenses;
- (2) Amounts paid out for new buildings or for permanent improvements or betterments made to increase the value of any property or estate;
- (3) Amounts expended in restoring property or in making good the exhaustion thereof for which an allowance is or has been made;
- (4) Premiums paid on any life insurance policy covering the life of the taxpayer or of any other person;
- (5) The shrinkage in value, due to the lapse of time, of a life or terminable interest of any kind in property acquired by gift, devise, bequest or inheritance;
- (6) Losses from sales or exchanges of property, directly or indirectly, between members of a family, or, except in the case of distributions in liquidation, between an individual and a corporation in which such individual owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50 per cent in value of the outstanding stock; or between any person or corporation and a trust created by him or it or of which he or it is a beneficiary, directly or indirectly; for the purpose of this clause, an individual shall be considered as owning the stock owned, directly or indirectly, by his family; and the family of an individual shall include only his brothers and sisters (whether by the whole or half blood), spouse, ancestor, and lineal descendants, but such losses shall be allowed as deductions if the taxpayer shows to the satisfaction of the commission that the sale or exchange was bona fide and for a fair and adequate consideration;

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(7) In computing net income, no deduction shall be allowed under section 290.09, clause (1), relating to expenses incurred or under section 290.09, clause (2), relating to interest accrued;

(a) If such expenses or interest not paid within the taxable year or within two and one-half months after the close thereof; and

(b) If, by reason of the method of accounting of the person to whom the payment is to be made, the amount thereof is not, unless paid, includible in the gross income of such person for the taxable year in which or with which the taxable year of the taxpayer ends; and

(c) If, at the close of the taxable year of the taxpayer or at any time within two and one-half months thereafter, both the taxpayer and the person to whom the payment is to be made are persons between whom losses would be disallowed under clause (6);

(8) Contributions by employees under the federal railroad retirement act, the federal social security act, or to Minnesota or federal public employee retirement funds.

(9) Expenses, interest and taxes connected with or allocable against the production or receipt of all income not included in the measure of the tax imposed by this Act. When the federal income tax liability is joint and several under a joint federal return of husband and wife, the allowable federal income tax paid on the income included in the joint federal return may be taken as a deduction from gross income by the spouse who paid the federal income tax.

[1933 c 405 s 14; Ex1937 c 49 s 11; 1939 c 446 s 7; 1941 c 550 s 8; 1947 c 635 s 7; 1949 c 541 s 2] (2394-14)

**290.11 INVENTORIES SHALL BE TAKEN IN CERTAIN CASES.** When in the opinion of the commissioner the use of inventories is necessary in order clearly to determine the income of any taxpayer, inventories shall be taken by such taxpayer upon such basis as the commissioner may prescribe as conforming as nearly as may be to the best accounting practice in the trade or business involved and as most clearly reflecting the income.

[1933 c. 405 s. 15] (2394-15)

**290.12 GAIN AND LOSS ON SALES.** Subdivision 1. **Measurement.** The gain from the sale or other disposition of property shall be the excess of the amount realized therefrom over the basis provided in sections 290.14 and 290.15 and the loss shall be the excess of such basis over the amount realized, except that such basis shall, in the case of both gain and loss, be adjusted as provided in subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Adjustments.** In computing the amount of gain or loss under subdivision 1 proper adjustment shall be made for any expenditure, receipt, loss, or other item properly chargeable to capital account by the taxpayer during his ownership thereof, and for the gain or any part thereof realized from the sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of a residence where, by reason of the provisions of section 290.13, such gain or any part thereof is not recognized. The basis shall be diminished by the amount of the deductions for exhaustion, wear, tear, obsolescence, depletion, and the allowance for amortization of bond premium if an election to amortize was made in accordance with section 290.09(14), which could, during the period of his ownership thereof, have been deducted by the taxpayer under this chapter in respect of such property. In addition, if the property was acquired before January 1, 1933, the basis, if other than the fair market value as of such date, shall be diminished by the amount of exhaustion, wear, tear, obsolescence, or depletion actually sustained before such date. In the case of stock the basis shall be diminished by the amount of tax-free distributions of capital received by the taxpayer in respect of such stock at any time during his ownership thereof. For the purpose of determining the amount of these adjustments the taxpayer who sells or otherwise disposes of property acquired by gift shall be treated as the owner thereof from the time it was acquired by the last preceding owner who did not acquire it by gift, and the taxpayer who sells or otherwise disposes of property acquired by gift through an inter vivos transfer in trust shall be treated as the owner from the time it was acquired by the grantor. The adjustments in case of a sale or other disposition of property received in a transaction of the kind specified in section 290.13, clause (1), and in the case of a trans-

action referred to in section 290.14, clause (7), shall include those which the taxpayer should have been required to make were he selling or otherwise disposing of the property exchanged, or sold, in any such transaction.

NOTE: Subdivision 2 was amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 141, Section 1, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 141, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950, but only with respect to residences sold after such date.

**Subd. 3. Amount realized from sale of property.** The amount realized from the sale or other disposition of property shall be the sum of any money received, plus the fair market value of the property, other than money, received.

**Subd. 4. Exceptions.** The disposition of property by gift, devise, bequest, or inheritance, and the passing of property from a decedent to his estate, shall be treated as dispositions from which neither gain nor loss arises for the purposes of this chapter.

[1933 c 405 s 16; 1945 c 604 s 9; 1953 c 141 s 1] (2394-16)

### 290.13 TRANSACTION IN WHICH GAIN OR LOSS IS NOT RECOGNIZED.

**Subdivision 1. Exceptions.** No gain or loss from the following transactions shall be recognized at the time of their occurrence, except as otherwise specified in this section:

(1) If the property held for productive use in trade or business or for investment (not including stock in trade or other property held primarily for sale, nor stocks, bonds, notes, choses in action, certificates of trust or beneficial interest, or other securities or evidences of indebtedness or interest) is exchanged solely for property of a like kind to be held either for productive use in trade or business or for investment;

(2) If common stock in a corporation is exchanged solely for common stock in the same corporation, or if preferred stock in a corporation is exchanged solely for preferred stock in the same corporation;

(3) If stock or securities in a corporation a party to a reorganization are, in pursuance of the plan of reorganization, exchanged solely for stock or securities in such corporation or in another corporation a party to the reorganization;

(4) If a corporation a party to a reorganization exchanges property, in pursuance of the plan of reorganization, solely for stock or securities in another corporation a party to the reorganization;

(5) If property is transferred to a corporation by one or more persons solely in exchange for stock or securities in such corporation, and immediately after the exchange such person or persons are in control of the corporation; but, in the case of an exchange by two or more persons, this paragraph shall apply only if the amount of the stock and securities received by each is substantially in proportion to his interest in the property prior to the exchange;

(6) No gain or loss shall be recognized upon the receipt by a corporation of property distributed in complete liquidation of another corporation. For the purposes of this clause a distribution shall be considered to be in complete liquidation only if—

(a) The corporation receiving such property was, on the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation, and has continued to be at all times until the receipt of the property, the owner of stock in such other corporation possessing at least 80 per cent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and the owner of at least 80 per cent of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock, except non-voting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends, and was at no time on or after the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation and until the receipt of the property the owner of a greater percentage of any class of stock than the percentage of such class owned at the time of the receipt of the property; and

(b) No distribution under the liquidation was made before the first day of the first taxable year of the corporation beginning after December 31, 1935; and, either

(c) The distribution is by such other corporation in complete cancellation or redemption of all its stock, and the transfer of all the property occurs within the taxable year, in such case the adoption by the stockholders of the resolution under which is authorized the distribution of all the assets of such corporation in complete cancellation or redemption of all its stock, shall be considered an adoption of a plan of liquidation, even though no time for the completion of a transfer of the property is specified in such resolution; or

(d) Such distribution is one of the series of distributions by such other corporation in complete cancellation or redemption of all its stock in accordance with a plan of liquidation under which the transfer of all the property under the liquida-

tion is to be completed within three years from the close of the taxable year during which is made the first of the series of distributions under the plan, except that if such transfer is not completed within such period, or if the taxpayer does not continue qualified under clause (6) (a) until the completion of such transfer, no distribution under the plan shall be considered a distribution in complete liquidation.

If such transfer of all the property does not occur within the taxable year the commissioner may require of the taxpayer such bond, or waiver of the statute of limitations on assessment and collection, or both, as he may deem necessary to insure, if the transfer of the property is not completed within such three-year period, or if the taxpayer does not continue qualified under clause (6) (a) until the completion of such transfer, the assessment and collection of all income, war profits, and excess profits taxes then imposed by law for such taxable year or subsequent taxable years, to the extent attributable to property so received. A distribution otherwise constituting a distribution in complete liquidation within the meaning of this paragraph shall not be considered as not constituting such a distribution merely because it does not constitute a distribution or liquidation within the meaning of the corporate law under which the distribution is made; and for the purposes of this paragraph a transfer of property of such other corporation to the taxpayer shall not be considered as not constituting a distribution, or one of a series of distributions, in complete cancellation or redemption of all the stock of such other corporation, merely because the carrying out of the plan involves (1) the transfer under the plan to the taxpayer by such other corporation of property, not attributable to shares owned by the taxpayer, upon an exchange described in clause (4) of this subdivision, and (2) the complete cancellation or redemption under the plan, as a result of exchanges described in clause (3) of this subdivision, of the shares not owned by the taxpayer.

**Subd. 2. Certain gains recognized.** (a) If an exchange would be within the provisions of subdivision 1, clause (1), (2), (3), or (5) of this section, if it were not for the fact that the property received in exchange consists not only of property permitted by any such clause to be received without the recognition of gain, but also of other property or money, then the gain, if any, to the recipient shall be recognized, but in an amount not in excess of the sum of such money and the fair market value of such other property;

(b) If a distribution made in pursuance of a plan of reorganization is within the provisions of clause (a) of this subdivision but has the effect of the distribution of a taxable dividend, then there shall be taxed as a dividend to each distributee such an amount of the gain recognized under clause (a) as is not in excess of his ratable share of the undistributed earnings and profits of the corporation accumulated after December 31, 1932. The remainder, if any, of the gain recognized under clause (a) shall be taxed as a gain from the exchange of property.

**Subd. 3. Limitation on recognition.** If an exchange would be within the provisions of subdivision 1, clause (4), of this section, if it were not for the fact that the property received in exchange consists not only of stock or securities permitted by such paragraph to be received without the recognition of gain, but also of other property or money, then —

(1) If the corporation receiving such other property or money distributed it in pursuance of the plan of reorganization, no gain to the corporation shall be recognized from the exchange, but

(2) If the corporation receiving such other property or money does not distribute it in pursuance of the plan of reorganization, the gain, if any, to the corporation shall be recognized, but in an amount not in excess of the sum of such money and the fair market value of such other property so received, which is not so distributed.

**Subd. 4. Loss from exchange.** If an exchange would be within the provisions of subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (5), of this section, if it were not for the fact that the property received in exchange consists not only of property permitted by any such clause to be received without the recognition of gain or loss, but also of other property or money, then no loss from the exchange shall be recognized.

**Subd. 5. Loss from conversion of property.** If property, as a result of its destruction in whole or in part, theft or seizure, or an exercise of the power of requisition or condemnation, or the threat or imminence thereof, is compulsorily or involuntarily converted into property similar or related in service or use to the property so converted, or into money which is forthwith, in good faith, under regulations prescribed by the commissioner, expended in the acquisition of other

property similar or related in service or use to the property so converted, or in the acquisition of control of a corporation owning such other property, or in the establishment of a replacement fund, no gain shall be recognized, but loss shall be recognized. If any part of the money is not so expended, the gain, if any, shall be recognized, but in an amount not in excess of the money which is not so expended (regardless of whether such money is received in one or more taxable years and regardless of whether or not the money which is not so expended constitutes gain).

**Subd. 6. Reorganization and a party to a reorganization.** As used in this section and in section 290.14 —

- (1) The term "reorganization" means:
  - (a) A statutory merger or consolidation; or
  - (b) The acquisition by one corporation, in exchange solely for all or a part of its voting stock; of at least 80 per cent of the voting stock and at least 80 per cent of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of another corporation, or of substantially all the properties of another corporation; or
  - (c) A transfer by a corporation of all or a part of its assets to another corporation if immediately after the transfer the transferor or its stockholders, or both, are in control of the corporation to which the assets are transferred; or
  - (d) A recapitalization; or
  - (e) A mere change in identity, form, or place of organization, however effected.
- (2) The term "a party to a reorganization" includes a corporation resulting from a reorganization and includes both corporations in the case of a reorganization resulting from the acquisition by one corporation of stock or properties of another.

**Subd. 7. Control.** As used in this section, the term "control" means the ownership of stock possessing at least 80 per cent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and at least 80 per cent of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of the corporation.

**Subd. 8. What considered as money received by taxpayer upon exchange.** Where upon an exchange the taxpayer receives as part of the consideration property which would be permitted by subdivision 1, clause (4) or (5) of this section to be received without the recognition of gain if it were the sole consideration, and as part of the consideration another party to the exchange assumes a liability of the taxpayer or acquires from the taxpayer property subject to a liability, such assumption or acquisition shall not be considered as "other property or money" received by the taxpayer within the meaning of subdivision 2, 3, or 4 of this section and shall not prevent the exchange from being within the provisions of subdivision 1, clause (4) or (5); except that if, taking into consideration the nature of the liability and the circumstances in the light of which the arrangement for the assumption or acquisition was made, it appears that the principal purpose of the taxpayer with respect to the assumption or acquisition was a purpose to avoid income taxes imposed by this chapter on the exchange, or, if not such purpose, was not a bona fide business purpose, such assumption or acquisition (in the amount of the liability) shall, for the purposes of this section, be considered as money received by the taxpayer upon the exchange.

NOTE: Subdivision 8 applies to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

**Subd. 9. Old residence, new residence.** (1) If property (hereinafter in this subdivision referred to as "old residence") used by the taxpayer as his principal residence in this state is sold by him and, within a period beginning one year prior to the date of such sale and ending one year after such date, property (hereinafter in this subdivision referred to as "new residence") is purchased and used by the taxpayer as his principal residence in this state, the gain (if any) from such sale shall be recognized only to the extent that the taxpayer's selling price of the old residence exceeds the taxpayer's cost of purchasing the new residence.

(2) For the purposes of this subdivision:

(a) An exchange by the taxpayer of his residence for other property shall be considered a sale of such residence, and the acquisition of a residence upon the exchange of property shall be considered a purchase of such residence.

(b) If the taxpayer's residence (as a result of its destruction in whole or in part, theft, or seizure) is compulsorily or involuntarily converted into property or into money, such destruction, theft, or seizure shall be considered a sale of such residence; and if the residence is so converted into property which is used by the taxpayer as his residence, such conversion shall be considered a purchase of such property by the taxpayer.

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(c) In the case of an exchange or conversion of the kind referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) of this subdivision, in determining the extent to which the selling price of the old residence exceeds the taxpayer's cost of purchasing the new residence, the amount realized by the taxpayer upon such exchange or conversion shall be considered the selling price of the old residence.

(d) A residence any part of which was constructed or reconstructed by the taxpayer shall be considered as purchased by the taxpayer. In determining the taxpayer's cost of purchasing a residence, there shall be included only so much of his cost as is attributable to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and improvements made which are properly chargeable to capital account, during the period specified in paragraph (1) of this subdivision.

(e) If a residence is purchased by the taxpayer prior to the date of his sale of the old residence, the purchased residence shall not be treated as his new residence if sold or otherwise disposed of by him prior to the date of the sale of the old residence.

(f) If the taxpayer, during the period set forth in paragraph (1) of this subdivision, purchases more than one residence which is used by him as his principal residence at some time within one year after the date of the sale of the old residence, only the last of such residences so used by him after the date of such sale shall constitute the new residence. If within the one year referred to in the preceding sentence property used by the taxpayer as his principal residence is destroyed, stolen, seized, requisitioned or condemned, or is sold or exchanged under threat or imminence thereof, then for the purposes of the preceding sentence such one year shall be considered as ending with the date of such destruction, theft, seizure, requisition, condemnation, sale or exchange.

