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Subd. 20. **Gross income.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the term "gross income," as applied to corporations 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 dealing in, property; income derived from the transaction of any trade or business; and income derived from any source; except that gross income shall not include "exempt function income" of a "homeowners association" as those terms are defined in Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

For each of the taxable years beginning after December 31, 1960 and prior to January 1, 1971, the term "gross income" in its application to individuals, estates, and trusts, shall mean the adjusted gross income as computed for federal income tax purposes as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1970 for the applicable taxable year, with the modifications specified in this section.

For each of the taxable years beginning after December 31, 1970, the term "gross income" in its application to individuals, estates, and trusts shall mean the adjusted gross income as computed for federal income tax purposes as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through the date specified herein for the applicable taxable year, with the modifications specified in this section.

(i) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1970, shall be in effect for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1970 and prior to January 1, 1973.

(ii) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1972, shall be in effect for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1972.

(iii) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1973, shall be in effect for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1973.

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(iv) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1974, shall be in effect for the taxable years beginning after December 31, 1974.

(v) The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, including the amendments made to section 280A (relating to licensed day care centers) in H.R. 3477 as it passed the Congress on May 16, 1977, shall be in effect for the taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976. The provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976, P.L. 94-455, which affect adjusted gross income shall become effective for purposes of this chapter at the same time they become effective for federal income tax purposes. Section 207 (relating to extension of period for nonrecognition of gain on sale or exchange of residence) and section 402 (relating to time for making contributions to pension plans of self employed people) of P.L. 94-12 shall be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1974.

The amendments made to sections 219(c) (3) and 220(c) (4) (extending the time for which a taxpayer is deemed to have made a contribution to an individual retirement account for the taxable year) by section 157(a) of P.L. 95-600 shall be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1977.

References to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 in clauses (a), (b) and (c) following shall mean the code in effect for the purpose of defining gross income for the applicable taxable year.

(a) Modifications increasing federal adjusted gross income. There shall be added to federal adjusted gross income:

(1) Interest income on obligations of any state other than Minnesota or a political subdivision of any such other state exempt from federal income taxes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

(2) Interest income on obligations of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the United States, which the laws of the United States exempt from federal income tax, but not from state income taxes;

(3) Income taxes imposed by this state or any other taxing jurisdiction, to the extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and not credited against federal income tax;

(4) Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry securities the income from which is exempt from tax under this chapter, to the extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income;

(5) Amounts received as reimbursement for an expense of sickness or injury which was deducted in a prior taxable year to the extent that the deduction for such reimbursed expenditure resulted in a tax benefit;

(6) The amount of any federal income tax overpayment for any previous taxable year, received as refund or credited to another taxable year's income tax liability, proportionate to the percentage of federal income tax that was claimed as a deduction in determining Minnesota income tax for such previous taxable year.

The overpayment refund or credit, determined with respect to a husband and wife on a joint federal income tax return for a previous taxable year, shall be reported on joint or separate Minnesota income tax returns. In the case of separate Minnesota returns, the overpayment shall be reported by each spouse proportionately according to the relative amounts of federal income tax claimed as a deduction on his or her separate Minnesota income tax return for such previous taxable year;

(7) In the case of a change of residence from Minnesota to another state or nation, the amount of moving expenses which exceed total reimbursements and which were therefore deducted in arriving at federal adjusted gross income;

(8) In the case of property disposed of on or after January 1, 1973, the amount of any increase in the taxpayer's federal tax liability under section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, to the extent of the credit under section 38 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, that was previously allowed as a deduction either under section 290.01, subdivision 20 (b) (7) or under section 290.09, subdivision 24;

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(9) Expenses and losses arising from a farm which are not allowable under section 290.09, subdivision 29;

(10) Expenses and depreciation attributable to substandard buildings disallowed by section 290.101;

(11) The amount by which the gain determined pursuant to section 41.59, subdivision 2 exceeds the amount of such gain included in federal adjusted gross income;

(12) To the extent deducted in computing the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, losses realized upon a transfer of property to the spouse or former spouse of the taxpayer in exchange for the release of the spouse's marital rights;

(13) Interest income from qualified scholarship funding bonds as defined in section 103(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, if the nonprofit corporation is domiciled outside of Minnesota; and

(14) Exempt-interest dividends, as defined in section 852(b)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, not included in federal adjusted gross income pursuant to section 852(b)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, except for that portion of such exempt-interest dividends derived from interest income on 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;

(15) The amount of any excluded gain realized by a trust on the sale or exchange of property as defined in section 641(c)(1).

