

## CHAPTER 292

## GIFT TAXES

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**292.01 GIFT TAX. Subdivision 1. Imposition.** A tax is hereby imposed for each calendar year upon the transfer during such calendar year by any person, resident or non-resident, of property by gift.

**Subd. 2. Situs of property.** The tax, in the case of a person who is a resident of this state at the date of the transfer, shall be on all such transfers, if the property transferred has its situs within this state; and, for this purpose, intangible property shall be conclusively deemed to have its situs therein. The tax, in the case of a person who is a non-resident of this state at the date of such transfer, shall be on all such transfers, if the property transferred has its situs within this state.

**Subd. 3. Nature of transfer and property.** The tax shall apply whether the transfer is in trust or otherwise, whether the gift is direct or indirect, and whether the property is real, personal, or mixed, or tangible or intangible. When property is transferred by gift in trust or otherwise, and the rights, interest, or estates of the transferee are dependent upon contingencies or conditions whereby they may be wholly or in part created, defeated, extended, or abridged, a tax shall be imposed upon the transfer at the highest rate which, on the happening of any of the contingencies or conditions, would be possible under the provisions of this chapter.

**Subd. 4. Transfer for benefit of donor; reserved power; death of donor.** The tax shall not apply to a transfer of property in trust for the use and benefit of the donor nor to a transfer of property in trust where the power to revest in the donor title to such property is vested in the donor, either alone or in conjunction with any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of such property or the income therefrom, but the relinquishment or termination of such power, other than by the donor's death, shall be considered to be a transfer by the donor by gift of the property subject to such power, and any payment of the income therefrom to a beneficiary other than the donor shall be considered to be a transfer by the donor of such income by gift.

**Subd. 5. Retroactive effect.** The tax shall not apply to such transfers made before the effective date of Laws 1937 (Extra Session), Chapter 70.

**Subd. 6. Computation.** The tax shall be computed in the manner and at the rates hereinafter provided.

**Subd. 7. Joint tenancy.** (1) The creation of a joint tenancy with right of survivorship in real property, either by one spouse alone or by both spouses, and additions to the value thereof in the form of improvements, reductions in the indebtedness thereon, or otherwise, shall not be deemed transfers of property for purposes of this chapter, regardless of the proportion of the consideration furnished by each spouse, unless the donor elects to have such creation of a joint tenancy treated as a transfer, as provided in paragraph (3).

(2) In the case of the termination of a joint tenancy, other than by reason of the death of a spouse, the creation of which, or additions to which, were not deemed to be transfers by reason of paragraph (1), a spouse shall be deemed to have made a gift to the extent that the proportion of the total consideration furnished by such spouse multiplied by the proceeds of such termination (whether in form of cash, property, or interests in property) exceeds the value of such proceeds of termination received by such spouse.

(3) The election provided by paragraph (1) shall be exercised by including such creation of a joint tenancy or additions made to the value thereof as a transfer by gift, to the extent such transfer constitutes a gift, determined without regard to this section, in the gift tax return of the donor for the calendar year in which such joint tenancy was created or additions made to the value thereof, filed within the time prescribed by law irrespective of whether or not the gift exceeds the exclusion provided by section 292.04(6).

[*Ex*1937 c 70 s 1; 1957 c 298 s 1; 1961 c 417 s 1] (2394-71)

**292.02 PERSON.** Wherever the word "person" is used in this chapter it shall include individuals, associations, joint stock companies, partnerships, and corporations wherever the context permits or requires it.

[*Ex*. 1937 c. 70 s. 1] (2394-71)

**292.03 VALUATION OF GIFT.** Subdivision 1. The full and true value of property at the date of its transfer by gift shall be its value for the purpose of computing the tax imposed by this chapter. Where property is transferred with donative intent for less than an adequate and full consideration in money or money's worth, then the amount by which its full and true value at the date of its transfer exceeds the value of the consideration shall be deemed a gift, and such excess shall be deemed the value of such gift for the purpose of computing the tax by this chapter.