(g) In the case of a new residence the construction of which was commenced by the taxpayer prior to the expiration of one year after the date of the sale of the old residence, the one year period specified in paragraph (1) of this subdivision, and the one year period referred to in subparagraph (f) of paragraph (2) of this subdivision, shall be increased to a period of 18 months from and after the date of the sale of the old residence.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subdivision shall not be applicable with respect to the sale of the taxpayer's residence if within one year prior to the date of such sale the taxpayer sold at a gain other property used by him as his principal residence, and any part of such gain was not recognized by reason of the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subdivision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the destruction, theft, seizure, requisition, or condemnation of property or the sale or exchange of property under threat or imminence thereof, shall not be considered a sale of such property.

(4) Where the purchase of a new residence results, under paragraph (1) of this subdivision, in the nonrecognition of gain upon the sale of an old residence, in determining the adjusted basis of the new residence as of any time following the sale of the old residence, the adjustments to basis shall include a reduction by an amount equal to the amount of the gain not so recognized upon the sale of the old residence. For this purpose, the amount of the gain not so recognized upon the sale of the old residence includes only so much of such gain as is not recognized by reason of the cost, up to such time, of purchasing the new residence.

(5) For the purposes of this subdivision, section 290.12, subdivision 2 and section 290.16, subdivision 8, references to property used by the taxpayer as his principal residence, and references to the residence of a taxpayer, shall include stock held by a tenant-stockholder (as defined in section 290.09(18)) in a cooperative apartment corporation (as defined in section 290.09(18)) if

(a) in the case of stock sold, the apartment which the taxpayer was entitled to occupy as such stockholder was used by him as his principal residence;

(b) in the case of stock purchased, the taxpayer used as his principal residence the apartment which he was entitled to occupy as such stockholder.

(6) If the taxpayer and his spouse, in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner, consent to the application of subparagraph (b) of this paragraph of this subdivision, then

(a) for the purposes of this subdivision, the words "the taxpayer's selling price of the old residence" as used in paragraph (1) of this subdivision shall mean the selling price (of the taxpayer, or of the taxpayer and his spouse) of the old resi-

dence, and the words "the taxpayer's cost of purchasing the new residence" as used in paragraph (1) of this subdivision shall mean the cost (to the taxpayer, his spouse, or both) of purchasing the new residence (whether held by the taxpayer, his spouse, or the taxpayer and his spouse); and

(b) so much of the gain upon the sale of the old residence as is not recognized solely by reason of this paragraph, and so much of the adjustment under paragraph (4) of this subdivision to the basis of the new residence as results solely from this paragraph, shall be allocated between the taxpayer and his spouse in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner.

This paragraph shall apply only if the old residence and the new residence are each used by the taxpayer and his spouse as their principal residence. In case the taxpayer and his spouse do not consent to the application of sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, then the recognition of gain upon the sale of the old residence shall be determined under this subdivision without regard to the rules provided in this paragraph.

(7) If the taxpayer during a taxable year sells at a gain property used by him as his principal residence, then

(a) the statutory period for the assessment of any deficiency attributable to any part of such gain shall not expire prior to the expiration of three and one half years from the date the commissioner is notified by the taxpayer (in such manner as the commissioner may by regulations prescribe) of

(1) the taxpayer's cost of purchasing the new residence which the taxpayer claims results in nonrecognition of any part of such gain.

(2) the taxpayer's intention not to purchase a new residence within the period specified in paragraph (1) of this subdivision, or

(3) a failure to make such purchase within such period; and

(b) such deficiency may be assessed prior to the expiration of such three and one half year period notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or rule of law which would otherwise prevent such assessment.

(8) The running of any period of time specified in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subdivision (other than the one-year period referred to in paragraph (2) (f) shall be suspended during any time that the taxpayer (or his spouse if the old residence and the new residence are each used by the taxpayer and his spouse as their principal residence) serves on extended active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States after the date of the sale of the old residence, except that any such period as so suspended shall not extend beyond the date four years after the date of the sale of the old residence. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "extended active duty" means any period of active duty pursuant to a call or order to such duty for a period in excess of 90 days or for an indefinite period.

NOTE: Subdivision 9 was added by Laws 1953, Chapter 141, Section 2, and its provisions are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950, but only with respect to residences sold after such date.

[1933 c 405 s 17; Ex1937 c 49 s 12; 1945 c 596 s 3; 1951 c 267 s 1; 1953 c 141 s 2] (2394-17)

**290.14 BASIS FOR DETERMINING GAIN OR LOSS.** The basis for determining the gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of property acquired on or after January 1, 1933, shall be the cost to the taxpayer of such property, with the following exceptions:

(1) If the property should have been included in the last inventory, it shall be the last inventory value thereof;

(2) If the property was acquired by gift, it shall be the same as it would be if it were being sold or otherwise disposed of by the last preceding owner not acquiring it by gift; if the facts required for this determination cannot be ascertained, it shall be the fair market value as of the date, or approximate date, of acquisition by such last preceding owner, as nearly as the requisite facts can be ascertained by the commissioner;

(3) If the property was acquired by gift through an inter vivos transfer in trust, it shall be the same as it would be if it were being sold or otherwise disposed of by the grantor;

(4) If the property was acquired by devise, bequest or inheritance, or by the estate of a decedent from such decedent, it shall be the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death, and, for the purpose of this clause, an inter vivos transfer in trust made by the decedent in which he reserved the income, or the

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control thereof, to himself for his life and a power of revoking the trust, shall be treated as a disposition by will at his death of the property transferred on such trust terms;

(5) If the property was acquired after December 31, 1932, upon an exchange described in section 290.13, subdivisions 1 to 4, the basis, except as provided in clause (6) of this section, shall be the same as in the case of the property exchanged, decreased in the amount of any money received by the taxpayer and increased in the amount of gain or decreased in the amount of loss to the taxpayer that was recognized upon such exchange under the law applicable to the year in which the exchange was made. If the property so acquired consisted in part of the type of property permitted by section 290.13, subdivision 1, to be received without the recognition of gain or loss, and in part of other property, the basis provided in this clause shall be allocated between the properties, other than money, received, and for the purpose of the allocation there shall be assigned to such other property an amount equivalent to its fair market value at the date of the exchange. This clause shall not apply to property acquired by a corporation by the issuance of its stock or securities as the consideration, in whole or in part, for the transfer of the property to it;

(6) If the property was received by a corporation upon a distribution in complete liquidation of another corporation within the meaning of section 290.13, subdivision 1, clause (6), then the basis shall be the same as it would be in the hands of the transferor;

(7) If substantially identical property was acquired in the place of stocks or securities which were sold or disposed of and in respect of which loss was not allowed as a deduction under section 290.09, clause (4), the basis in the case of property so acquired shall be the same as in the case of the stock or securities so sold or disposed of, increased by the excess of the repurchase price of such property over the sale price of such stock or securities, or decreased by the excess of the sale price of such stock or securities over the repurchase price of such property;

(8) If a taxpayer has received a stock dividend in respect to any stock, the amount that would be the loss or gain basis in disposing of the stock in respect of which such stock dividend was received shall be ratably apportioned over such stock and the stock received as a dividend, and the basis thus arrived at for the original and the dividend stock shall be the basis, respectively, when the original stock or dividend stock is sold or otherwise disposed of;

(9) If the property was acquired after December 31, 1932, by a corporation in connection with a reorganization, then the basis shall be the same as it would be in the hands of the transferor, increased in the amount of gain or decreased in the amount of loss recognized to the transferor upon such transfer under the law applicable to the year in which the transfer was made. This clause shall not apply if the property acquired consists of stock or securities in a corporation a party to the reorganization, unless acquired by the issuance of stock or securities of the transferee as the consideration, in whole or in part, for the transfer;

(10) If the property was acquired after December 31, 1932, by a corporation—

(a) By the issuance of its stock or securities in connection with a transaction described in section 290.13, subdivision 1, clause (5), including also cases where part of the consideration for the transfer of such property to the corporation was property or money, in addition to such stock or securities; or

(b) As paid-in surplus or as a contribution to capital, then the basis shall be the same as it would be in the hands of the transferor, increased in the amount of gain or decreased in the amount of loss recognized to the transferor upon such transfer under the law applicable to the year in which the transfer was made;

(11) If the property was acquired after December 31, 1932, as the result of a compulsory or involuntary conversion described in section 290.13, subdivision 5, the basis shall be the same as in the case of the property so converted, decreased in the amount of any money received by the taxpayer which was not expended in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to the year in which such conversion was made, determining the taxable status of the gain or loss upon such conversion, and increased in the amount of gain or decreased in the amount of loss to the taxpayer recognized upon such conversion under the law applicable to the year in which such conversion was made.

(12) Neither the basis nor the adjusted basis of any portion of real property shall, in the case of a lessor of such property, be increased or diminished on account of income derived by the lessor in respect of such property and excludible from gross income under section 290.08, clause (13).

If an amount representing any part of the value of real property attributable to buildings erected or other improvements made by a lessee in respect of such property was included in gross income of the lessor for any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1943, the basis of each portion of such property shall be properly adjusted for the amount so included in gross income.

This clause shall apply in computing taxes to all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1942.

[1933 c. 405 s. 18; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 13; 1943 c. 656 s. 21] (2394-18)

**290.15 BASIS FOR DETERMINING GAIN OR LOSS FROM DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1933.** The basis for determining the gain from the sale or other disposition of property acquired before January 1, 1933, shall be the fair market value thereof on said date except that, if its cost to the taxpayer, adjusted as provided in Section 290.12, subdivision 2, for the period prior to January 1, 1933, (or, in the case of inventory property, its last inventory value) exceeds such value, the basis shall be such adjusted cost (or last inventory value). The basis for determining loss from the sale or other disposition of property acquired before January 1, 1933, shall be the cost to the taxpayer adjusted as provided in Section 290.12, subdivision 2, for the period prior to January 1, 1933. The basis prescribed by Section 290.14 for determining gain or loss with respect to property acquired by gift, by gift through an inter vivos transfer in trust, by devise, bequest, or inheritance, or by the estate of a decedent from such decedent, shall be deemed the cost of such property to the taxpayer for the purpose of this section.

[1933 c. 405 s. 19; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 14; 1941 c. 550 s. 9; 1943 c. 656 s. 9] (2394-19)

**290.16 ADJUSTMENT OF BASIS; LIMITATION OF CAPITAL LOSSES.** Subdivision 1. The basis upon which exhaustion, wear, tear, obsolescence, or depletion is to be allowed in respect to any property shall be the same as provided in sections 290.14 and 290.15 for the purpose of determining the loss or gain on the sale or other disposition thereof.

Subd. 2. Gains and losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets shall be taken into account in computing net income only to the extent provided in subdivisions 3 through 9 of this section.

Subd. 3. As used in this section

(1) The term "capital assets" shall mean property held by the taxpayer (whether or not connected with his trade or business), but does not include stock in trade of the taxpayer or other property of a kind which would properly be included in the inventory of the taxpayer if on hand at the close of the taxable year, or property held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business, or property, used in the trade or business, of a character which is subject to the allowance for depreciation provided in section 290.09, clause (6), or amortization allowance provided in section 290.09, clause (12), or real property used in the trade or business of the taxpayer;

(2) The term "short-term capital gain" means gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held for not more than six months, if and to the extent such gain is taken into account in computing net income;

(3) The term "short-term capital loss" means loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held for not more than six months, if and to the extent such loss is taken into account in computing net income;

(4) The term "long-term capital gain" means gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held for more than six months, if and to the extent such gain is taken into account in computing net income;

(5) The term "long-term capital loss" means loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held for more than six months, if and to the extent such loss is taken into account in computing net income;

(6) The term "net short-term capital gain" means the excess of short-term capital gains for the taxable year over the short-term capital losses for such year;

(7) The term "net short-term capital loss" means the excess of short-term capital losses for the taxable year over the short-term capital gains for such year;

(8) The term "net long-term capital gain" means the excess of long-term capital gains for the taxable year over the long-term capital losses for such year;

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(9) The term "net long-term capital loss" means the excess of long-term capital losses for the taxable year over the long-term capital gains for such year.

(10) The term "net capital gain" means the excess of (i) the sum of the gains from the sales or exchanges of capital assets, plus net income of the taxpayer or \$2,000, whichever is smaller, over (ii) the losses from such sales or exchanges. For this purpose, net income shall be computed without regard to gains or losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets.

(11) The term "net capital loss" means the excess of the losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets over the sum allowed under subdivision 5. For the purpose of determining losses under this paragraph, amounts which are short-term capital losses under subdivision 6 shall be excluded.

Subd. 4. Only the following percentages of the gain or loss recognized upon the sale or exchange of a capital asset shall be taken into account in computing net capital gain, net capital loss, and net income;

100 per cent if the capital asset has been held for not more than six months;

50 per cent if the capital asset has been held for more than six months.

Subd. 5. Losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets shall be allowed only to the extent of the gains from such sales or exchanges, plus the net income of the taxpayer or \$2,000, whichever is smaller. For purposes of this paragraph, net income shall be computed without regard to gains or losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets.

Subd. 6. If for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1944, the taxpayer has a net capital loss, the amount thereof shall be a short-term capital loss in each of the two succeeding taxable years to the extent that such amount exceeds the total of any net capital gains of any taxable years intervening between the taxable year in which the net capital loss arose and such succeeding taxable year. For purposes of this paragraph a net capital gain shall be computed without regard to such net capital loss or to any net capital losses arising in any such intervening taxable years.

Subd. 7. For the purposes of this section, amounts received by the holder upon the retirement of bonds, debentures, notes or certificates or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any corporation (including those issued by a government or political subdivision thereof) with interest coupons or in registered form, shall be considered as amounts received in exchange therefor.

Subd. 8. For the purpose of this section

(1) In determining the period for which the taxpayer has held property received on an exchange there shall be included the period for which he held the property exchanged, if under the provisions of sections 290.12 through 290.15, the property received has, for the purpose of determining gain or loss from a sale or exchange, the same basis in whole or in part in his hands as the property exchanged. For the purposes of this paragraph, an involuntary conversion described in section 290.13, subdivision 5, shall be considered an exchange of the property converted for the property acquired.

(2) In determining the period for which the taxpayer has held property however acquired there shall be included the period for which such property was held by any other person, if under the provisions of sections 290.12 through 15, such property has, for the purpose of determining gain or loss from a sale or exchange, the same basis in whole or in part in his hands as it would have in the hands of such other person.

(3) In determining the period for which the taxpayer has held stock or securities received upon a distribution where no gain was recognized to the distributee under the provisions of section 290.13, subdivision 6, there shall be included the period for which he held the stock or securities in the distribution corporation prior to the receipt of the stock or securities upon such distribution.

(4) In determining the period for which the taxpayer has held stock or securities the acquisition of which (or the contract or option to acquire which) resulted in the nondeductibility (under section 290.09(4) third sentence relating to wash sales) of the loss from the sale or other disposition of substantially identical stock or securities, there shall be included the period for which he held the stock or securities the loss from the sale or other disposition of which was not deductible.

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(5) In determining the period for which the taxpayer has held stock or securities acquired from a corporation by the exercise of rights to acquire such stock or securities, there shall be included only the period beginning with the date upon which the right to acquire was exercised.

(6) In determining the period for which the taxpayer has held a residence, the acquisition of which resulted, under section 290.13, in the nonrecognition of the gain or any part thereof realized from the sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of another residence, there shall be included the period for which such other residence was held as of the date of such sale, exchange or involuntary conversion.

NOTE: Subdivision 8 was amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 141, Section 3, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 141, Section 3, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

Subd. 9. (1) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "property used in the trade or business" means property used in the trade or business of a character which is subject to the allowance for depreciation provided in section 290.09 (6), held for more than six months, and real property used in the trade or business, held for more than six months, which is not (A) property of a kind which would properly be includable in the inventory of the taxpayer if on hand at the close of the taxable year, or (B) property held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business.