(b) Modifications reducing federal adjusted gross income. There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income:

(1) Interest income on obligations of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the United States to the extent includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes but exempt from state income tax under the laws of the United States;

(2) The portion of any gain, from the sale or other disposition of property having a higher adjusted basis for Minnesota income tax purposes than for federal income tax purposes, that does not exceed such difference in basis; but if such gain is considered a long-term capital gain for federal income tax purposes, the modification shall be limited to 50 per centum of such portion of the gain. This modification shall not be applicable if the difference in basis is due to disallowance of depreciation pursuant to section 290.101.

(3) Interest or dividend income on securities to the extent exempt from income tax under the laws of this state authorizing the issuance of such securities but includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes;

(4) Losses, not otherwise reducing federal adjusted gross income assignable to Minnesota, arising from events or transactions which are assignable to Minnesota under the provisions of sections 290.17 to 290.20, including any capital loss or net operating loss carryforwards or carrybacks resulting from such losses;

(5) If included in federal adjusted gross income, the amount of any credit received, whether received as a refund or credit to another taxable year's income tax liability, pursuant to chapter 290A, and the amount of any overpayment of income tax to Minnesota, or any other state, for any previous taxable year, whether such amount is received as a refund or credited to another taxable year's income tax liability;

(6) To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the amount received by any person (i) from the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, the Federal Reserve Bank or from the state of Minnesota or any of its political or governmental subdivisions or from any other state or its political or governmental subdivisions, or a Minnesota volunteer firefighter's relief association, by way of payment as a pension, public employee retirement benefit, or any combination thereof, or (ii) as a retirement or survivor's benefit made from a plan qualifying under section 401, 403, 404, 405, 408, 409 or 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1977. The maximum amount of this subtraction shall be \$10,000 less the amount by which the individual's federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$17,000. In the case of a volunteer firefighter who receives an involuntary lump sum distribution of his pension or retirement benefits, the maximum amount of this sub-

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traction shall be \$10,000; this subtraction shall not be reduced by the amount of the individual's federal adjusted gross income in excess of \$17,000;

(7) In the case of property acquired on or after January 1, 1973, the amount of any credit to the taxpayer's federal tax liability under section 38 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, but only to the extent that the credit is connected with or allocable against the production or receipt of income included in the measure of the tax imposed by this chapter;

(8) To the extent included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, gain realized upon a transfer of property to the spouse or former spouse of the taxpayer in exchange for the release of the spouse's marital rights;

(9) The amount of any distribution from a qualified pension or profit sharing plan included in federal adjusted gross income in the year of receipt to the extent of any contribution not previously allowed as a deduction by reason of a change in federal law which was not adopted by Minnesota law for a taxable year beginning in 1974 or later;

(10) Interest, including payment adjustment to the extent that it is applied to interest, earned by the seller of the property on a family farm security loan executed after December 31, 1977 and before January 1, 1982 that is guaranteed by the commissioner of agriculture as provided in sections 41.51 to 41.60;

(11) The amount of gain on the sale of the taxpayer's residence excluded from the federal gross income of the taxpayer pursuant to section 121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978 provided that a taxpayer who elects under that section shall not, for the purpose of this subdivision, also take an exclusion according to the provisions of section 121 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended through December 31, 1976;

(12) The first \$3,000 of compensation for personal services in the armed forces of the United States or the United Nations, and the next \$2,000 of compensation for personal services in the armed forces of the United States or the United Nations wholly performed outside the state of Minnesota; and

(13) The amount of any income earned for personal services rendered prior to the date when the taxpayer became a resident of Minnesota.

(c) Modifications affecting shareholders of electing small business corporations under section 1372 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or section 290.972 of this chapter.

(1) Shareholders in a small business corporation, which has elected to be so taxed under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, but has not made an election under section 290.972 of this chapter, shall deduct from federal adjusted gross income the amount of any imputed income from such corporation and shall add to federal adjusted gross income the amount of any loss claimed as a result of such stock ownership. Also there shall be added to federal adjusted gross income the amount of any distributions in cash or property made by said corporation to its shareholders during the taxable year.