Subd. 2. The value of every future or limited estate, income, interest, or annuity dependent upon any life or lives in being, shall be determined by the provisions of section 291.11, subdivision 2.

[*Ex*1937 c 70 s 2; 1961 c 348 s 1] (2394-72)

**292.04 EXEMPTIONS.** The following transfers by gift shall be exempt from and excluded in computing the tax imposed by this chapter:

(1) Gifts to or for the use of the United States of America or any state or any political subdivision thereof for exclusively public purposes;

(2) Gifts to or for the use of any fund, foundation, trust, association, organization or corporation operated within this state for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes exclusively, including the promotion of the arts, or the conduct of a public cemetery, if no part thereof inures to the profit of any private shareholder or individual. Gifts to or for the use of any corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association operated for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, including the promotion of the arts, or the conduct of a public cemetery, no part of which inures to the profit of any private shareholders or individual, shall be exempt, if at the date of the gift, the laws of the state under the laws of which the donee is organized or existing either (1) do not impose a gift tax in respect of property transferred to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association, organized or existing under the laws of this state, or (2) contain a reciprocal provision under which gifts to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association organized or existing under the laws of another state are exempt from gift taxes if such other state allows a similar exemption to a similar corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association, organized or existing under the laws of such state.

(3) Gifts to a fraternal society, order, or association operating under the lodge system, but only if such gifts are to be used exclusively for the purposes designated in clause (2);

(4) Gifts to or for the use of posts or organizations of war veterans, or auxiliary units or societies of any such posts or organizations, if such posts, organizations, units or societies are organized within the state of Minnesota and if such gifts are to be used exclusively for the purposes designated in clause (2);

(5) All property transferred, money, service, or other thing of value, paid, furnished, or delivered by any person, corporation, organization, or association to his or its employees, or to any organization of his or its employees, directly or indirectly, or to any person, firm, or corporation for them or it, including payments to cover insurance, sickness, and death benefits, pensions, relief activities, or to any other employees benefit fund of any kind, and medical service to such employees and their families;

(6) The first \$3,000 in value of gifts (other than of future interests in property) made to any person by the donor during any calendar year. No part of a gift to a minor donee which complies with the provisions of the Minnesota uniform gifts to

minors act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 527, shall be considered a gift of future interest in property for purposes of this clause.

[*Ex*1937 c 70 s 3; 1943 c 505 s 1, 2; 1951 c 268 s 1; 1959 c 429 s 1] (2394-73)

NOTE: The provisions of this section as amended by Laws 1959, Chapter 429, are applicable to gifts made on or after March 20, 1957.

**292.05 SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Particular Donees.** The following specific exemptions shall be deducted in computing the amount of the gifts made to any single donee:

(1) \$10,000, if the donee is the wife or minor child, either by blood or by adoption, of the donor;

(2) \$5,000, if the donee is the husband, an adult child, by blood or by adoption, other lineal descendant, or any mutually acknowledged child of the donor, or lineal descendants of such adopted or mutually acknowledged children;

(3) \$3,000, if the donee is a lineal ancestor of the donor;

(4) \$1,000, if the donee is a class C donee, as specified in section 292.07;

(5) \$250, if the donee is a class D donee, as specified in section 292.07.

**Subd. 2. Single exemption.** The exemptions provided by this section shall be allowed once only with respect to gifts by the donor to the same donee; provided, that where the relationship of the donee to the donor changes between gifts, the exemption allowed after the change shall be the exemption applicable at the date of gift to the extent that it exceeds any exemption deducted under this section from prior gifts.

**Subd. 3. Definition.** The term "mutually acknowledged child," as used herein, means any child to whom the donor, for not less than ten years prior to such transfer, stood in the mutually acknowledged relation of a parent; provided, however, such relationship began at or before the child's fifteenth birthday and was continuous for ten years thereafter.