For the purposes of this subdivision, livestock used for draft, dairy, or breeding purposes and held for more than six months, shall not be considered to be held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business, irrespective of whether such livestock was raised or otherwise acquired; and livestock which had been used for draft, dairy, or breeding purposes and held for more than six months, shall be considered to be held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business, irrespective of whether such livestock was raised or otherwise acquired if such livestock is not sold within two months after its use for draft, dairy or breeding purposes has been discontinued.

(2) If, during the taxable year, the recognized gains upon sale or exchanges of property used in the trade or business, plus the recognized gains from the compulsory or involuntary conversion (as a result of destruction in whole or in part, theft or seizure, or an exercise of the power of requisition or condemnation or the threat or imminence thereof) of property used in the trade or business and capital assets held for more than six months into other property or money, exceed the recognized losses from such sales, exchanges, and conversions, such gains and losses shall be considered as gains and losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets held for more than six months. If such gains do not exceed such losses, such gains and losses shall not be considered as gains and losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets. For the purposes of this paragraph:

(A) In determining under this paragraph whether gains exceed losses, the gains and losses described therein shall be included only if and to the extent taken into account in computing net income, except that subdivisions 4 and 5 shall not apply.

(B) Losses upon the destruction, in whole or in part, theft or seizure, or requisition or condemnation of property used in the trade or business or capital assets held for more than six months shall be considered losses from a compulsory or involuntary conversion.

Gain from the sale or exchange of property, to the extent that the adjusted basis of such property is less than its adjusted basis without regard to the provisions of section 290.09 (12) (relating to amortization deduction), shall be considered as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in this subdivision.

Subd. 10. Property of a building and loan or savings and loan association acquired in liquidation of a real estate mortgage shall be deemed to be property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's trade or business.

Subd. 11. Laws 1949, Chapter 332, shall apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1944.

Subd. 12. (a) For the purposes of this section gains or losses from short sales of property shall be considered as gains or losses from sales or exchanges of capital

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assets, and gains or losses attributable to the failure to exercise privileges or options to buy or sell property shall be considered as short-term capital gains or losses.

(b) If on the date of a short sale substantially identical property has been held by the taxpayer for not more than six months, or if substantially identical property is acquired by the taxpayer after such short sale and on or before the date of the closing thereof, any gain upon the closing of such short sale shall be considered as a short-term capital gain (notwithstanding the period of time any property used to close such short sale has been held). In such case the holding period of the substantially identical property held by the taxpayer on the date of the short sale shall be considered to begin (notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 of subdivision 8 of this section) on the date of the closing of the short sale or on the date of a sale, gift or other disposition of such property, whichever date occurs first, but shall apply only to so much of such property as does not exceed the quantity sold short in the order of the dates of the acquisition of such property. For the purposes of this paragraph, the acquisition of an option to sell property at a fixed price shall be considered a short sale, and the exercise of or failure to exercise such option shall be considered as a closing of such short sale.

(c) If on the date of a short sale substantially identical property has been held by the taxpayer for more than six months, any loss upon the closing of such short sale shall be considered as a long-term capital loss (notwithstanding the period of time any property used to close such short sale has been held, and notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision).

(d) For the purposes of this subdivision

(1) the term "property" includes only stocks and securities (including stocks and securities dealt with on a "when issued" basis), and commodity futures, which are capital assets in the hands of the taxpayer.

(2) in the case of futures transactions in any commodity on or subject to the rules of a board of trade or commodity exchange, a commodity future requiring delivery in one calendar month shall not be considered as property substantially identical to another commodity future requiring delivery in a different calendar month; and

(3) in the case of a short sale of property by an individual, the term "taxpayer" shall be read as "taxpayer or his spouse," but an individual who is legally separated from the taxpayer under a decree of divorce or of separate maintenance shall not be considered as the spouse of the taxpayer.

(e) Where the taxpayer enters into two commodity futures transactions on the same day, one requiring delivery by him in one market and the other requiring delivery to him of the same (or substantially identical) commodity in the same calendar month in a different market, and the taxpayer subsequently closes both such transactions on the same day, this subdivision shall have no application to so much of the commodity involved in either such transaction as does not exceed in quantity the commodity involved in the other.

(f) Neither the provisions of paragraphs (b) or (c) shall apply to the gain or loss, respectively, on any quantity of property used to close a short sale which is in excess of the quantity of the substantially identical property referred to in the applicable paragraph.

NOTE: Subdivision 12 was added by Laws 1953, Chapter 653, Section 1, and the provisions of this subdivision are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

[1933 c 405 s 20; Ex1937 c 49 s 15; 1941 c 550 s 10; 1943 c 656 s 10; 1945 c 596 s 1; 1947 c 635 s 8; 1949 c 332 s 1, 2; 1951 c 679 s 2; 1953 c 141 s 3; 1953 c 653 s 1] (2394-20)

**290.17 GROSS INCOME TO BE ALLOCATED.** Items of gross income shall be assigned to this state or other states or countries in accordance with the following principles:

(1) The entire income of all resident or domestic taxpayers from compensation for labor or personal services, or from a business consisting principally of the performance of personal or professional services, shall be assigned to this state, and the income of non-resident taxpayers from such sources shall be assigned to this state if, and to the extent that, the labor or services are performed within it; all other income from such sources shall be treated as income from sources without this state;

(2) Income from the operation of a farm shall be assigned to this state if the farm is located within this state and to other states only if the farm is not located

in this state. Income and gains received from tangible property not employed in the business of the recipient of such income or gains, and from tangible property employed in the business of such recipient if such business consists principally of the holding of such property and the collection of the income and gains therefrom, shall be assigned to this state if such property has a situs within it, and to other states only if it has no situs in this state. Income or gains from intangible personal property not employed in the business of the recipient of such income or gains, and from intangible personal property employed in the business of such recipient if such business consists principally of the holding of such property and the collection of the income and gains therefrom, wherever held and whether in trust or otherwise, shall be assigned to this state if the recipient thereof is domiciled within this state; provided that income or gains from such property held in trust shall be assigned to this state if the recipient of such income is domiciled within this state and such income or gains would be taxable to such recipient under section 290.22, or if the grantor of such trust is domiciled within this state and such income or gains would be taxable to such grantor under section 290.29;

(3) Income derived from carrying on a trade or business, including in the case of a business owned by natural persons the income imputable to the owner for his services and the use of his property therein, shall be assigned to this state if the trade or business is conducted wholly within this state, and to other states if conducted wholly without this state. This provision shall not apply to business income subject to the provisions of clause (1);

(4) When a trade or business is carried on partly within and partly without this state, the entire income derived from such trade or business, including income from intangible property employed in such business and including, in the case of a business owned by natural persons, the income imputable to the owner for his services and the use of his property therein, shall be governed, except as otherwise provided in sections 290.35 and 290.36, by the provisions of section 290.19, notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary. This shall not apply to business income subject to the provisions of clause (1).

(5) All other items of gross income shall be assigned to the taxpayer's domicile.  
*[1933 c 405 s 23; Ex1937 c 49 s 17; 1949 c 734 s 8] (2394-23)*

**290.18 COMPUTATION OF NET INCOME.** Subdivision 1. The taxable net income shall, except in so far as section 290.19 is applicable, be computed by deducting from the gross income assignable to this state under section 290.17 deductions of the kind permitted by section 290.09 in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Such deductions shall be allowed to the extent that they are connected with and allocable against the production or receipt of such gross income assignable to this state;

(2) That proportion of such deductions, so far as not connected with and allocable against the production or receipt of such gross income assignable to this state and so far as not connected with and allocable against the production or receipt of gross income assignable to other states or countries and so far as not entering into the computation of the net income assignable to this state under section 290.19, shall be allowed which the taxpayer's gross income from sources within this state, as determined under section 290.17, clauses (1), (2), (3), and (5), bears to his gross income from all sources, including that entering into the computations provided for by section 290.19; provided that taxes of the kind deductible under section 290.09, clause (3), shall, so far as within the description of deductions deductible under this clause, be deductible in their entirety if paid to the State of Minnesota, or any of its subdivisions authorized to impose such taxes, and thereupon be excluded in making the computation of deductions, as in this clause provided.

Subd. 2. The adjusted gross income shall, except in so far as section 290.19 is applicable, be computed by deducting from the gross income assignable to this state under section 290.17, the following deductions:

(1) The deductions allowed by sections 290.09, 290.075 and 290.077 which are attributable to a trade or business carried on by the taxpayer, if such trade or business does not consist of the performance of services by the taxpayer as an employee;

(2) The deductions allowed by section 290.09 which consist of expenses of travel, meals, and lodging paid or incurred by the taxpayer in connection with the performance by him of services as an employee;

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(3) The deductions allowed by section 290.09, other than expenses of travel and lodging, which consist of expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer in connection with the performance of services as an employee under a reimbursement or other expense allowance arrangement with his employer;

(4) The deductions (other than those provided in paragraphs 1, 6 and 7) allowed by sections 290.09 and 290.077 which are attributable to property held for the production of rents or royalties;

(5) The deductions (other than those provided in paragraph (1)) for depreciation and depletion allowed by section 290.09 (6) and (7) to a life tenant of property or to an income beneficiary of property held in trust;

(6) The deductions (other than those provided in paragraph (1)) allowed by sections 290.09, 290.16, subdivision 5, as losses from the sale or exchange of property;

(7) Allowable federal income taxes determined under the provisions of sections 290.09(3), 290.10(9) and 290.18.

The deductions enumerated in this subdivision shall be allowed to the extent provided in subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. No deduction shall be allowed under this section unless the taxpayer, when requested by the commissioner, shall furnish him with information sufficient to enable him to determine the validity and correctness of such deductions.

[1933 c 405 s 24; Ex1937 c 49 s 17; 1949 c 734 s 9; 1951 c 609 s 1] (2394-23)

**290.19 NET INCOME, ALLOCATION.** Subdivision 1. **Computation, business conducted partly within state; apportionment.** The taxable net income from a trade or business carried on partly within and partly without this state shall be computed by deducting from the gross income of such business, wherever derived, deductions of the kind permitted by section 290.09, so far as connected with or allocable against the production or receipt of such income. The remaining net income shall be apportioned to Minnesota as follows:

(1) If the business consists of the manufacture in Minnesota or within and without Minnesota of personal property and the sale of said property within and without the state, the remainder shall be apportioned to Minnesota on the basis of the percentage obtained by taking the arithmetical average of the following three percentages:

(a) The percentage which the sales made within this state and through, from or by offices, agencies, branches or stores within this state is of the total sales wherever made;

(b) The percentage which the total tangible property, real, personal, and mixed, owned or used by the taxpayer in this state in connection with such trade or business is of the total tangible property, real, personal, or mixed, wherever located, owned, or used by the taxpayer in connection with such trade or business; and,

(c) The percentage which the taxpayer's total pay-rolls paid or incurred in this state or paid in respect to labor performed in this state in connection with such trade or business is of the taxpayer's total pay-rolls paid or incurred in connection with such entire trade or business;

(d) The percentage of such remainder to be assigned to this state shall not be in excess of the sum of the following percentages: 70 percent of the percentage determined under clause (1) (a), 15 percent of the percentage determined under clause (1) (b), and 15 percent of the percentage determined under clause (1) (c);

(2) (a) In all other cases the remainder shall be apportioned to Minnesota on the basis of the percentage obtained by taking the arithmetical average of the following three percentages:

(1) The percentage which the sales, gross earnings, or receipts from business operations, in whole or in part, within this state bear to the total sales, gross earnings, or receipts from business operations wherever conducted;

(2) The percentage which the total tangible property, real, personal, and mixed, owned or used by the taxpayer in this state in connection with such trade or business is of the total tangible property, real, personal, or mixed, wherever located, owned, or used by the taxpayer in connection with such trade or business; and,

(3) The percentage which the taxpayer's total pay-rolls paid or incurred in this state or paid in respect to labor performed in this state in connection with such trade or business is of the taxpayer's total pay-rolls paid or incurred in connection with such entire trade or business;

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(4) The percentage of such remainder to be assigned to this state shall not be in excess of the sum of the following percentages: 70 percent of the percentage determined under clause (2) (a), 15 percent of the percentage determined under clause (2) (b), and 15 percent of the percentage determined under clause (2) (c);

(b) If the methods prescribed under clause 2 (a) will not properly reflect taxable net income assignable to the state, there may be used, if practicable and if such use will properly and fairly reflect such income, the percentage which the sales, gross earnings, or receipts from business operations, in whole or in part, within this state bear to the total sales, gross earnings, or receipts from business operations wherever conducted; or the separate or segregated accounting method;

(3) The sales, pay-rolls, earnings, and receipts referred to in this section shall be those for the taxable year in respect of which the tax is being computed. The property referred to in this section shall be the average of the property owned or used by the taxpayer during the taxable year in respect of which the tax is being computed;

(4) For the purposes of this section, in determining the amount of sales made within Minnesota, there shall be excluded therefrom sales negotiated or effected in behalf of the taxpayer by agents or agencies chiefly situated at, connected with, or sent out from premises for the transaction of business owned or rented by the taxpayer or by his agents or agencies outside the state and sales otherwise determined by the commissioner to be attributable to the business conducted on such premises. If the commissioner finds that the taxpayer maintains an office, warehouse or other places of business outside the state for the purpose of reducing its tax under this section it shall in determining the amount of taxable net income include therein the proceeds of sales attributed by the taxpayer to the business conducted at such place outside the state.

NOTE: Subdivision 1 was amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 668, Section 1, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 668, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**Subd. 2. Application of methods.** The methods prescribed by subdivision 1 shall apply wherever and in so far as the business carried on within this state is an integral part of a business carried on both within and without this state.

**Subd. 3. Application of sections 290.17 and 290.18.** Nothing in this section shall prevent the application of sections 290.17 and 290.18 to that portion of a taxpayer's income which is not from a trade or business carried on partly within and partly without this state.

[1933 c 405 s 25; 1939 c 446 s 22; 1941 c 550 s 20; 1953 c 668 s 1] (2394-25)

**290.20 COMMISSIONER TO PRESCRIBE METHODS.** The methods prescribed by section 290.19 shall be presumed to determine fairly and correctly the taxpayer's net income allocable to this state. Any taxpayer feeling aggrieved by the application to his case of the methods so prescribed may petition the commissioner for determination of such net income by the use of some other method, including separate accounting. Thereupon, if the commissioner finds that the application of the methods prescribed by section 290.19 will be unjust to the taxpayer, he may allow the use of the methods so petitioned for by the taxpayer, or may defer mine such net income by other methods if satisfied that such other methods will fairly reflect such net income. A petition within the meaning of this section shall be deemed to have been filed by the taxpayer if the taxpayer in his return uses a method other than the methods prescribed by section 290.19, and if such return shall have attached thereto a statement setting forth the reasons for the use of such other method.