(2) In cases where the small business corporation has made an election under section 1372 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, but has not elected under section 290.972 of this chapter and said corporation is liquidated or the individual shareholder disposes of his stock and there is no capital loss reflected in federal adjusted gross income because of the fact that corporate losses have exhausted the shareholders basis for federal purposes, such shareholders shall be entitled, nevertheless, to a capital loss commensurate to their Minnesota basis for the stock.

(3) In cases where the election under section 1372 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 antedates the election under section 290.972 of this chapter and at the close of the taxable year immediately preceding the effective election under section 290.972 the corporation has a reserve of undistributed taxable income previously taxed to shareholders under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, in the event and to the extent that such reserve is distributed to shareholders such distribution shall be taxed as a dividend for purposes of this act.

Items of gross income includible within these definitions shall be deemed such regardless of the form 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 ac-

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counted 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.

(d) Modification in computing taxable income of the estate of a decedent. Amounts allowable under section 291.07, subdivision 1(2) in computing Minnesota inheritance tax liability shall not be allowed as a deduction in computing the taxable income of the estate unless there is filed within the time and in the manner and form prescribed by the commissioner a statement that the amounts have not been allowed as a deduction under section 291.07 and a waiver of the right to have such amounts allowed at any time as deductions under section 291.07. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply with respect to deductions allowed under section 290.077 (relating to income in respect of decedents). In the event that the election made for federal tax purposes under section 642(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 differs from the election made under this paragraph appropriate modification of the estate's federal taxable income shall be made to implement the election made under this paragraph in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commissioner.

[For text of subs 21 to 26, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 50 s 38; 1979 c 303 art 1 s 1]

290.012 Definitions.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. "Dependent" means an individual dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the claimant. Payments for support of minor children under a temporary or final decree of dissolution or legal separation, shall be considered as payments by the claimant for the support of a dependent. For the purposes of section 290.06, subdivision 3d, a spouse except a divorced or separated spouse shall be considered to be a dependent.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 2]

290.032 Lump sum distribution tax.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. The tax imposed by this section shall not be applicable to a non-resident individual.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 5. An amount distributed to an individual as severance pay upon discontinuation of the individual's employment due to termination of business operations by the individual's employer may be treated as a lump sum distribution according to the provisions of this section. For the payment to be treated as a lump sum distribution under this subdivision, the termination of the employer's business operation at that site must be reasonably likely to be permanent and to involve the discharge within a period of one year of at least 75 percent of the persons employed by that employer at that site. For the purposes of this subdivision, "severance pay" shall mean an amount received for the

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cancellation of an employment contract or a collectively bargained termination payment in the nature of a substitute for income which would have been earned for personal services to be rendered in the future.

The minimum distribution allowance provided in sections 402 (e)(1)(C) and (D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, shall not apply to the computation allowed under this subdivision.

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 3,4]

290.06 Rates of tax; credits against tax.

[For text of subs 1 and 2b, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 2c. **Schedule of rates for individuals, estates and trusts.** (a) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1979, 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 \$500, one and six-tenths percent;
- (2) On the second \$500, two and two-tenths percent;
- (3) On the next \$1,000, three and five-tenths percent;
- (4) On the next \$1,000, five and eight-tenths percent;
- (5) On the next \$1,000, seven and three-tenths percent;
- (6) On the next \$1,000, eight and eight-tenths percent;
- (7) On the next \$2,000, ten and two-tenths percent;
- (8) On the next \$2,000, eleven and five-tenths percent;
- (9) On the next \$3,500, twelve and eight-tenths percent;
- (10) On all over \$12,500, and not over \$20,000, fourteen percent;
- (11) On all over \$20,000 and not over \$27,500, fifteen percent;
- (12) On all over \$27,500, sixteen 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 taxable net income for the taxable year, reduced by the applicable credits allowed by section 290.21, is less than \$20,000 shall be computed in accordance with tables prepared and issued by the commissioner of revenue based on income brackets of not more than \$100. The amount of tax for each bracket shall be computed at the rates set forth in this subdivision, provided that the commissioner may disregard a fractional part of a dollar unless it amounts to 50 cents or more, in which case it may be increased to \$1.