[*Ex*. 1937 c. 70 s. 4; 1943 c. 505 s. 3] (2394-74)

**292.06 COMPUTATION OF TAX.** The tax shall be based on the aggregate sum of the gifts made by the donor to the same donee in excess of the applicable annual exemptions and specific exemption. Net taxable gifts are here defined as the sum of gifts made by the donor to the same donee during any stated period of time in excess of the applicable annual exemptions and applicable specific exemption. For each calendar year the tax shall be an amount equal to the excess of (1) a tax, computed by applying the rates hereinafter set forth, to the net taxable gifts for such calendar year and for all preceding calendar years, over (2) a tax computed in like manner for all preceding calendar years; provided, that if the relationship of the donee to the donor changes between gifts, the tax on the gifts made subsequent to such change shall be computed as hereinbefore provided, but the rate shall be determined as follows: The rate shall be the rate applicable to the new relationship as provided in section 292.07, and shall be applied to the amount obtained by adding the net taxable gifts made after the change of relationship to the net taxable gifts made before the change of relationship.

[*Ex*1937 c 70 s 5; 1943 c 505 s 4; *Ex*1959 c 70 art 5 s 1] (2394-73)

NOTE: The provisions of this section as amended by Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 70, Article 5, Section 1, are applicable to gifts made after January 1, 1959.

**292.07 RATES OF TAX.** Subdivision 1. **Schedule to apply.** In computing the tax imposed by this chapter the schedule or rates specified in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this section shall apply.

**Subd. 2. Rates for classes of donees.** The rates on the net taxable gifts shall be (1) In the case of a Class A donee:

1½% on that part of the first \$25,000 which exceeds the applicable exemption or exemptions specified in section 292.05, subdivision 1.

2% on the next \$25,000 or part thereof.

3% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

4% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

5% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.

6% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

7% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

8% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.

9% on the next \$500,000 or part thereof.

10% on the excess over \$1,000,000.

(2) In the case of a Class B donee:

2% on that part of the first \$25,000 which exceeds the applicable exemption or

exemptions specified in section 292.05, subdivision 1.

- 4% on the next \$25,000 or part thereof.
- 6% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.
- 7% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.
- 8% on the next \$200,000 or part thereof.
- 9% on the next \$600,000 or part thereof.
- 10% on the excess over \$1,000,000.

(3) In the case of a Class C donee:

6% on that part of the first \$25,000 which exceeds the applicable exemption or exemptions specified in section 292.05, subdivision 1.

- 8% on the next \$25,000 or part thereof.
- 10% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.
- 12% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.
- 14% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.
- 16% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.
- 18% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.
- 20% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.
- 22% on the next \$500,000 or part thereof.
- 25% on the excess over \$1,000,000.

(4) In the case of a Class D donee:

8% on that part of the first \$25,000 which exceeds the applicable exemption or exemptions specified in section 292.05, subdivision 1.

- 10% on the next \$25,000 or part thereof.
- 12% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.
- 14% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.
- 16% on the next \$50,000 or part thereof.
- 18% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.
- 20% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.
- 22% on the next \$100,000 or part thereof.
- 26% on the next \$500,000 or part thereof.
- 30% on the excess over \$1,000,000.

NOTE: The provisions of this subdivision as amended by Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 70, Article 5, Section 2, are applicable to gifts made after January 1, 1959.

Subd. 3. **Credits.** A tax credit shall be allowed, in computing gift taxes due under this act, to the following donees in the following amounts:

Wife of the donor	\$300
Minor child or any minor legally adopted child of the donor	\$ 75
Husband, an adult child, by blood or by adoption, other lineal descendant, or any mutually acknowledged child of the donor, or lineal descendants of such adopted or mutually acknowledged children	\$ 20
Lineal ancestors of the donor	\$ 60
Brother or sister of the donor, a descendant of such brother or sister, a wife or widow of a son of the donor, and the husband of a daughter of the donor	\$ 30
Brother or sister of the father or mother of the donor, and a descendant of a brother or sister of the father or mother of the donor	\$ 40
All others	\$ 20

The credit provided by this subdivision shall be allowed once only with respect to gifts by the donor to the same donee, and shall apply only to offset tax which would otherwise be due on gifts made on or after January 1, 1959.