[1933 c 405 s 26; Ex1937 c 49 s 29; 1939 c 446 s 23; 1947 c 635 s 9] (2394-26)

**290.21 CREDITS AGAINST TAXABLE NET INCOME.** The taxes imposed by this chapter shall be on, or measured by, as the case may be, the taxable net income less the following credits against it:

- (1) A credit of \$500 in the case of each corporation;
- (2) An amount for contributions or gifts made within the taxable year;
  - (a) to or for the use of the State of Minnesota, or any of its political subdivisions for exclusively public purposes;
  - (b) to or for the use of any community chest, corporation, organization, trust, fund, association, or foundation operating within this state, organized and operating exclusively for religious, charitable, public cemetery, scientific, literary, artistic or

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educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual;

(c) to a fraternal society, order, or association, operating under the lodge system, if such contributions or gifts are to be used within this state exclusively for the purposes specified in clause (2) (b), or for or to posts or organizations of war veterans or auxiliary units or societies of such posts or organizations, if they are within the state and no part of their net income inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual;

(d) to or for the use of the United States of America for exclusively public purposes, and to or for the use of any community chest, corporation, trust, fund, association, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for any of the purposes specified in clauses (2) (b) and (2) (c), but not operating within this state, in an amount equal to the ratio of Minnesota taxable net income to total net income;

(e) the total credit against net income hereunder shall not exceed 15 percent of the taxpayer's taxable net income;

(3) (a) 85 percent of dividends received by a corporation during the taxable year from another corporation, when the corporate stock with respect to which dividends are paid does not constitute the stock in trade of the taxpayer or would not be included in the inventory of the taxpayer, or does not constitute property held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business, or when the trade or business of the taxpayer does not consist principally of the holding of the stocks and the collection of the income and gains therefrom. The remaining 15 percent shall be allowed if the recipient owns 80 percent or more of all the voting stock of such other corporation, and the dividends were paid from income arising out of business done in this state by the corporation paying such dividends; but if the income out of which the dividends are declared was derived from business done within and without this state, then so much of the remainder shall be allowed as a credit as the amount of the taxable net income of the corporation paying the dividends assignable to this state bears to the entire net income of the corporation, such rate being determined by the returns under this chapter of the corporation paying such dividends for the taxable year preceding the distribution thereof; except that with respect to dividends distributed during the year 1933 the rate shall be determined by the corporation's return for that year; the burden shall be on the taxpayer of showing that the amount of remainder claimed as a credit has been received from income arising out of business done in this state;

(b) If the trade or business of the taxpayer consists principally of the holding of the stocks and the collection of the income and gains therefrom, dividends received by a corporation during the taxable year from another corporation, if the recipient owns 80 percent or more of all the voting stock of such other corporation, from income arising out of business done in this state by the corporation paying such dividends; but, if the income out of which the dividends are declared was derived from business done within and without this state, then so much of the dividends shall be allowed as credit as the amount of the taxable net income of the corporation paying the dividends assignable to this state bears to the entire net income of the corporation, such rate being determined by the returns under this chapter of the corporation paying such dividends for the taxable year preceding the distribution thereof; except that with respect to dividends distributed during the year 1933 the rate shall be determined by the corporation's return for that year. The burden shall be on the taxpayer of showing that the amount of dividends claimed as a credit has been received from income arising out of business done in this state;

(4) To each mutual savings bank organized and existing as such under the laws of this state, an amount equal to the interest and dividends paid or credited during the taxable year of its depositors;

(5) To each regulated investment company as that term is defined and limited by the United States internal revenue code, section 361, (a) and (b) an amount equal to the interest and dividends paid during the taxable year, and to each building and loan and savings and loan association, an amount equal to the dividends paid during the taxable year to its members as members. For the purposes of this paragraph any dividend or portion thereof declared by a regulated invest-

ment company after the close of the taxable year and prior to the time prescribed by law for the filing of its return for the taxable year (including the period of any extension of time granted for filing such return) shall, to the extent the company so elects in such return, be treated as having been paid during such taxable year, but only if distribution of such dividend is actually made to shareholders in the 12-month period following the close of such taxable year and not later than the date of the first regular dividend payment made after such declaration.

[1933 c 405 s 27; Ex1937 c 49 s 18; 1939 c 446 s 8; 1941 c 550 s 21; 1943 c 656 s 28; 1947 c 635 s 10; 1949 c 734 s 10; 1951 c 679 s 3; 1953 c 321 s 1] (2394-27)

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 679, Section 3, amends this section, and the provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 679, Section 3, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1949.

NOTE: Laws 1953, Chapter 321, Section 1, amends this section, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 321, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**290.22 TAXES ON ESTATES AND TRUSTS.** The taxes imposed by this chapter upon individuals shall apply to the income of estates or of any kind of property held in trust, including:

(1) Income accumulated in trust for the benefit of unborn or unascertained person or persons with contingent interests, and income accumulated or held for future distribution under the terms of the will or trust;

(2) Income which is to be distributed currently by the fiduciary to the beneficiaries, and income collected by a guardian of an infant which is to be held or distributed as the court may direct;

(3) Income received by estates of deceased persons during the period of administration or settlement of the estate; and,

(4) Income which, in the discretion of the fiduciary, may be either distributed to the beneficiaries or accumulated.

The tax shall be computed upon the net income of the estate or trust and paid by the fiduciary, except as provided in section 290.27, relating to revocable trusts, and section 290.28, relating to income for benefit of the grantor.

[1933 c. 405 s. 28; 1939 c. 446 s. 9] (2394-28)

**290.23 ESTATES OR TRUSTS; COMPUTATION OF NET INCOME; CREDITS; DEDUCTIONS.** Subdivision 1. The net income of the estate or trust shall be computed in the same manner and on the same basis as in the case of an individual, except as provided in subdivisions 2, 3, and 4 of this section.

Subd. 2. There shall be allowed as a credit (in lieu of the credit for charitable and other contributions authorized by section 290.21, clause (2)), any part of the gross income, without limitation, which pursuant to the terms of the will or deed creating the trust, is during the taxable year paid or permanently set aside for the purposes and in the manner specified in section 290.21, clause (2), or is to be used exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, or for the establishment, acquisition, maintenance, or operation of a public cemetery not operated for profit.

Subd. 3. There shall be allowed as an additional deduction in computing the net income of the estate or trust the amount of the income of the estate or trust for its taxable year which is to be distributed currently by the fiduciary to the beneficiaries, and the amount of the income collected by a guardian of an infant which is to be held or distributed as the court may direct, but the amount so allowed as a deduction shall be included in computing the net income of the beneficiaries subject to taxation under this chapter whether distributed to them or not. As used in this subdivision "income which is to be distributed currently" includes income of the estate or trust which, within the taxable year, becomes payable to the beneficiary. Any amount allowed as a deduction under this paragraph shall not be allowed as a deduction under subdivision 4 of this section in the same or any succeeding taxable year.

Subd. 4. In the case of income received by estates of deceased persons during the period of administration or settlement of the estate, and in the case of income which, in the discretion of the fiduciary, may be either distributed to the beneficiary or accumulated, there shall be allowed as an additional deduction in computing the net income of the estate or trust the amount of the income of the estate or trust for its taxable year, which is properly paid or credited during such year to any legatee, heir, or beneficiary, but the amount so allowed as a deduction shall be

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included in computing the net income of the legatee, heir, or beneficiary, to the extent that such amount is properly includible in computing the taxable net income of such legatee, heir, or beneficiary under the provisions of this chapter.

Subd. 5. The benefit of the deduction for net operating loss allowed by section 290.095 shall be allowed to estates and trusts under regulations prescribed by the commissioner. The benefit of such deduction shall not be allowed to a common trust fund but shall be allowed to the participants in the common trust fund under regulation prescribed by the commissioner.

[1939 c. 446 s. 10; 1941 c. 500 s. 12; 1943 c. 656 s. 12; 1945 c. 604 s. 29] (2394-28a)

**290.24 ESTATES OR TRUSTS; PERSONAL CREDIT.** An estate shall be allowed the same personal credit against the tax as is allowed to a single person under section 290.06, subdivision 3, clause (1).

[1939 c. 446 s. 10; 1941 c. 550 s. 23] (2394-28b)

**290.25 RULE WHEN TAXABLE YEAR DIFFERS.** If the taxable year of a beneficiary is different from that of the estate or trust, the amount which he is required, under section 290.22, subdivisions 3 and 4, to include in computing his net income shall be based upon the income of the estate or trust for any taxable year of the estate or trust (whether beginning on, before, or after January 1, 1939) ending within or with his taxable year.

[1939 c. 446 s. 10] (2394-28c)

**290.26 COMPUTATION OF NET INCOME OF ESTATE OR TRUST.** Subdivision 1. A trust forming part of a stock bonus, pension, or profit-sharing plan of an employer for the exclusive benefit of his employees or their beneficiaries shall not be taxable under section 290.22 and no other provisions of this act shall apply with respect to such trust or its beneficiary if such trust or beneficiary comes within the provisions of Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code as adapted to the provisions of this chapter under regulations issued by the commissioner of taxation.

Subd. 2. Contributions of an employer to an employee's trust or annuity plan and compensation under a deferred-payment plan shall be allowed as a deduction in accordance with the provisions of Section 23 (p) of the Internal Revenue Code, as adapted to the provisions of this act under regulations issued by the commissioner of taxation.

Subd. 3. Distributions received by a beneficiary from a trust or annuity plan of the kind described in subdivision 1 or 2 of this section shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 165 (b) and (c) and Section 22 (b) 2 of the Internal Revenue Code as adapted to the provisions of this chapter by regulations issued by the commissioner of taxation.

Subd. 4. The provisions of subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of this section shall be applicable to the same taxable years as provided in Section 162 (d) of the Revenue Act of 1942 Title I as adapted to the provisions of this chapter by regulations issued by the commissioner of taxation.

[1939 c. 446 s. 10; 1945 c. 604 s. 18] (2394-28d)

**290.27 REVOCABLE TRUSTS.** Where at any time the power to revest in the grantor title to any part of the corpus of the trust is vested in the grantor, either alone or in conjunction with any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of such part of the corpus or the income therefrom; or in any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of such part of the corpus or the income therefrom, then the income of such part of the trust shall be included in computing the net income of the grantor.

[1939 c. 446 s. 10] (2394-28e)

**290.28 RESERVATION OF INCOME BY GRANTOR.** Where any part of the income of a trust

(1) Is, or in the discretion of the grantor or of any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of such part of the income may be, held or accumulated for future distribution to the grantor; or

(2) May, in the discretion of the grantor or of any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of such part of the income, be distributed to the grantor; or

(3) Is, or in the discretion of the grantor or of any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of such part of the income may be, applied to the payment of premiums upon policies of insurance on the life of the grantor, except policies of insurance irrevocably payable for the purposes and in

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the manner specified in section 290.21, clause (2), relating to the so-called "charitable contribution" deduction; then such part of the income of the trust shall be included in computing the net income of the grantor.

(4) Income of a trust shall not be considered taxable to the grantor under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this section or any other provision of this chapter merely because such income, in the discretion of another person, the trustee, or the grantor acting as trustee or co-trustee, may be applied or distributed for the support or maintenance of a beneficiary whom the grantor is legally obligated to support or maintain, except to the extent that such income is so applied or distributed. In cases where the amounts so applied or distributed are paid out of corpus or out of other than income for the taxable year, such amounts shall be considered paid out of income to the extent of the income of the trust for each taxable year which is not paid, credited, or to be distributed under section 290.23 and which is not otherwise taxable to the grantor.

As used in this section, the term "in the discretion of the grantor" means "in the discretion of the grantor, either alone or in conjunction with any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of the part of the income in question."

[1939 c 446 s 10; 1949 c 734 s 11] (2394-28f)

**290.281 COMMON TRUST FUND NOT TAXED.** Subdivision 1. A common trust fund shall not be subject to taxation under this chapter and for this purpose the term "common trust fund" means a fund maintained by a bank (taxable under section 290.361) exclusively for the collective investment and re-investment of moneys contributed thereto by the bank in its capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator or guardian; and in conformity with the rules and regulations prevailing from time to time of the board of governors of the federal reserve system pertaining to the collective investment of trust funds by national banks.

Subd. 2. The net income of the common trust fund shall be computed in the same manner and on the same basis as in the case of an individual except that (1) the gains and losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets shall be segregated and shall not enter into the computation of ordinary net income or net loss; and (2) no credit provided in section 290.21 (2) for contributions shall be allowed.

Subd. 3. Each participant in the common trust fund in computing its net income shall include, whether or not distributed and whether or not distributable, (1) its proportionate share of the ordinary net income or net loss of the common trust fund; and (2) as a part of its gains and losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets, its proportionate share of the gains and losses of the common trust fund from sales or exchanges of capital assets.

Subd. 4. No gain or loss shall be realized by the common trust fund by the admission or withdrawal of a participant. The withdrawal of any participating interest by a participant shall be treated as a sale or exchange of such interest by a participant.

Subd. 5. Every bank maintaining a common trust fund shall make a return for each taxable year, stating specifically, with respect to such fund, the items of gross income and deductions allowed by this section, and shall include in the return the names and addresses of the participants who would be entitled to share in the net income if distributed and the amount of the proportionate share of each participant. The return shall be sworn to as in the case of a return required to be filed by the bank under section 290.361.

Subd. 6. If the taxable year of the common trust fund is different from that of a participant, the inclusions with respect to the net income of the common trust fund, in computing net income of the participant for its taxable year, shall be based upon the net income of the common trust fund for its taxable year ending within the taxable year of the participant.

[1945 c. 604 s. 14]

**290.29 TRANSFEREES AND FIDUCIARIES.** Subdivision 1. **Amounts.** The amounts of the following liabilities shall, except as hereinafter in this section provided, be assessed, collected, and paid in the same manner and subject to the same provisions and limitations as in the case of a deficiency in a tax imposed by this chapter, including all provisions of the chapter for the collection of taxes:

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(1) The liability, at law or in equity, of a transferee of property of a taxpayer in respect of the tax, including interest, additional amounts, and additions to the tax provided by law, imposed upon the taxpayer by this chapter;

(2) The liability of a fiduciary under section 290.54 in respect of the payment of any such tax from the estate of the taxpayer.

Any such liability may be either as to the amount of tax shown on the return or as to any deficiency in tax.

**Subd. 2. Period of limitation.** The period of limitation for assessment and collection of any such liability of the transferee or fiduciary shall be as follows:

(1) In the case of the liability of an initial transferee of the property of the taxpayer, the tax may be assessed within one year after the expiration of the period of limitation for assessment against the taxpayer, and may be collected by action brought within one year after the expiration of the period of limitation for the commencement of an action against the taxpayer.

(2) In the case of the liability of the transferee of a transferee of the property of the taxpayer, the tax may be assessed within one year after the expiration of the period of limitation for assessment against the preceding transferee, but only if within three and one-half years after the expiration of the period of limitation for assessment against the taxpayers and may be collected by action brought within one year after the expiration of the period of limitation for the commencement of an action against the preceding transferee, but only if within four years after the expiration of the period of limitation for bringing an action against the taxpayer; except that if before the expiration of the period of limitation for the assessment of the liability of the transferee, a court proceeding for the collection of the tax or liability in respect thereof has been begun against the taxpayer or last preceding transferee, respectively, then the period of limitation for assessment of the liability of the transferee shall expire one year after the return of execution in the court proceeding, and the period of limitation for collection by action shall expire one year after the said liability is assessed.

(3) In the case of the liability of a fiduciary, the tax may be assessed not later than one year after the liability arises or not later than the expiration of the period for collection of the tax in respect of which such liability arises, whichever is the later, and may be collected by action brought within one year after assessment.

**Subd. 3. Notice of liability.** For the purposes of this section, if the taxpayer is deceased, or in the case of a corporation, has terminated its existence, the period of limitation for assessment against the taxpayer shall be the period that would be in effect had death or termination of existence not occurred.

In the absence of notice to the commissioner under section 290.30 of the existence of a fiduciary relationship, notice of liability enforceable under this section in respect of a tax imposed by this chapter, if mailed to the person subject to the liability at his last known address, shall be sufficient for the purpose of this title, even if such person is deceased, or is under a legal disability, or, in the case of a corporation, has terminated its existence.

As used in this section, the term "transferee" includes heir, legatee, devisee, and distributee.

[1933 c. 405 s. 29; 1939 c. 446 s. 11; 1943 c. 656 s. 13] (2394-29)

**290.30 FIDUCIARY TO PAY TAX.** Upon notice to the commissioner that any person is acting in a fiduciary capacity, such fiduciary shall assume the powers, rights, duties, and privileges of the taxpayer in respect of a tax imposed by this chapter, except as otherwise specifically provided and except that the tax shall be collected from the estate of the taxpayer, until notice is given that the fiduciary capacity has terminated.

Upon notice to the commissioner that any person is acting in a fiduciary capacity for a person subject to the liability specified in section 290.29, the fiduciary shall assume, on behalf of such person, the powers, rights, duties, and privileges of such person under such section, except that the liability shall be collected from the estate of such person, until notice is given that the fiduciary capacity has terminated.

Notice under this section shall be given in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commissioner.