Subd. 2d. **Inflation adjustment of brackets.** For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978, the taxable net income brackets in subdivision 2c shall be adjusted for inflation. The commissioner of revenue shall determine the percentage increase for each year in the revised consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area prepared by the United States department of labor with 1967 as a base year. The commissioner shall determine the percentage increase from August, 1978 to, in 1979, August, 1979 and in each subsequent year, from August of the preceding year to August of the current year, and shall announce the percentage figure by October 1 each year. The dollar amounts in each taxable net income bracket for the prior year in subdivision 2c shall be multiplied by a figure equal to 85 percent of that percentage. The product of the calculation shall be added to each inflation adjusted taxable net income bracket for the prior year to produce the inflation adjusted taxable net income brackets for each succeeding year. If the product exceeds a whole dollar amount, it shall be raised to the next highest whole dollar.

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[For text of subs 3a and 3b, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3c. **Credits against tax.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 3a for taxable years which begin after December 31, 1978 and before January 1, 1980, the taxes due under the computation in accordance with section 290.06 shall be credited with the following amounts:

(1) In the case of an unmarried individual and in the case of the estate of a decedent, \$55, and in the case of a trust, \$5;

(2) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, \$110. If the spouses file separate, combined or joint returns the personal credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(3) In the case of an individual, \$55 for each person (other than a spouse) dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer. One taxpayer only shall be allowed this credit with respect to any given dependent. A payment to a divorced or separated spouse, other than a payment for support of minor children under a temporary order or final decree of dissolution or legal separation, shall not be considered a payment by the other spouse 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 \$55;

(b) In the case of an unmarried individual who is blind at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$55;

(c) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, an additional \$55 for each spouse who has attained the age of 65 before the close of the individual's taxable year, and an additional \$55 for each spouse who is blind at the close of the individual's taxable year. If such husband and wife make separate, combined or joint returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(d) In the case of an individual, another \$55 for each person, other than a spouse, who is blind and dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer;

(e) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph (4), 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.

(f) In the case of an unmarried individual who is deaf at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$55.

(g) In the case of a married individual, an additional \$55 for each spouse who is deaf at the close of the taxable year. If the spouses file separate, combined or joint returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them.

(h) In the case of an individual, an additional \$55 for each person (other than a spouse) who is deaf and dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer.

(i) For the purposes of subparagraphs (f), (g) and (h) of paragraph (4), an individual is deaf if the average loss in the speech frequencies (500-2000 Hertz) in the better ear, unaided, is 92 decibels, American National Standards Institute, or worse.

(5) (a) In the case of an unmarried individual who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$55;

(b) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, an additional \$55 for each spouse who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year; and

(c) In the case of an individual, another \$55 for each person, other than a spouse, who is dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer, and who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year.

(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 Extra Session Laws 1967, Chapter 32, 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;

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(7) In the case of a non-resident individual, credits under paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 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.

Subd. 3d. **Credits against tax.** The taxes due as computed in accordance with section 290.06, subdivisions 2c, 3c, and 3e shall be credited with the following amounts:

(1) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978, a credit equal to his tax liability in the case of:

- (a) An unmarried claimant with an income of \$5,500 or less;
- (b) A claimant with one dependent, with an income of \$7,000 or less;
- (c) A claimant with two dependents, with an income of \$8,000 or less;
- (d) A claimant with three dependents, with an income of \$8,900 or less;
- (e) A claimant with four dependents, with an income of \$9,600 or less; and
- (f) A claimant with five or more dependents, with an income of \$10,000 or less.

(2) In the case of a claimant with an income in excess of that set forth in the appropriate category of clause (1), he may pay a tax equal to 15 percent of that portion of his income that is in excess of the amount set forth in the appropriate category of clause (1), or his tax obligation as it would have been in the absence of section 290.012 and this subdivision, whichever is less.

(3) The total income of the claimant and his spouse, if any, shall be the figure employed for the purposes of this subdivision. No individual dependent upon and receiving his chief support from any other individual may be a claimant under section 290.012 and this subdivision. The commissioner of revenue shall prescribe the additional forms or alterations in existing forms as necessary to comply with the provisions of section 290.012 and this subdivision. All claimants shall submit their returns on these forms.

The commissioner of revenue shall provide alternative tax tables which will include these credits.