NOTE: The provisions of this subdivision as amended by Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 70, Article 5, Section 3, are applicable to gifts made after January 1, 1959.

Subd. 4. **Maximum rates.** The tax shall in no case, exceed 35 percent of the full and true value of the net taxable gifts. If the tax imposed herein is assessed against and attempted to be collected from the donee, the tax shall in no case exceed 35 percent of the full and true value of the gift in excess of the applicable specific exemption after deducting therefrom any gift tax imposed by the United States government if such federal tax was assessed against and collected from the donee.

Subd. 5. **Classes of donees defined.** Class A donees shall include only the wife and minor or dependent child of the donor, and a minor or dependent legally adopted child of the donor. Class B donees shall include only the husband of the donor, adult child or adult legally adopted child and the lineal issue of such adopted child, lineal descendants and ancestors of the donor, any child of the donor to whom he or she has stood in the mutually acknowledged relation of parent for not less than ten years prior to the making of the gift if such relationship

began at or before such child's fifteenth birthday and was continuous for ten years thereafter, and the lineal issue of such child. Class C donees shall include only a brother or sister of the donor, a descendant of such brother or sister, a wife or widow of a son of the donor, and the husband of a daughter of the donor. Class D donees shall include all donees other than those includible in the foregoing classes.

NOTE: The provisions of this subdivision as amended by Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 70, Article 5, Section 4, are applicable to gifts made after January 1, 1959.

[*Ex1937 c 70 s 6; 1943 c 505 s 5; Ex1959 c 70 art 5 s 2-4*] (2394-76)

**292.08 RETURNS.** Subdivision 1. **Requisites of return by donor.** Every person making any gifts other than those exempted by section 292.04 (6) during that part of the calendar year 1937 subsequent to the effective date of Ex. Laws 1937, Chapter 70, or during any subsequent calendar year, shall make a return thereof in duplicate to the commissioner of taxation. Every return shall specifically set forth the property transferred by gift, the date of the gift, the value at the date of the gift of every item of property transferred by gift, the name and residence of each donee and the relationship of the donee to the donor, and, in the case of property transferred for less than an adequate consideration in money or money's worth, the character and value of the consideration received by the donor. The commissioner of taxation may require such other information to be given on such return as may be necessary for the effective enforcement of this chapter. The return shall be in such form as he may prescribe as necessary to compute the tax imposed by this chapter, and shall be under oath of the person making the return. In the case of a donor dying without filing a required return the return shall be made on his behalf by his executor or administrator, if no representative is appointed in probate proceedings the return shall be filed by the donee; that of a person for whom or whose property a guardian has been appointed shall be made by the guardian of his person or his property or both; and that of a person employing any device to make gifts indirectly shall be made by him and by those in charge or in control of the agency or instrumentality through which such person is making gifts indirectly.

Subd. 2. **Time for filing.** The returns required to be made under subdivision 1 of this section shall be filed with the commissioner of taxation on or before the fifteenth day of April of the calendar year immediately succeeding that for which the return is made.

Subd. 3. **Time extended.** The commissioner of taxation may, whenever in his opinion good cause exists therefor, extend the time for filing any return required hereunder for not to exceed three months.

Subd. 4. **Return by donee.** The commissioner of taxation may, whenever necessary in his opinion to the effective enforcement of this chapter, require donees to file a return of gifts received by them, and such return may require such donees to report such information as is necessary to the effective enforcement of this chapter. Returns required hereunder shall be filed with the commissioner of taxation within 30 days after he has mailed notice and demand therefor to the last known address of the donee required to make such return.