[1939 c. 446 s. 12] (2394-29a)

**290.31 PARTNERSHIPS NOT TAXED.** Subdivision 1. The tax imposed by this chapter shall not be imposed on partnerships; but (1) the net income of the partnership shall be computed in the same manner and on the same basis as in the case of an individual, except (A) there shall be segregated the gains and losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets, and (B) after excluding all items of gain or loss from the sale or exchange of capital assets, there shall be computed the ordinary net income or net loss; and (2) each partner in computing his net income shall include (whether or not distribution is made to him), (A) as part of his gains or losses from sales of capital assets held for not more than six months, his distributive share of the gains and losses of the partnership from sales or exchanges of capital assets held for not more than six months, (B) as part of his gains or losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets held for more than six months, his distributive share of the gains and losses of the partnership from sales or exchanges of capital assets held for more than six months, and (C) his distributive share of the ordinary net income or net loss of the partnership computed in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

Subd. 2. If the taxable year of a partner is different from that of the partnership, each partner shall include in his taxable net income his distributive share (whether distributed or not) of the taxable net income of the partnership for its taxable year ending during such partner's taxable year.

Subd. 3. The taxable net income of the partnership shall be assigned to this state under sections 290.17 to 290.20.

Subd. 4. Each partner shall be allowed as a credit against his taxable net income his proportionate part of the contributions or gifts that are within section 290.21, clause (2), made by the partnership during its taxable year, but the sum of this latter credit allowed hereunder and that allowed the partner under section 290.21, clause (2), shall not exceed the limit therein specified.

Subd. 5. The taxable net income of a partnership which a partner is required hereunder to take into his taxable net income shall be taxed at the rates applicable to the partner's taxable year during which he is required to include it in his taxable net income.

Subd. 6. The benefit of a deduction for net operating loss allowed by section 290.095 shall not be allowed to a partnership but shall be allowed to the members of the partnership under regulations prescribed by the commissioner.

[1933 c 405 s 30; Ex1937 c 49 s 20; 1939 c 446 s 13; 1945 c 596 s 2; 1945 c 604 s 30; 1947 c 635 s 11] (2394-30)

**290.32 TAXES FOR PART OF YEAR.** When under this chapter a taxpayer is permitted or required to make a return for a fractional part of a year, the tax shall be computed in the same manner as if such fractional part of a year were an entire year. This shall not apply to cases within this section.

When a taxpayer is permitted to change the basis for reporting his income from a fiscal to a calendar year, he shall make a separate return for the period between the close of his last fiscal year and the following December thirty-first; if the change is from a calendar to a fiscal year, a separate return shall be made for the period between the close of his last calendar year and the date designated as the close of the fiscal year; and if the change is from one fiscal year to another fiscal year, a separate return shall be made for the period between the close of the former fiscal year and the date designated as the close of the new fiscal year. The taxable net income for any such period shall be put on an annual basis by multiplying the amount thereof by 12 and dividing by the number of months included in the period for which such separate return is made; and the tax shall be that part of a tax, computed on the taxable net income put on such annual basis, less the credit against that taxable net income under the provisions of section 290.21, which the number of months in such period bears to 12 months.

[1933 c. 405 s. 31] (2394-31)

**290.33 TAXABLE YEAR EXTENDING INTO CALENDAR YEARS AFFECTED BY DIFFERENT LAWS.** The tax imposed on a taxpayer for a period beginning in one calendar year, hereinafter called "first calendar year," and ending in the following calendar year, hereinafter called "second calendar year," when the law applicable to the first calendar year is different from the law applicable to the second calendar year, shall be the sum of (1) that proportion of a tax for the entire period, computed under the law applicable to the first calendar year, which the

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portion of such period falling within the first calendar year is of the entire period, and (2) that proportion of a tax for the entire period, computed under the law applicable to the second calendar year, which the portion of such period falling within the second calendar year is of the entire period.

[1933 c. 405 s. 32-1; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 21] (2394-32a)

**290.34 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CORPORATIONS. Subdivision 1. Conducting business in such a way as to create losses or improper net income.** When any corporation liable to taxation under this chapter conducts its business in such a manner as, directly or indirectly, to benefit its members or stockholders or any person or corporation interested in such business or to reduce the income attributable to this state by selling the commodities or services in which it deals at less than the fair price which might be obtained therefor, or buying such commodities or services at more than the fair price for which they might have been obtained, or when any corporation, a substantial portion of whose shares is owned directly or indirectly by another corporation, deals in the commodities or services of the latter corporation in such a manner as to create a loss or improper net income or to reduce the taxable net income attributable to this state, the commissioner of taxation may determine the amount of its income so as to reflect what would have been its reasonable taxable net income but for the arrangements causing the understatement of its taxable net income or the overstatement of its losses, having regard to the fair profits which, but for any agreement, arrangement, or understanding, might have been or could have been obtained from such business.

**Subd. 2. Consolidated returns required to determine income of affiliated corporations.** When a corporation which is required to file an income tax return is affiliated with or related to any other corporation through stock ownership by the same interests or as parent or subsidiary corporations, or has its income regulated through contract or other arrangement, the commissioner of taxation may permit or require such consolidated statements as, in his opinion, are necessary in order to determine the taxable net income received by any one of the affiliated or related corporations.

**Subd. 3. Consolidated returns allowed in certain cases.** An affiliated group of corporations, all the members of which are required to file income tax returns under the provisions of this chapter, shall have the privilege of filing a consolidated return in lieu of separate returns, if the entire income of each of the members of the affiliated group including the common parent, if any, is assignable to this state under the provisions of this chapter. In the case of a corporation which is a member of the affiliated group for a fractional part of the taxable year, the consolidated return shall include the income of such corporation for such part of the year as it is a member of the affiliated group. Only one credit provided by section 290.21, clause (1), shall be allowed in computing the tax on such consolidated return. The consolidated net income of the affiliated group shall be determined in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe. As used in this subdivision, an "affiliated group" means one or more chains of corporations connected through stock ownership with a common parent corporation if (1) at least 90 per cent of the stock of each of the corporations (except the common parent corporation) is owned directly by one or more of the other corporations; and (2) the common parent corporation owns directly 90 per cent of the stock of at least one of the other corporations; and (3) each of the corporations is either (a) a corporation whose principal business is that of a common carrier by railroad or (b) a corporation, the assets of which consist principally of stock in such corporation, and which does not itself operate a business other than that of a common carrier by railroad. For the purpose of determining whether the principal business of a corporation is that of a common carrier by railroad, if a common carrier by railroad has leased its railroad properties and such properties are operated as such by another common carrier by railroad, the business of receiving rents for such railroad properties shall be considered as the business of a common carrier by railroad. As used in this subdivision, the term "railroad" includes a street, suburban, or interurban electric railway, or a street or suburban trackless trolley system of transportation, or a street or suburban bus system of transportation operated as part of a street or suburban electric railway or trackless trolley system. As used in this section, the term "stock" does not include non-voting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends.

Subd. 4. **Application of section.** This section shall apply to the determination and assessment of taxes for all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1940.

[1933 c. 405 s. 32; 1941 c. 458; 1941 c. 550 s. 13] (2394-32)

**290.35 INSURANCE COMPANIES; REPORT OF NET INCOME; COMPUTATION OF AMOUNT OF INCOME ALLOCABLE TO STATE.** The taxable net income of insurance companies taxable under this chapter shall be computed as follows:

Each such company shall report to the commissioner the net income returned by it for the taxable year to the United States under the provisions of the act of congress, known as the revenue act of 1936, or that it would be required to return as net income thereunder if it were in effect. The commissioner shall compute therefrom the taxable net income of such companies by assigning to this state that proportion thereof which the gross premiums collected by them during the taxable year from old and new business within this state bears to the total gross premiums collected by them during that year from their entire old and new business; provided, the commissioner shall add to the taxable net income so apportioned to this state the amount of any taxes on premiums paid by the company by virtue of any law of this state (other than the surcharge or premiums imposed by sections 69.54 to 69.57) which shall have been deducted from gross income by the company in arriving at its total net income under the provisions of such act of congress.

[1933 c. 405 s. 32-2; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 21] (2394-32b)

**290.36 INVESTMENT COMPANIES; REPORT OF NET INCOME; COMPUTATION OF AMOUNT OF INCOME ALLOCABLE TO STATE.** The taxable net income of investment companies shall be computed and be exclusively as follows:

Each investment company transacting business as such in this state shall report to the commissioner the net income returned by the company for the taxable year to the United States under the provisions of the act of congress known as the revenue act of 1936, less the credits provided therein, or the net income that such company would be required to return under such act less such credits, if such act were in effect. The commissioner shall compute therefrom the taxable net income of the investment company by assigning to this state that proportion of such net income, less such credits which the aggregate of the gross payments collected by the company during the taxable year from old and new business upon investment contracts issued by the company and held by residents of this state, bears to the total amount of the gross payments collected during such year by the company from such business upon investment contracts issued by the company and held by persons residing within the state and elsewhere.

As used in this section, the term "investment company" means any person, partnership, association, or corporation, whether local or foreign, coming within the purview of Section 54.26, who or which solicits or receives payments to be made to himself or itself and which issues therefor, or has issued therefor and has or shall have outstanding so-called bonds, shares, coupons, certificates of membership, or other evidences of obligation or agreement or pretended agreement to return to the holders or owners thereof money or anything of value at some future date; and the term "investment contract" shall mean any such so-called bonds, shares, coupons, certificates of membership, or other evidences of obligation or agreement or pretended agreement issued by an investment company.

[1933 c. 405 s. 32-3; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 21; 1947 c. 635 s. 19] (2394-32c)

**290.361 TAX ON INCOME OF NATIONAL BANKS.** Subdivision 1. An excise tax measured by net income is hereby imposed on national and state banks by this chapter and shall be governed by the provisions of section 290.02.

Subd. 2. The taxable net income shall be computed in the manner provided by this chapter except that in the case of national and state banks: (a) the rate shall be eight per cent instead of six per cent; (b) the basic date for the purpose of computing gain or loss and depreciation shall be January 1, 1940, instead of January 1, 1933; (c) property consisting of investments in bonds, stocks, notes, debentures, mortgages, certificates, or any evidence of indebtedness, and any property acquired in liquidation thereof when such property is held for investment or for sale, shall not be deemed to be capital assets; and (d) in computing net income there shall be allowable as a deduction from gross income, in addition to deductions otherwise provided for in this act, any dividend (not including any distribution in liquidation)

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paid, within the taxable year, to the United States or to any instrumentality thereof exempt from Federal income taxes, on the preferred stock of the bank owned by the United States or such instrumentality.

Subd. 3. The state is hereby adopting the method numbered (4) authorized by the act of March 25, 1926, amending section 5219 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Subd. 4. The revenues derived from the excise tax on banks shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to a special fund, from which shall be paid all refunds of taxes erroneously collected from banks as certified by the commissioner. The balance of this fund shall be transmitted, on the last days of May and November of each year, to the respective counties in which are located the banks paying the tax. The county auditor shall apportion and distribute the respective amounts paid by each bank in his county, less refunds paid to that bank, in the same manner and on the same basis as he distributes taxes on personal property in the taxing district in which that bank is located.

Subd. 5. The tax hereby imposed upon national and state banks shall be in lieu of all taxes upon the capital, surplus, property, assets, and shares of these banks, except taxes imposed upon real property.

Subd. 6. The rate of taxation fixed by subdivision 2 as the rate to be applied in computing the privilege and income taxes imposed by this chapter upon national and state banks is increased five percent of such rate. This subdivision shall apply to all taxable years which begin after December 31, 1948, and prior to January 1, 1959. The increase in the rate of taxation of the privilege and income taxes imposed by this subdivision shall hereafter be known as the surtax upon national and state banks. The proceeds of the surtax imposed by this subdivision are pledged to the payment of the bonds authorized by Laws 1949, Chapter 642, and the surtax shall not be reduced below four-tenths of one percent before the expiration of this subdivision as hereinbefore provided. The proceeds of the surtax imposed by this subdivision shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the veterans compensation fund. There shall be paid from this veterans compensation fund all refunds of such surtaxes erroneously collected from taxpayers under this chapter as provided herein.

NOTE: Subdivision 6 is amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 605, Section 4, and the provisions of that chapter are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1948.

[1941 c 18 s 1; 1945 c 604 s 22; 1947 c 635 s 12; 1949 c 642 s 12; 1951 c 605 s 4]

**290.362 TAXATION OF NATIONAL BANK DIVIDENDS.** By reason of the adoption of method numbered (4) authorized by the act of March 25, 1926, amending section 5219 of Revised Statutes of the United States whereby a state may impose an excise tax upon national banks, and the state having elected, in section 290.361, to impose such tax, every taxpayer taxable under this chapter must include in gross income dividends received from national banks (to the extent permitted by said section 5219) and dividends from state banks in the same manner and to the same extent as other dividend income is includible in gross income for the purpose of computing his taxable net income.

[1941 c. 18 s. 2]

**290.363. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1940; TAXES REFUNDED IN CERTAIN CASES.** Laws 1941, Chapter 18, shall take effect as of January 1, 1940. The first return thereunder shall be for the calendar year 1940 and shall be filed on March 15, 1941, or within 30 days after the enactment thereof, whichever is later. The collection and enforcement of all taxes assessed or levied upon the shares of national and state banks for the year 1940 is hereby suspended during the period sections 290.361 to 290.363 shall be in force and if any tax so levied shall have been paid it shall be refunded.

[1941 c 18 s 3]

**290.37 RETURNS.** The following persons shall make a return which shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of criminal liability for wilfully making a false return, for each taxable year, or fractional part thereof where permitted or required by law:

(a) A single individual with respect to his own taxable net income if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed, or if his gross income exceeds \$1,000.

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(b) A married individual if his own taxable net income or the combined taxable net income of himself and his spouse exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specified credits allowed, or if his gross income or the combined gross income of himself and his spouse exceeds \$2,000.

(c) The executor or administrator of the estate of a decedent with respect to the taxable net income of such decedent for that part of the taxable year during which he was alive if such taxable net income exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed, or if such decedent's gross income for the aforesaid period exceeds \$1,000.

(d) The executor or administrator of the estate of a decedent with respect to the taxable net income of such estate if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed, or if such estate's gross income exceeds \$1,000.

(e) The trustee or other fiduciary of property held in trust with respect to the taxable net income of such trust if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed, or if the gross income of such trust exceeds \$1,000, if in either case such trust belongs to the class of taxable persons.

(f) The guardian of an infant or other incompetent person with respect to such infant's or other person's taxable net income if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed, or if the gross income of such infant or other incompetent person exceeds \$1,000.

(g) Every corporation with respect to its taxable net income if in excess of \$500, or if its gross income exceeds \$5,000. The return in this case shall be signed by the president, vice-president, or other principal officer, and by the treasurer or assistant treasurer.

(h) The receivers, trustees in bankruptcy, or assignees operating the business or property of a taxpayer with respect to the taxable net income of such taxpayer if that exceeds an amount on which a tax at the rates herein provided would exceed the specific credits allowed (or, if the taxpayer is a corporation, if the taxable net income exceeds \$500), or if such taxpayer's gross income exceeds \$5,000.

[1933 c 405 s 33; Ex1937 c 49 s 32; 1943 c 656 s 14; 1945 c 604 s 11; 1947 c 635 s 18; 1951 c 609 s 2; 1953 c 664 s 1] (2394-33)

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 609, Section 2, amended this section, and the provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 609, Section 2, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

NOTE: Laws 1953, Chapter 664, Section 1, amended this section, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 664, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

### 290.38 JOINT RETURNS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE; DEATH OF SPOUSE.

A husband and wife may make a single return jointly even though one of the spouses has neither gross income nor deductions. If a joint return is made the tax shall be computed on the aggregate income and the liability with respect to the tax shall be joint and several.

No joint return shall be made if the husband and wife have different taxable years; except that if such taxable years begin on the same day and end on different days because of the death of either or of both, then the joint return may be made with respect to the taxable year of each. The above exception shall not apply if the surviving spouse remarries before the close of his taxable year or if the taxable year of either spouse is a fractional part of a year under section 290.32.