Subd. 5. **Time of assessment.** Except as otherwise expressly provided by chapter 292, the amount of any tax imposed by that chapter shall be assessed within three years after the return was filed (whether or not such return was filed on or after the date prescribed), and no proceeding in court, without assessment for the collection of such tax as herein required, shall be begun after the expiration of such period. If a return of tax imposed by this chapter is filed before the last day prescribed by law for the filing thereof, the return shall be considered as having been filed on such last day for the purposes of this subdivision.

Subd. 6. **Evasion, omissions, extensions and corrections.** (a) In the case of a false or fraudulent return, with the intent to evade tax, or in case of an unlawful attempt in any manner to defeat or evade a tax imposed by this chapter, or in case 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 without assessment at any time.

(b) Omissions—in the case where there is omitted from the return items subject to tax under chapter 291, the tax on such omitted items may be assessed at any time.

In determining the items omitted, there shall not be taken into account any item which is omitted from the gift subject to tax, if such item is disclosed in the return or in a statement attached to the return in a manner adequate to apprise the

commissioner of taxation of the nature and amount of such item.

(c) Where before the expiration of the time prescribed in subdivisions 5 and 6(a) for the assessment of the tax, the commissioner of taxation and the taxpayer shall consent in writing to the extension of time for the assessment of the tax, the tax may be assessed at any time prior to the expiration 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.

(d) If, prior to the expiration of the period of limitations prescribed in subdivision 5, the value of the gift returnable to the United States treasury department under present federal law is changed or corrected by the commissioner of internal revenue, the taxpayer or a proper representative of the taxpayer shall report such changed or corrected estate and shall concede the accuracy of such determination or state wherein it is erroneous. Any taxpayer filing an amended return with the United States treasury department shall also file within 90 days thereafter a copy of such amended return with the commissioner of taxation.

(e) Failure to report such changed or corrected federal gift tax return or to file a copy of such amended gift tax return as set forth in (d) above and within the time stated, shall suspend the running of the period of limitations until such report or copy has been furnished to the commissioner of taxation.

(f) In any case where a gift tax return has been filed prior to the effective date of Laws 1961, Chapter 492, and on or subsequent to January 1, 1956, such return shall be deemed to have been filed on the effective date of Laws 1961, Chapter 492.

[*Ex*1937 c 70 s 7; 1943 c 505 s 6; 1949 c 715 s 1; 1957 c 777 s 1, 2; 1961 c 492 s 2] (2394-77)

**292.09 ASSESSMENT.** Subdivision 1. **To whom assessed.** The commissioner of taxation shall determine and assess all taxes imposed by this chapter. The tax shall be assessed upon the donor, and shall be paid by him to the commissioner of taxation within 60 days after notice of such assessment shall have been served upon him. The tax in the case of a donor who has died prior to its assessment shall be assessed upon his executor or administrator, and be paid by such executor or administrator within 60 days after notice of such assessment shall have been served upon him. The tax in the case of indirect gifts may, in the discretion of the commissioner of taxation, be assessed upon the donor, or the person or persons in charge or in control of the agency or instrumentality through which such donor is making indirect gifts, or upon both, and shall be paid by the person upon whom it is assessed within 60 days after notice of such assessment shall have been served upon him (but one tax only shall be collected in such case). Notice of assessment shall be deemed to have been made within the meaning of this subdivision when a letter containing such notice has been mailed to the last known address of the person upon whom the assessment is made.

Subd. 2. **Liability under assessment; collection; suit against resident or non-resident.** The tax shall become a personal liability of the person upon whom it is assessed, if such person is a resident of this state, from the date of its assessment, shall remain such until such tax is paid, and may be collected by an action at law, in the name of this state, which may be brought in the district court of the judicial district in which such person resides or has his principal place of business, or in the district court for Ramsey county. The foregoing provisions shall also apply where such person is a non-resident of this state, so far as that is permissible under the provisions of the constitutions of the United States and this state.