In the case of the death of one spouse or both spouses the joint return with respect to the decedent may be made only by the executor or administrator of his estate; except that in the case of the death of one spouse the joint return may be made by the surviving spouse with respect to both himself and the decedent if (a) no return for the taxable year has been made by the decedent, (b) no executor or administrator has been appointed, and (c) no executor or administrator is appointed before the last day prescribed by law for filing the return of the surviving spouse. If an executor or administrator of the estate of the decedent is appointed after the joint return has been filed by the surviving spouse, the executor or administrator may disaffirm such joint return by filing, within one year after the last day prescribed by law for filing the return of the surviving spouse,

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a separate return for the taxable year of the decedent with respect to which the joint return was made, in which case the return made by the survivor shall constitute his separate return.

[1933 c 405 s 34; 1953 c 664 s 2] (2394-34)

NOTE: Laws 1953, Chapter 664, Section 2, amended this section, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 664, Section 2, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**290.39 RETURN; FORM; FILING.** Every return shall specifically set forth the items of gross income, deductions, credits against net income, and any other data necessary for computing the amount of any item required for determining the amount of the tax. The return shall be in such form as the commissioner of taxation may prescribe as necessary to determine the amount of the tax. The filing of a return required under this section shall be deemed an assessment subject to revision of the tax shown due on the basis of such return.

[1933 c. 405 ss. 35, 36] (2394-35, 2394-36)

**290.40 SHALL BE ANNUAL RETURN; EXCEPTIONS.** The returns shall cover a 12-month period, except in the following cases:

(1) The return made by or for any taxpayer who was in existence for less than the whole of a taxable year shall cover that part of the taxable year during which such taxpayer was in existence;

(2) A taxpayer who changes from one taxable year to another shall make a return from the fractional parts of a year, as specified in section 290.32.

[1933 c. 405 s. 37] (2394-37)

**290.41 INFORMATION RETURNS.** Subdivision 1. **By partnerships.** Partnerships shall make a return for each taxable year which shall conform in every respect to the requirements of section 290.39, and shall, in addition, include the names and addresses of all partners entitled to a distributive share in their taxable net income and the amount of such distributive share to which each is entitled. The return shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of criminal liability for wilfully making a false return.

Subd. 2. **By persons or corporations.** Every person or corporation making payments during the taxable year to any person or corporation in excess of \$500 on account of rents, or of \$250 or more on account of interest, or in excess of \$100 on account of dividends, or in excess of \$600 on account of either wages, salaries, or commissions, shall make a return in respect to such payments in excess of the amounts specified, giving the names and addresses of the persons to whom such payments were made, the amounts paid to each. The state treasurer or other corresponding officer, by whatever name known, of every political subdivision of the state, of every city, village, or borough and of every school district, shall, on or before the first day of March each year, beginning with March, 1938, make and file with the commissioner of taxation a report giving the name of each employee or official to whom the state or such political subdivision, city, village, borough, or school district, during the preceding calendar year, paid any salary or wages in excess of \$600, together with the last known address of such employee or official.

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 609, Sections 3, 4, amended subdivisions 1, 2, and the provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 609, Sections 3, 4, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

Subd. 3. **By brokers.** The commissioner of taxation may require brokers to furnish him with the names of customers for whom they have transacted business, and with such details as to transactions of any customer as will enable him to determine whether all income due on profits or gains of such customers has been paid.

Subd. 4. **By agents.** The commissioner may require any person acting as agent for another to make a return giving such information as may be reasonably necessary to properly assess and collect the tax imposed by this chapter upon the person for whom he acts.

[1933 c 405 s 38; Ex1937 c 49 s 22; 1941 c 550 s 14; 1951 c 609 s 3, 4; 1951 c 648 s 4] (2394-38)

**290.42 DATE OF FILING.** The returns required to be made under sections 290.37 to 290.39 and 290.41, other than those under section 290.41, subdivisions 3 and 4, which shall be made within 30 days after demand therefor by the commissioner, shall be filed at the following times:

(1) Returns made on the basis of the calendar year shall be filed on the fifteenth day of March, following the close of the calendar year, except that returns of fiduciaries of estates or trusts shall be filed on or before the fifteenth day of April following the close of the calendar year;

(2) Returns made on the basis of the fiscal year shall be filed on the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of such fiscal year, except that returns of fiduciaries of estates or trusts shall be filed on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the close of the fiscal year;

(3) Returns made for a fractional part of a year as an incident to a change from one taxable year to another shall be filed on the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of the period for which made;

(4) Other returns for a fractional part of a year shall be filed on the fifteenth day of the third month following the end of the month in which falls the last day of the period for which the return is made, except that such returns of fiduciaries of estates or trusts shall be filed on the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the month in which falls the last day of the period for which the return is made;

(5) In case of sickness, absence, or other disability, or when, in his judgment, good cause exists, the commissioner may extend the time for filing these returns for not more than six months, except that where the failure is due to absence outside the United States he may extend the period until 30 days after the taxpayer's return to this state. He may require each taxpayer in any of such cases to file a tentative return at the time fixed for filing the regularly required return from him, and to pay a tax on the basis of such tentative return at the times required for the payment of taxes on the basis of the regularly required return from such taxpayer. The commissioner may exercise his power under this clause by general regulation only.

[1933 c 405 s 39; Ex1937 c 49 s 23; 1949 c 734 s 12; 1951 c 607 s 1; 1953 c 622 s 1] (2394-36)

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 607, Section 1, amended this section, and the provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 607, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

NOTE: Laws 1953, Chapter 622, Section 1, amended this section, and the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 622, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1952.

**290.43 WHERE FILED.** The returns required to be made under sections 290.37 to 290.39 and 290.41 shall be filed with the commissioner at his office in St. Paul or at such local offices in the county of the residence or principal place of business of the taxpayer as the commissioner of taxation may designate. If designated by the commissioner of taxation, the treasurer of each county shall receive such return and payments of taxes thereon and transmit the same to the commissioner of taxation within ten days and in such case his bond as county treasurer shall cover any defalcations in connection therewith. No county treasurer shall be required to assist in making out or swearing to such returns.

[1933 c. 405 s. 40] (2394-40)

**290.44 PAYMENT OF TAX; EXCEPTIONS.** The taxes imposed by this chapter, and interest and penalties imposed with respect thereto, shall be paid by the taxpayer upon whom imposed, except in the following cases:

(1) The tax due from a decedent for that part of the taxable year in which he died during which he was alive shall be paid by his executor or administrator;

(2) The tax due from an infant or other incompetent person shall be paid by his guardian or other person authorized or permitted by law to act for him;

(3) The tax due from the estate of a decedent shall be paid by the executor or administrator thereof;

(4) The tax due from a trust, including those within the definition of corporation, shall be paid by the trustee or trustees;

(5) The tax due from a taxpayer whose business or property is in charge of a receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, assignee, or other conservator, shall be paid by the person in charge of such business or property so far as the tax is due to the income from such business or property.

[1933 c. 405 s. 41] (2394-41)

**290.45 TAX PAID WHEN RETURN FILED.** Subdivision 1. The tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid at the time fixed for filing the return on which the tax is based, except that at the election of the taxpayer the tax may be paid in two equal instalments, the first of which shall be paid at the time fixed for filing the return, and the second on or before six months thereafter; provided, that the tax imposed upon an estate or trust shall be paid at the time the return is filed if the return is filed after the fifteenth day of March following the close of the calendar year or after the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of the fiscal year. If any instalment is not paid on or before the date fixed

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for its payment the whole amount of the tax unpaid shall become due and payable. They shall be paid to the commissioner or to the local officers designated by the commissioner with whom the return is filed as hereinbefore provided.

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 607, Section 2, amended subdivision 1, and the provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 607, Section 2, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

**Subd. 2. Time for payment may be extended.** At the request of the taxpayer, and for good cause shown, the commissioner may extend the time for payment of the amount determined as the tax by the taxpayer, or any instalment thereof, or any amount determined as a deficiency, for a period not to exceed six months from the date prescribed for the payment of the tax or an instalment thereof. In such case the amount in respect of which the extension is granted shall be paid on or before the date of the expiration of the period of the extension.

**Subd. 3.** A tax imposed by Laws 1949, Chapter 734, or any instalment thereof, may be paid, at the election of the taxpayer, prior to the date prescribed for its payment.

[1933 c 405 s 42; 1941 c 335 s 1; 1941 c 550 s 15; 1949 c 734 s 15; 1951 c 607 s 2] (2394-42)

**290.46 SHALL EXAMINE TAXPAYERS' RECORDS.** The commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after the return is filed, examine the same and make any investigation or examination of the taxpayer's records and accounts that he may deem necessary for determining the correctness of the return. The tax computed by him on the basis of such examination and investigation shall be the tax to be paid by such taxpayer. If the tax found due shall be greater than the amount reported as due on the taxpayer's return, the commissioner shall assess a tax in the amount of such excess and the whole amount of such excess shall be paid to the commissioner within 30 days after notice of the amount and demand for its payment shall have been mailed to the taxpayer by the commissioner. If the understatement of the tax on the return was false and fraudulent with intent to evade the tax, the instalments of the tax shown by the taxpayer on his return which have not yet been paid shall be paid to the commissioner within 30 days after notice of the amount thereof and demand for payment shall have been mailed to the taxpayer by the commissioner. If the amount of the tax found due by the commissioner shall be less than that reported as due on the taxpayer's return, the excess shall be refunded to the taxpayer in the manner provided by section 290.50 (except that no demand therefor shall be necessary), if he has already paid the whole of such tax, or credited against any unpaid instalment thereof; provided, that no refundment shall be made except as provided in section 290.50, after the expiration of three and one-half years after the filing of the return; except with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1942, and ending before December 31, 1946, in which cases no refundment shall be made except as provided in section 290.50 after the expiration of four years and six months after the filing of the return.

The notices and demands provided for by sections 290.46 to 290.48 shall contain a brief statement of the computation of the tax and shall be sent by registered mail to the taxpayer at the address given in his return, if any, and if no such address is given, then to his last known address.

[1933 c 405 s 43; 1939 c 446 s 21; 1947 c 635 s 13] (2394-43)

**290.47 FAILURE TO MAKE RETURN OR PAY TAX.** If any person or corporation required by this chapter to file any return shall fail to do so within the time prescribed by this chapter or by regulations under the authority thereof, or shall make, wilfully or otherwise, an incorrect, false, or fraudulent return, he shall, on the written demand of the commissioner, file such return, or corrected return, within 30 days after the mailing of such written demand and at the same time pay the whole tax, or additional tax, due on the basis thereof. If such taxpayer shall fail within that time to file such return, or corrected return, the commissioner shall make for him a return, or corrected return, from his own knowledge and from such information as he can obtain through testimony, or otherwise, and assess a tax on the basis thereof, which tax (less any payments theretofore made on account of the tax for the taxable year covered by such return) shall be paid within ten days after the commissioner has mailed to such taxpayer a written notice of the amount thereof and demand for its payment. Any such return or assessment made by the commissioner on account of the failure of the taxpayer to make a return,

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or a corrected return, shall be prima facie correct and valid, and the taxpayer shall have the burden of establishing its incorrectness or invalidity in any action or proceeding in respect thereto.

[1933 c. 405 s. 44; *Ex.* 1937 c. 49 s. 30; 1941 c. 550 s. 16] (2394-44)

**290.48 COLLECTION OF TAX.** Subdivision 1. **Action.** If a tax imposed by this chapter, including penalties therein, or any portion of such tax, is not paid within 30 days after it is required to be paid thereunder, the commissioner shall, unless he proceeds under the provisions of subdivision 2 hereof, bring against the person liable for payment thereof an action at law, in the name of the state, for the recovery of the tax and interest and penalties due in respect thereof under this chapter. Such action shall be brought in the district court of the judicial district in which lies the county of the residence or principal place of business within this state of the taxpayer, or, in the case of an estate or trust, of the place of its principal administration, and for this purpose the place named as such in the return, if any, made by the taxpayer shall be conclusive against the taxpayer in this matter. If no such place is named in the return such action may be commenced in Ramsey county. Such action shall be commenced by filing with the clerk of such court a statement showing the name and address of the taxpayer, if known, an itemized summary of the taxable net income on the basis of which the tax has been computed, the tax due and unpaid thereon and the interest and penalties due with respect thereto under the provisions of this chapter, and shall contain a prayer that the court adjudge the taxpayer to be indebted on account of such taxes, interest, and penalties in the amount thereof specified in the statement; a copy of such statement shall be furnished to the clerk therewith. The clerk shall mail a copy of the statement by registered mail to the taxpayer at the address given in the return, if any; and, if no such address is given, then at his last known address, within five days after the same is filed, except that, if the taxpayer's address is not known, notice to him shall be made by posting copy of the statement for ten days in the place in the court-house where public notices are regularly posted. The taxpayer shall, if he desires to litigate the claim, or any part thereof, file a verified answer with the clerk setting forth his objections to the claim, or any part thereof; the answer shall be filed on or before the lapse of the twentieth day after the date of mailing the statement; or, if notice has been given by posting, on or before the twentieth day after the expiration of the period during which the notice was required to be posted. If no answer is filed within the specified time, the court shall enter judgment for the state in the amount prayed for, plus costs of \$10. If an answer be filed, the issues raised shall stand for trial as soon as possible after the filing of the answer, and the court shall determine the issues and direct judgment accordingly; and, if the taxes, interest, or penalties are sustained to any extent over the amount rendered by the taxpayer, shall assess \$10.00 costs against the taxpayer. The court shall disregard all technicalities and matters of form not affecting the substantial merits. The commissioner may call upon the county attorney or the attorney general to conduct such proceedings on behalf of the state. Execution shall be issued upon the judgment at the request of the commissioner, and such execution shall, in all other respects, be governed by the laws applicable to executions issued on judgments. Only the homestead and household goods of the judgment debtor shall be exempt from seizure and sale upon such execution.

Subd. 2. **Warrant issued to sheriff.** If a tax imposed by this chapter, or any portion of such tax, is not paid within 30 days after it is required to be paid thereunder, and if, for want of power in the State of Minnesota to impose a personal liability for such tax, interest, or penalties upon the taxpayer or to obtain jurisdiction of his person for purposes of rendering against him a personal judgment for the amount of any such tax, interest, or penalties, or for any other reason the proceedings authorized by subdivision 1 shall be impossible, then the commissioner shall issue his warrant to the sheriff of any county of the state commanding him to levy upon and sell the real and personal property of the taxpayer within the county, and to return such warrant to the commissioner and pay to him the money collected by virtue thereof by a time to be therein specified, not less than 60 days from the date of the warrant. The sheriff shall proceed thereunder to levy upon and seize any property of the taxpayer within his county, except the homestead and household goods of the taxpayer, and shall sell so much thereof as is required to satisfy such taxes, interest, and penalties, together with his costs;

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but such sales shall, as to their manner, be governed by the laws applicable to sales of like property on execution issued against property upon a judgment of a court of record. The proceeds of such sales, less the sheriff's costs, shall be turned over to the commissioner, who shall retain such part thereof as is required to satisfy the tax, interest, penalties, and costs, and pay over any balance to the taxpayer. The commissioner shall not proceed under this subdivision until the expiration of 30 days after mailing to the taxpayer, at his last known address, a written notice of the amount of taxes, interest, and penalties due from the taxpayer and demand for their payment.

**Subd. 3. When delay jeopardizes collection.** The commissioner may also proceed under the provisions of subdivision 2 hereof when he has reasonable grounds for believing that the collection of any taxes, interest, or penalties due under this chapter will be jeopardized by delays incident to other methods of collection; and, in such cases, no preliminary notice and demand shall be required.

**Subd. 4. When taxpayer is about to remove from state.** If the commissioner has reasonable grounds for believing that a taxpayer is about to remove himself or his property from this state with the purpose of evading the tax imposed by this chapter, he may immediately declare the taxpayer's taxable year at an end and assess a tax on the basis of his own knowledge or information available to him, mail the taxpayer written notice of the amount thereof, at his last known address, demand its immediate payment; and, if payment is not immediately made, collect the tax by the method prescribed in subdivision 2 hereof, except that it need not await the expiration of the periods of time therein specified.

**Subd. 5. Actions.** In addition to all other methods authorized for the collection of the tax, it may be collected in an ordinary action at law or in equity by the state against the taxpayer.

**Subd. 6. Appeal to supreme court.** Either party to an action for the recovery of any taxes, interest, or penalties under subdivision 1 or subdivision 5 hereof may remove the judgment to the supreme court by appeal, as provided for appeals in civil cases.

**Subd. 7. Injunction forbidden.** No suit shall lie to enjoin the assessment or collection of any taxes imposed by this chapter, or the interest and penalties imposed thereby.

**Subd. 8. Presumption of validity.** The tax, as assessed by the commissioner, with any penalties included therein, shall be presumed to be valid and correctly determined and assessed, and the burden shall be upon the taxpayer to show its incorrectness or invalidity. The statement filed by the commissioner with the clerk of court, as provided herein, or any other certificate by the commissioner of the amount of the tax and penalties as determined or assessed by him, shall be admissible in evidence and shall establish prima facie the facts set forth therein.

[1933 c. 405 s. 45] (2394-45)

**290.49 ASSESSMENT, COLLECTION.** Subdivision 1. Except as provided in subdivision 8 of this section the amount of taxes assessable with respect to all taxable years ending after January 1, 1937, shall be assessed within three and one half years after the return is filed. Such taxes shall be deemed to have been assessed within the meaning of this section whenever the commissioner shall have determined the taxable net income of the taxpayer and computed and recorded the amount of tax with respect thereto, and if the amount is found to be in excess of that originally declared on the return, whenever the commissioner shall have prepared a notice of tax assessment and mailed the same to the taxpayer. The notice of tax assessment shall be sent by registered mail to the post office address given in the return, and the record of such mailing shall be presumptive evidence of the giving of such notice, and such records shall be preserved by the commissioner.

**Subd. 2.** In the case of income received during the lifetime of a decedent, or by his estate during the period of administration, or by a trustee of a terminating trust or other fiduciary who, because of custody of assets, would be liable for the payment of tax under section 290.54, or by a corporation, the tax shall be assessed within 18 months, and any proceeding in court for the collection of such tax shall be begun within two years after written request for such assessment (filed after the return is made) by the executor, administrator, or other fiduciary representing the estate of such decedent, or by the trustee of a terminating trust or other fiduciary who, because of custody of assets, would be liable for the payment of tax

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under section 290.54, or by the corporation, but except as provided in subdivision 8, no assessment shall be made after the expiration of three and one half years after the return was filed, and no action shall be brought after the expiration of four years after the return was filed.

This subdivision shall not apply in the case of a corporation unless

- (1) such written request notifies the commissioner that the corporation contemplates dissolution at or before the expiration of such 18-months period; and
- (2) the dissolution is in good faith begun before the expiration of such 18-months period; and
- (3) the dissolution is completed.

Subd. 3. If the taxpayer omits from gross income an amount properly includible therein which is in excess of 25 percent of the amount of gross income stated in the return, the tax may be assessed, or a proceeding in court for the collection of such tax may be begun at any time within five years after the return was filed.

Subd. 4. If the taxpayer omits from gross income an amount properly includible therein under Section 290.01, Subdivision 21, as an amount distributed in liquidation of a corporation, the tax may be assessed, or a proceeding in court for the collection of such tax may be begun at any time within four years after the return was filed.

Subd. 5. For the purposes of this section and of Section 290.50, a return filed before the last day prescribed by law for filing thereof shall be considered as filed on such last day.

Subd. 6. In the case of a false or fraudulent return with intent to evade tax or of failure to file a return the tax may be assessed, or a proceeding in court for the collection of such tax may be begun at any time.

Subd. 7. Where the assessment of any tax is hereafter made within the period of limitation properly applicable thereto, such tax may be collected by a proceeding in court, but only if begun

- (1) within nine months after the expiration of the period for the assessment of the tax, or
- (2) within nine months after the expiration of the period agreed upon by the commissioner and the taxpayer, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 8, or
- (3) within nine months after final disposition of any appeal from the order of assessment.

Subd. 8. Where before the expiration of the time prescribed in subdivisions (1) and (2) for the assessment of the tax, the commissioner and the taxpayer consent in writing to an extension of time for the assessment of the tax, the tax may be assessed at any time prior to the expiration of the period agreed upon. The period so agreed upon may be extended by subsequent agreements in writing made before the expiration of the period previously agreed upon.

Subd. 9. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1942 and ending before December 31, 1946, except as to the 18 months limitation provided for in subdivision 2, the limitations of time provided in subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 (1) shall be extended for an additional year.

[1933 c 405 s 46; Ex1936 c 87 s 1; Ex1937 c 49 s 24; 1939 c 59 s 2; 1939 c 446 s 14; 1941 c 550 s 1; 1943 c 656 s 15; 1945 c 604 s 12; 1947 c 635 s 14; 1949 c 734 s 13; 1951 c 269 s 1; 1951 c 649 s 1-4] (2394-46)

**290.50 OVERPAYMENTS, REFUND.** Subdivision 1. A taxpayer who has paid, voluntarily or otherwise, or from whom there has been collected (other than by the methods provided for in subdivisions 1 and 5 of section 290.48) an amount of tax for any year in excess of the amount legally due for that year, may file with the commissioner a claim for a refund of such excess. Except as provided in subdivision 4 of this section no such claim shall be entertained unless filed within two years after such tax was paid or collected, or within three and one half years from the filing of the return, whichever period is the longer; except that if the claim relates to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1942, and ending before December 31, 1946, such claim will not be entertained unless filed within two years after such tax was paid or collected or within four and one half years from the filing of the return whichever period is the longer. If the claim relates to an overpayment on account of failure to deduct a loss due to a bad debt or to a security becoming worthless, the period shall be five years from the date the return was filed, and

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in such case the refund shall be limited to the amount of such overpayment; but no claim for any year ending prior to January 1, 1939, shall be allowed, unless (1) the deduction was claimed by the taxpayer with respect to a subsequent year, and disallowed by the commissioner of taxation prior to January 1, 1943, and (2) the claim is filed before December 1, 1943. If the claim is not filed within three and one half years after the return is filed, (four and one half years if the return covers a taxable period beginning after December 31, 1942, and ending before December 31, 1946), or, to the extent that it refers to bad debt or worthless stock losses, within five years after the return is filed, the refund shall not exceed the amount paid within two years prior to the filing of the claim. Upon the filing of a claim the commissioner shall examine the same and shall make and file written findings thereon denying or allowing the claim in whole or in part and shall mail a notice thereof by registered mail to the taxpayer at the address stated upon the return. If such claim is allowed in whole or in part, the commissioner shall issue his certificate for the refundment of the excess paid by the taxpayer, with interest at the rate of two percent per annum computed from the date of the payment or collection of the tax until the date the refund is paid to the taxpayer, and the state auditor shall cause such refund to be paid out of the proceeds of the taxes imposed by this act, as other state moneys are expended. So much of the proceeds of such taxes as may be necessary are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Subd. 2. If the claim is denied in whole or in part, the taxpayer may commence an action against the commissioner to recover any overpayments of taxes claimed to be refundable but for which the commissioner has issued no certificate of refundment. Such action may be brought in the district court of the district in which lies the county of his residence or principal place of business or if an estate or trust, of the principal place of its administration, or in the district court for Ramsey county. Such action may be commenced after the expiration of six months after the claim is filed if the commissioner has not then taken final action thereon, and shall be commenced within 18 months after the notice of the order denying the claim.

NOTE: Laws 1953, Chapter 625, Section 1, amends subdivision 2, but the amendment shall not apply to any claims filed prior to April 22, 1953.

Subd. 3. Either party to said action may appeal to the supreme court as in other cases.

Subd. 4. If the commissioner and the taxpayer have within the periods prescribed in subdivision (1) of this section consented in writing to any extension of time for the assessment of the tax under the provisions of section 290.49, subdivision 8, the period within which a claim for refund may be filed, or a refund may be made or allowed, shall be the period within which the commissioner and the taxpayer have consented to an extension for the assessment of the tax and six months thereafter, provided, however, that the period within which a claim for refund may be filed shall not expire prior to two years after the tax was paid.

[1933 c 405 s 47; 1939 c 446 s 15, 19; 1941 c 550 s 18, 22; 1943 c 656 s 16; 1945 c 604 s 21; 1947 c 635 s 15; 1949 c 734 s 14; 1951 c 649 s 5-7; 1953 c 625 s 1] (2394-47)

**290.51 AGREEMENTS.** Subdivision 1. **Authority to make.** The commissioner, or any officer or employee of the state income tax department authorized in writing by the commissioner, is authorized to enter into an agreement in writing with any person relating to the liability of such person, or of the person or estate for whom he acts, in respect of any state income and franchise tax for any taxable period ending prior to the date of the agreement.

Subd. 2. **Approval.** If such agreement is approved by the commissioner within such time as may be stated in the agreement, or later agreed to, such agreement shall be final and conclusive; and, except upon a showing of fraud or malfeasance, or misrepresentation of a material fact, the case shall not be reopened as to the matters agreed upon or the agreement modified, by any officer, employee, or agent of the state; and, in any suit, action, or proceeding, such agreement, or any determination, assessment, collection, payment, abatement, refund, or credit made in accordance therewith, shall not be annulled, modified, set aside, or disregarded.

[1939 c. 446 s. 18] (2394-50a)

**290.52 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.** The commissioner shall administer and enforce the assessment and collection of the taxes imposed by this chapter. He may, from time to time, make and publish such rules and regulations

in enforcing its provisions. He shall cause to be prepared blank forms for the returns required by this chapter, which shall include a simplified form for individual taxpayers having a gross income less than \$5,000, or a gross income in excess of \$5,000 if it is derived solely from wages, salaries, dividends and interest, which statement may be verified by written declaration that it is made under the penalties of criminal liability for wilfully making a false return and which shall list gross income, deductions, net income, gross tax, personal credits and tax payable, provided, that detailed returns may subsequently be required of said persons by the commissioner. The commissioner shall distribute the same throughout this state and furnish them on application, but failure to receive or secure them shall not relieve any person or corporation from the obligation of making any return required of him or it under this chapter. The commissioner may prescribe rules and regulations governing the recognition of agents, attorneys, or other persons representing claimants before the commissioner, and may require of such persons, agents, and attorneys, before being recognized as representatives of claimants, that they shall show that they are of good character and in good repute, possessed of the necessary qualifications to enable them to render such claimants valuable services, and otherwise competent to advise and assist such claimants in the presentation of their case. Such commissioner may, after due notice and opportunity for hearing, suspend and disbar from further practice before him, any such person, agent, or attorney, shown to be incompetent, disreputable, or who refuses to comply with the said rules and regulations, or who shall with intent to defraud, in any manner wilfully and knowingly deceive, mislead, or threaten any claimant or prospective claimant, by words, circular, letter, or by advertisement. This shall in no way curtail the rights of individuals to appear in their own behalf or partners or corporations' officers to appear in behalf of their respective partnerships or corporations.

[1933 c. 405 s. 50; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 27; 1939 c. 446 s. 17; 1943 c. 656 s. 18] (2394-50)

**290.53 PENALTIES, INTEREST.** Subdivision 1. If any tax imposed by this act, or any portion thereof, is not paid within the time herein specified for the payment thereof, or within 30 days after final determination of an appeal to the board of tax appeals relating thereto, there shall be added thereto a specific penalty equal to five percent of the amount so remaining unpaid. Such penalty shall be collected as part of said tax, and the amount of said tax not timely paid, together with said penalty shall bear interest at the rate of four percent per annum from the time such tax should have been paid until paid. Interest accruing upon the tax due as disclosed by the return or upon the amount determined as a deficiency from the date prescribed for the payment of the tax (if the tax is payable in instalments, from the date the instalment or instalments become due and payable under the provisions of section 290.45, subdivision 1) shall be added to the tax and be collected as a part thereof. Where an extension of time for payment has been granted under section 290.45, subdivision 2, interest shall be paid at the rate of four percent per annum from the date when such payment should have been made if no extension had been granted, until such tax is paid. If payment is not made at the expiration of the extended period the penalties provided in this section shall apply.

NOTE: Laws 1951, Chapter 606, Section 1, amends subdivision 1, and the provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 606, Section 1, are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

Subd. 2. In case of any failure to make and file a return as required by this chapter within the time prescribed by law or prescribed by the commissioner in pursuance of law, unless it is shown that such failure is not due to wilful neglect, there shall be added to the tax in lieu of the five per cent specific penalty provided in subdivision 1: five percent if the failure is for not more than 30 days with an additional five percent for each additional 30 days or fraction thereof during which such failure continues, not exceeding 25 percent in the aggregate. The amount so added to any tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner and as a part of the tax unless the tax has been paid before the discovery of the neglect, in which case the amount so added shall be collected in the same manner as the tax.

Subd. 3. If any person, with intent to evade the tax imposed by this act, shall fail to file any return required by this act, or shall with such intent file a false or fraudulent return, there shall also be imposed on him as a penalty an amount equal to 50 percent of any tax (less any amounts paid by him on the basis of such false or fraudulent return) found due from him for the period to which such return related.

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The penalty imposed by this subdivision shall be collected as part of the tax, and shall be in addition to any other penalties, civil and criminal, provided by this section.

Subd. 4. In addition to the penalties hereinbefore prescribed, any person who wilfully fails to make a return or wilfully makes a false return, with an intent to evade the tax, or a part thereof, imposed by this act, shall be guilty of a felony, and, notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 628.26 and 628.30, an indictment thereon may be found and filed, or an information filed, in the proper court within six and one half years after the commission of the offense. The term "person" as used in this subdivision includes any officer or employee of a corporation or a member or employee of a partnership who as such officer, member or employee is under a duty to perform the act in respect to which the violation occurs.

Subd. 5. All payments received shall be credited first to penalties, next to interest, and then to the tax due.

Subd. 6. The commissioner shall have power to abate penalties when in his opinion their enforcement would be unjust and inequitable. The exercise of this power shall be subject to the approval of the attorney general.

[1933 c 405 s 49; Ex1937 c 49 s 25; 1941 c 550 s 19; 1943 c 656 s 17; 1945 c 604 s 20; 1947 c 635 s 16; 1951 c 606 s 1; 1953 c 634 s 1] (2394-49)

**290.54 TAX A PERSONAL DEBT.** The tax imposed by this chapter, and interest and penalties imposed with respect thereto, shall become a personal debt of the taxpayer from the time the liability therefor arises, irrespective of when the time for discharging such liability by payment occurs. The debt shall, in the case of the executor or administrator of the estate of a decedent and in the case of any fiduciary, be that of such person in his official or fiduciary capacity only unless he shall have voluntarily distributed the assets held in such capacity without reserving sufficient assets to pay such tax, interest, and penalties, in which event he shall be personally liable for any deficiency. This provision shall apply only to cases in which this state is legally competent to impose such personal liability.

The tax imposed by this chapter, and interest and penalties imposed with respect thereto, shall become a lien upon all of the real property of the taxpayer within this state, except his homestead, from and after the filing by the commissioner of a notice of such lien in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such real property is situated.

[1933 c. 405 s. 48] (2394-48)

**290.55** [Unnecessary]

**290.56 BOOKS AND RECORDS EXAMINED; TAKE TESTIMONY.** For the purpose of determining the correctness of any return or of determining whether or not any person should have made a return or paid taxes hereunder, the commissioner shall have power to examine, or cause to be examined, any books, papers, records, or memoranda relevant to making such determinations, including the taxpayer's retained copy of his return of income to the United States government for any year, whether such books, papers, records, or memoranda are the property of or in the possession of the taxpayer or any other person or corporation. He shall further have power to require the attendance of any taxpayer or other person having knowledge or information in the premises to compel the production of books, papers, records, or memoranda by persons so required to attend, to take testimony on matters material to such determination, and to administer oaths or affirmations.