Subd. 3. **Personal liability; filing lien; certificate of release.** If the tax is not paid when due, the donee of any gift shall be personally liable for such tax to the extent of the value of such gift. At any time after any transfer taxable hereunder is made which includes any real property, the commissioner of taxation may file with the register of deeds of the county in which such real property is located a claim of lien for the estimated amount of the tax due hereunder describing the real property against which such lien is claimed, and may supplement or amend such claim after the amount of tax has been determined. From the time of the filing of the lien until it is satisfied by the commissioner of taxation, the tax imposed hereunder shall be a lien upon such real property. If the commissioner of taxation is satisfied that the tax liability has been duly discharged or provided for, he may, under regulations prescribed by him, issue a certificate releasing any or all of such real property from the lien herein imposed.

**Subd. 4. Collection from donee.** If the donor shall fail to pay the tax within the time provided in subdivision 1 of this section, the commissioner of taxation may serve a notice upon the donee stating the amount of the tax and the date when it became due. If the tax is not paid within 30 days after the mailing of the notice to the donee at the address given in the return or the last known address of the donee, the tax may be collected from such donee in the same manner as provided with respect to donors in subdivision 2 of this section, and the donee shall thereafter be liable to the penalties provided in section 292.11.

[*Ex. 1937 c. 70 s. 8; 1943 c. 592 s. 1*] (2394-78)

**292.10 ASSESSMENT ON FAILURE TO MAKE RETURN OR ON FILING OF INCORRECT OR FALSE RETURN.** Subdivision 1. **Failure to make return.** If any person shall fail to make any return required under this chapter, at the time required thereby, the commissioner of taxation may, 20 days after having sent a notice, by registered mail, to the last known address, to such person and an opportunity for a hearing, make for him a 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 shall be paid within 30 days after the commissioner of taxation shall have mailed to such person a written notice of the assessment and demand for the payment of the tax thus assessed. Such assessment shall be prima facie valid and the burden of proving the invalidity thereof or any error in the calculation of such tax or any penalty included therein shall be upon the person against whom it is assessed.

**Subd. 2. Incorrect, false, or fraudulent return.** The commissioner of taxation shall have the same powers as are conferred upon him by subdivision 1 for the assessment of additional taxes in case the returns filed by any person required to file a return are incorrect, or false or fraudulent with intent to evade the tax or postpone its payment; and, if the return was false or fraudulent with intent to evade the tax or postpone its payment, the assessment made by the commissioner of taxation shall be immune to attack to the same extent as an assessment made under subdivision 1 of this section.

[*Ex. 1937 c. 70 s. 9*] (2394-79)

**292.105 COMPOUNDING OF TAXES.** The commissioner, by and with the written consent and approval of the attorney general, is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with the donor or donee of any property the transfer of which is subject to the tax imposed by this chapter in any case in which such transfer provides for or results in the creation of remainders or expectant estates of such nature or so disposed or circumstanced that the tax payable in respect of such transfer, the identity of any donee of the property transferred, or the nature or value of the interest of any donee in such property is not ascertainable under the provisions of this chapter at the time fixed for the determination and assessment of such tax; and the commissioner is authorized and empowered by and in such agreement to compound the tax upon such transfer upon such terms as are deemed equitable and expedient, and to grant a discharge to any such donor or donee on account of such transfer upon payment of the tax provided in such agreement; but no such agreement shall be conclusive in favor of a donor or donee a party thereto as against a donor or donee not a party thereto unless the latter consent to such agreement, either personally or by duly authorized attorney, when competent, or by guardian. Agreement made, effected, and entered into under the provisions of this section shall be executed in duplicate, and one copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the commissioner and the other copy delivered to the person paying the tax thereunder.

[1945 c 495 s 1]

**292.11 PENALTIES; INTEREST; CRIMINAL LIABILITY.** Subdivision 1. **Evasion.** If any person shall, without intent to evade the tax or to postpone its payment, fail to make any return required to be made by him under this chapter at the time required therein, there shall be imposed on him a specific penalty of five percent of the tax as finally assessed. If any person shall, with intent to evade the tax or to postpone its payment, either fail to make a return when required or make a false or fraudulent return, there shall be imposed upon him a specific penalty of 20 percent of the taxes finally assessed, and such person shall also be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

**Subd. 2. Failure to pay.** If any person shall fail to pay any tax due under this chapter at the time required thereby for such payment, or within 30 days after

final determination of an appeal to the board of tax appeals from any order of the commissioner of taxation determining tax under this chapter, there shall be imposed upon him a specific penalty of five percent of the tax as finally assessed.

Subd. 3. **Extension of time of payment.** The commissioner of taxation may, upon the filing of an affidavit by or on behalf of any person referred to in subdivision 2 of this section, if in his opinion good cause exists therefor, extend the time for payment of the tax and penalty for not to exceed three months.

Subd. 4. **Interest.** If any tax imposed by this chapter, or any portion of such tax, is not paid when first due and payable thereunder, there shall be added thereto interest at the rate of six percent per annum from the time above specified.

Subd. 5. **Collection.** The penalties and interest imposed by this section may be collected as part of the tax or by separate actions brought by the attorney general, in the name of the state, for their recovery in any court in which actions for the collection of taxes imposed by this chapter may be brought under its provisions.

Subd. 6. **Application of payments.** All payments received shall be credited first to penalties, next to interest, and then to the tax due.

[*Ex*1937 c 70 s 10; 1961 c 349 s 1] (2394-80)

**292.12 REFUNDMENT.** Subdivision 1. The commissioner of taxation shall determine the amount of any taxes paid by, or collected from, any person in excess of the amount of tax legally due from him under the provisions of this chapter if claim therefor is filed with the commissioner of taxation within two years after such tax was paid or collected. He shall cause to be refunded in the manner provided by law the amount of tax paid or collected in excess of the amount legally due, plus interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date of the payment or collection of the tax until the date the refund is paid. The amount necessary to pay such refunds is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the state treasurer shall pay warrants therefor out of any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. No refund shall be denied merely because the tax was voluntarily paid or no protest made to its payment. Refund shall not be made of taxes collected by the methods provided in Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 292.09, Subdivision 2, or Section 271.06.

Subd. 2. **Denial of claim; suit by taxpayer.** 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. If the commissioner has not acted within two years after the claim is filed it shall be considered denied.

[*Ex*1937 c 70 s 11; 1943 c 592 s 2; 1947 c 532 s 1] (2394-81)

**292.125 TRANSFERS BY GIFT; REFUNDMENT OF TAX PAYMENTS.** In the case of a transfer in respect of which a tax is imposed by section 292.01, if by reason of a contingency or condition occurring after such transfer an interest in property which resulted from or was created by such transfer be abridged or diminished or become vested in a person a transfer to whom is not subject to tax or is taxable at a rate lower than a rate theretofore applied, refund shall be made of the excess, if any, of the tax paid on such transfer over the amount of tax that would have been payable had the tax on such transfer been determined on the basis that such contingency or condition had occurred. Such refund shall bear interest at the rate of three percent per annum from the time of payment of the tax, and shall be made only if a claim therefor be filed with the commissioner of taxation within two years after the occurrence of such contingency or condition. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the refund shall be made as provided in section 292.12, and any person aggrieved by a denial by the commissioner of any such claim may appeal therefrom.

[1945 c 496 s 1]

**292.13** [Repealed, 1947 c 532 s 2]

**292.14 CREDIT AGAINST INHERITANCE TAX.** If a tax has been imposed on



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any gift under this chapter and thereafter upon the death of the donor an inheritance tax is imposed upon the same gift by this state, there shall be credited against the inheritance tax resulting from the inclusion of such gift in the computation of such inheritance tax an amount equal to the gift tax resulting from the inclusion of such gift in the computation of the gift tax on gifts from such donor to the donee who received such gift.

**[*Ex. 1937 c. 70 s. 13*] (2394-83)**