[1933 c. 405 s. 51] (2394-51)

**290.57 EXAMINERS.** For the purpose of making such examinations and determinations, the commissioner may appoint such officers, to be known as income tax examiners, as he may deem necessary. If the commissioner deems it advisable, he may request the public examiner, for such period of time as he may direct, to audit such returns and conduct such examinations, and report thereon to the commissioner. Upon such request being made, the public examiner shall appoint such income tax examiners as he may deem necessary.

[1933 c. 405 s. 52] (2394-52)

**290.58 POWERS OF EXAMINERS.** Such income tax examiners, whether appointed by the commissioner or by the public examiner, shall have all the rights and powers with reference to the examining of books, records, papers, or mem-

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oranda, and with reference to the subpoenaing of witnesses, administering of oaths and affirmations, and taking of testimony conferred upon the commissioner by this chapter. The clerk of any court of record, or any justice of the peace, upon demand of any such examiner, shall issue a subpoena for the attendance of any witness or the production of any books, papers, records, or memoranda before such examiner. The commissioner may also issue subpoenas for the appearance of witnesses before him or before such examiners. The commissioner may appoint such referees as he deems necessary to review, singly or as a board of review, the reports of the income tax examiners and petitions or complaints of taxpayers, and report thereon to the commissioner. Disobedience of subpoenas issued under this chapter shall be punished by the district court of the district in which the subpoena is issued as for a contempt of the district court.

[1933 c. 405 s. 53] (2394-53)

**290.59 ADDITIONAL HELP.** The commissioner, and the public examiner if requested to conduct examinations as hereinbefore provided, may appoint and employ such additional help, or purchase such supplies or materials or incur such other expenditures in the enforcement of this chapter as they may deem necessary. The salaries of all officers and employees provided for in this chapter shall be fixed by the commissioner, where appointed by him, and by the public examiner, where appointed by him, subject to the approval of the commissioner of administration.

[1933 c. 405 s. 54] (2394-54)

**290.60 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.** All the expenses of the administration of this chapter shall be paid out of the receipts therefrom as other moneys of the state are expended by the departments incurring the same, and there is hereby appropriated out of such receipts so much thereof as may be necessary therefor.

Expenses of the administration of this chapter as provided for herein shall include fees and expenses incurred by the Attorney General in litigation for the collection of the taxes provided for in this chapter. None of said departments may expend any money for any of the purposes of this chapter after February 15, 1935, unless the same shall be appropriated by the Legislature.

[1933 c. 405 s. 55; 1943 c. 115 s. 1] (2394-55)

**290.61 PUBLICITY OF RETURNS.** It shall be unlawful for the commission or any other public official or employee to divulge or otherwise make known in any manner any particulars set forth or disclosed in any report or return required by this chapter, or any information concerning, the taxpayer's affairs acquired from his or its records, officers, or employees while examining or auditing any taxpayer's liability for taxes imposed hereunder, except in connection with a proceeding involving taxes due under this chapter from the taxpayer making such return and except as provided in section 290.361. The commissioner may furnish a copy of any taxpayer's return to any official of the United States or of any state having duties to perform in respect to the assessment or collection of any tax imposed upon or measured by income, if such taxpayer is required by the laws of the United States or of such state to make a return therein and if the laws of the United States or of such state provide substantially for the same secrecy in respect to the information revealed thereby as is provided by our laws. The commissioner and all other public officials and employees shall keep and maintain the same secrecy in respect to any information furnished by any department, commission, or official of the United States or of any other state in respect to the income of any person as is required by this section in respect to information concerning the affairs of taxpayers under this chapter. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the commissioner from publishing statistics so classified as not to disclose the identity of particular returns or reports and the items thereof.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

[1933 c. 405 s. 56; Ex. 1937 c. 49 s. 31; 1941 c. 18 s. 5] (2394-56)

**290.62 DISTRIBUTION; REFUNDS.** The revenues derived from the taxes, interest, and penalties under this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to a special fund to be known as income tax school fund, and be distributed as follows:

(1) There shall be paid from this income tax school fund all refunds of taxes erroneously collected from taxpayers under this chapter as provided herein;

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(2) There shall be transferred each year from this fund to the general revenue fund the amount expended from the latter fund for expenses of administering this chapter;

(3) Out of the balance in this income tax school fund, after meeting the requirements of clauses (1) and (2), there shall be distributed as income tax school aid to each school district of the state, including municipalities operating their own school, an amount equal to \$10 per child between the ages of six and 16 years, both years inclusive, residing in such district without being subject to any conditions; provided, that a child in his sixteenth year shall be included only if in actual attendance in school;

(4) The balance thereof shall be credited to the special state aid fund to be distributed as in this act provided.

[1933 c 405 s 57; 1935 c 252; 1937 c 122; 1937 c 397; Ex1937 c 49 s 28; 1939 c 438 s 1; 1941 c 445; 1943 c 630:s 1; 1943 c 656 s 29; 1947 c 633 s 18] (2394-57)

**290.623** [Repealed, 1947 c 633 s 22]

**290.65 MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES, EXEMPTIONS.** Subdivision 1. The first \$3,000 received by any individual as compensation for personal services in the Armed Forces of the United States or the United Nations, shall be excluded from gross income in computing income taxes under the provisions of sections 290.01 through 290.63, as amended. This subdivision shall apply to the taxable year 1942 and all subsequent taxable years.

Subd. 2. The limitations of time provided by sections 290.01 through 290.63, as amended, relating to income taxes, and sections 271.01 through 271.20, as amended, relating to the board of tax appeals, for (a) filing returns, (b) paying taxes, (c) claiming refunds, (d) commencing action thereon, (e) appealing to the board of tax appeals from orders relating to income taxes, and (f) appealing to the supreme court of Minnesota from decisions of the board of tax appeals relating to income taxes, are hereby extended, with respect to each individual, for the period during which such individual is, or has been for any period commencing after December 7, 1941, continuously and for more than 90 days outside the United States, and for a further period of six months after his return to the United States.

Subd. 3. No interest upon any income tax shall be assessed or collected from any individual with respect to whom, and for the period during which, the limitations of time are extended as provided in subdivision 2 of this section; provided, that interest shall accrue, notwithstanding such extension, for such part of said period as the individual is not serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or the United Nations. No penalty shall be assessed against or collected from any individual by reason of failure, during the extension of the periods of time as provided in subdivision 2, to perform any act required by the laws prescribed in said subdivision. No interest shall be paid upon any income tax refund to any individual with respect to whom, and for the period during which, the limitations of time are extended as provided in subdivision 2 of this section.

Subd. 4. The limitations of time for the assessment of any tax, penalty or interest, as provided by the laws described in subdivision 2 are hereby extended, with respect to the same individuals, and for the same period, as provided in said subdivision, and for a further period of six months; and the limitations of time for the commencement of action to collect any tax, penalty or interest from such individuals are hereby extended for a period ending six months after the expiration of the time for assessment as herein provided.

For the purpose of this subdivision the period of six months after return to the United States, as provided in subdivision 2, shall not begin to run until written notice of such return is filed with the Commissioner of Taxation.

Subd. 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed as reducing any period of time provided by the laws set forth in subdivision 2, within which any act is required or permitted to be done.

Subd. 6. The term "United States" as used in this section does not include Alaska, Hawaii, Canal Zone or the Caribbean Islands.

Subd. 7. The provisions of subdivision 2 shall not extend the time for performing any of the acts therein set forth beyond the expiration of three months after the appointment of an executor, administrator, or guardian, in this state, for any individual described therein except as provided in subdivision 15 of this section.

Subd. 8. This section shall apply to all periods of limitation which expire after the passage of this act. If any such period has expired prior to the passage of this act, and subsequent to December 7, 1941, and the right of any individual described in subdivision 2 of this section is barred thereby, the said period of limitation is hereby revived and extended as provided in this section, and any taxes, penalty or interest assessed contrary to the provisions of subdivision 3 of this section shall be abated.

Subd. 9. The limitations of time provided by sections 290.01 through 290.63, as amended, relating to income taxes, and sections 271.01 through 271.20, as amended, relating to the board of tax appeals, for (a) filing returns, (b) paying taxes, (c) claiming refunds, (d) commencing action thereon, (e) appealing to the board of tax appeals from orders relating to income taxes, and (f) appealing to the supreme court from decisions of the board of tax appeals relating to income taxes, are hereby extended, with respect to each individual, for the period during which such individual is or has been continuously for any period beginning after December 7, 1941, serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, or the United Nations, and for a further period of six months after the termination of such service, provided, that the ability of such individual to file the return, pay the tax or any part thereof, or any interest or penalty thereon, or to perform any other act described in this subdivision is materially impaired by reason of such service, but if an extension of time is granted, the fact that such individual's ability to pay was not impaired, shall not prevent the operation of the extensions of time herein provided. The commissioner may by regulation require the filing of a statement or affidavit or other proof, at the time the return or tax is due or other act is required to be done, stating the fact of inability to comply with the requirements of law because of service in the Armed Forces of the United States or the United Nations.

Subd. 10. No interest upon any income tax shall be assessed or collected from any individual, and no interest shall be paid upon any income tax refund to any individual, with respect to whom, and for the period during which, the limitations of time are extended as provided in subdivision 9 of this section. No penalty shall be assessed or collected from any such individual by reason of failure during such period to perform any act required by the laws described in subdivision 9 of this section.

Subd. 11. The limitations of time provided for the assessment of any tax, penalty or interest, as provided by the laws described in subdivision 9, are hereby extended, with respect to the same individuals, and for the same period, as provided in said subdivision, and for a further period of six months; and the limitations of time for the commencement of action to collect any tax, penalty or interest from such individuals are hereby extended for a period ending six months after the expiration of the time for assessment as herein provided. For the purpose of this subdivision the period of six months after termination of service in the Armed Forces, as provided in subdivision 9, shall not begin to run until written notice of such termination is filed with the commissioner of taxation.

Subd. 12. Nothing in this section shall be construed as reducing any period of time provided by the laws set forth in subdivision 9, within which any act is required or permitted to be done.

Subd. 13. The provisions of subdivision 9 shall not extend the time for performing any of the acts therein set forth beyond the expiration of three months after the appointment of an executor, administrator, or guardian, in this state, for any individual described therein except as provided in subdivision 15 of this section.

Subd. 14. This section shall apply to all periods of limitation which expire after the passage of this act. If any such period has expired prior to the passage of this act, and subsequent to December 7, 1941, and the right of any individual described in subdivision 9 of this section is barred thereby, the said period of limitation is hereby revived and extended as provided in this section, and any taxes, penalty or interest assessed contrary to the provisions of subdivision 10 of this section shall be abated.

Subd. 15. In the case of any individual who dies on or after December 7, 1941, while in active service as a member of the military or naval forces of the United States or of any of the United Nations prior to the termination of hostilities as

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proclaimed by Congress or by the President of the United States, any income tax imposed under the provisions of sections 290.01 through 290.63, shall not be imposed with respect to the taxable year in which falls the date of his death, and such tax imposed for any prior taxable years which is unpaid at the date of his death (including additions to the tax, interest and penalties) shall not be assessed, and if assessed, the assessment shall be abated. In addition, upon the filing of a claim for refund within seven years after the termination of hostilities as set forth above, the tax paid or collected with respect to any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1940, during which such decedent was in active service shall be refunded.

Subd. 16. In the case of any individual who dies on or after December 31, 1949, while in active service as a member of the military or naval forces of the United States or of any of the United Nations, any income tax imposed under the provisions of sections 290.01 through 290.63, shall not be imposed with respect to the taxable year in which falls the date of his death, and such tax imposed for any prior taxable year which is unpaid at the date of his death (including additions to the tax, interest and penalties) shall not be assessed, and if assessed, the assessment shall be abated. In addition, upon the filing of a claim for refund within seven years from the date the return was filed, the tax paid or collected with respect to any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1949 during which such decedent was in active service shall be refunded.

Subd. 17. The commissioner of taxation shall have power, with respect to individuals referred to in this section, to abate penalties and interest when in his opinion their enforcement would be unjust and inequitable. The exercise of this power shall be subject to the approval of the attorney general.

[1943 c 107 s 1; 1945 c 604 s 15; 1947 c 635 s 17; 1951 c 648 s 1-3]

**290.66 EFFECTIVE DATES.** The provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 604, shall apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1944, except as otherwise provided therein and except as follows: the amendments by Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 15, to Laws 1943, Chapter 107, (Sec. 290.65) shall take effect as if contained in the original enactment thereof; Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Sections 4, 5, and 17, (Sec. 290.07, Subds. 4 and 5, and 290.077) shall apply in the case of all individuals dying on or after January 1, 1945, and at the election of an executor or administrator of an estate or if there be no estate the principal recipient of the rights described in Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 17, (Sec. 290.077) they shall apply in the case of individuals who died on or after January 1, 1943, and prior to January 1, 1945; Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 6, (Sec. 290.075) shall apply to all claims filed after the passage of Laws 1945, Chapter 604; Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 9, (Sec. 290.12, Subd. 2) shall apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1942; Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 12, (Sec. 290.49) shall apply to all existing liabilities; Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 20, (Sec. 290.53) shall apply to all assessments hereafter made; Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 21, (Sec. 290.50) shall apply to all refunds hereafter made; the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 22, (Sec. 290.361) Subdivision 2, Clause (c), shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1944; and the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 604, Section 22, (Sec. 290.361) Subdivision 2, Clause (d), shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1940.

[1945 c. 604 s. 31]

**290.67 EFFECTIVE DATES.** The provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 596, (Sec. 290.16, Subd. 2) shall apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1944.

[1945 c. 596 s. 4]

**290.68 EFFECTIVE DATES.** The effective date of Laws 1945, Chapter 410, (Sec. 290.03) is April 20, 1945.

[1945 c 410 s 1]

**290.69 EFFECTIVE DATE, CERTAIN SECTIONS.** The amendment by Laws 1951, Chapter 649, Section 4, shall take effect upon passage but shall not apply to any agreement for extension of time for the assessment of the tax made before the passage of this act, or to any subsequent extensions thereof.

The amendments by Laws 1951, Chapter 649, Sections 6 and 7, shall take effect upon passage but shall not apply to any claims filed prior to the passage of Laws 1951, Chapter 649.

[1951 c 649 s 8]

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NOTE: Except as provided in Sections 290.66, 290.67 and 290.68, and except as may otherwise be provided therein, the provisions of Chapter 290 apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1944. With respect to the application of any particular section to prior taxable years, reference must be made to the effective dates contained in the respective session laws.

Laws 1933, Chapter 405, the basic income tax act, by the provisions of Section 7, was made retroactive to January 1, 1933. Laws 1933, Chapter 405, have been amended by the following: (1945 amendments not included)

Extra Session Laws 1935, Chap. 87, effective date Section 2; Chapter 252, effective date Section 1; Laws 1937, Chap. 122, effective date Section 1, Chap. 397, effective date Section 2, Extra Session Laws 1937, Chap. 49, effective date Section 34; Laws 1939, Chap. 59, effective date Section 3, Chapter 63, effective date Section 2, Chapter 438, effective date Section 2, Chapter 446, effective date Sections 20 and 24; Laws 1941, Chapter 18, effective date Section 3, Chapter 21, effective date Section 2, Chapter 335, effective date Section 1; Chapter 429, effective date Section 2, Chapter 445, approved April 25, 1941, Chapter 550, effective date Section 24; Laws 1943, Chapter 107, effective date Section 2, Subd. 7, and Section 3, Subd. 6, Chapter 115 filed March 10, 1943, Chap. 630, approved April 24, 1943, Chapter 643, effective date Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 656, effective date Section 31.

**290.91 DESTRUCTION OF INCOME TAX RETURNS.** The commissioner of taxation is hereby authorized to destroy all income tax returns, including audit reports, orders and correspondence relating thereto, which have been on file in his office for a period of five years or more. The commissioner may, in his discretion, before destruction, make copies thereof by microfilm, photostat or other similar means. Such copies, when certified to by the commissioner, shall be admissible in evidence in the same manner and be given the same effect as the original documents destroyed.

[1945 c 604 s 27; 1947 c 92 s 1]