(4) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1980, the commissioner of revenue shall determine and announce by October 1 of 1981 and each subsequent year, the percentage increase from August, 1980 to, in 1981, August, 1981, and, in subsequent years, from August of the preceding year to August of the current year in the revised all urban consumer price index for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area prepared by the United States department of labor with 1967 as a base year. Each year, the income exclusion amounts contained in clause (1) shall be increased by the determined percentage, rounded to the nearest dollar to produce the inflation adjusted exclusion amounts for the taxable year.

[For text of subd 3e, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3f. **Credits against tax.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 3a, and subject to the provisions of subdivision 3g for taxable years which begin after December 31, 1979, the taxes due under the computation in accordance with this section shall be credited with the following amounts:

(1) In the case of an unmarried individual and in the case of the estate of a decedent, \$60, and in the case of a trust, \$5;

(2) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, \$120. If the spouses file separate, combined or joint returns the personal credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(3) In the case of an individual, \$60 for each person (other than a spouse) dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer. One taxpayer only shall be allowed this credit with respect to any given dependent. A payment to a divorced or separated spouse, other than a payment for support of minor children under a temporary order or final decree of dissolution or legal separation, shall not be considered a payment by the other spouse 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 \$60;

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(b) In the case of an unmarried individual who is blind at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$60;

(c) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, an additional \$60 for each spouse who has attained the age of 65 before the close of the individual's taxable year, and an additional \$60 for each spouse who is blind at the close of the individual's taxable year. If the spouses file separate, combined or joint returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them;

(d) In the case of an individual, another \$60 for each person, other than a spouse, who is blind and dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer;

(e) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph (4), 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.

(f) In the case of an unmarried individual who is deaf at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$60.

(g) In the case of a married individual, an additional \$60 for each spouse who is deaf at the close of the taxable year. If the spouses file separate, combined or joint returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them.

(h) In the case of an individual, an additional \$60 for each person (other than a spouse) who is deaf and dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer.

(i) For the purposes of subparagraphs (f), (g) and (h) of paragraph (4), an individual is deaf if the average loss in the speech frequencies (500-2000 Hertz) in the better ear, unaided, is 92 decibels, American National Standards Institute, or worse.

(5) (a) In the case of an unmarried individual who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$60;

(b) In the case of a married individual, living with a spouse, an additional \$60 for each spouse who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year; and

(c) In the case of an individual, another \$60 for each person, other than a spouse, who is dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer, and who is a quadriplegic at the close of the taxable year.

(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 Extra Session Laws 1967, Chapter 32, 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) In the case of a non-resident individual, credits under paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 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.

Subd. 3g. Inflation adjustment of credits. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1980, the credits provided for individuals in subdivision 3f shall be adjusted for inflation. The commissioner of revenue shall determine the percentage increase for each year in the revised consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area prepared by the United States department of labor with 1967 as a base year. The commissioner shall determine the percentage increase from August, 1979 to, in 1980, August, 1980 and in each subsequent year, from August of the preceding year to August of the current year, and shall announce the percentage figure by October 1 each year. The dollar amount of each inflation adjusted credit for the prior year in subdivision 3f shall be multiplied by a figure equal to that percentage. The product of the calculation shall be added to the inflation adjusted credit for the prior year to produce the inflation adjusted individual credits for each succeeding year. If the product exceeds a whole dollar amount, it shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Subd. 9. Pollution control equipment, credit. (a) A credit of five percent of the net cost of equipment used primarily to abate or control pollutants to meet or exceed

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state laws, rules or standards to the extent the property is so used and which is included in section 290.09, subdivision 7, paragraph (A) (a) may be deducted from the tax due under this chapter in the first year for which a depreciation deduction is allowed for the equipment. The credit allowed by this subdivision shall not exceed so much of the liability for tax for the taxable year as does not exceed \$75,000. The credit shall apply only if the equipment meets rules prescribed by the Minnesota pollution control agency and is installed or operated in accordance with a permit or order issued by the agency.

(b) If the amount of the credit determined under (a) for any taxable year for which a depreciation deduction is allowed exceeds the limitation provided by (a) for such taxable year (hereinafter in this subdivision referred to as the "unused credit year"), such excess shall be a credit carryover to each of the four taxable years following the unused credit year.

The entire amount of the unused credit for an unused credit year shall be carried to the earliest of the four taxable years to which such credit may be carried and then to each of the other three taxable years; provided, however, the maximum credit allowable in any one taxable year under this subdivision (including the credit allowable under (a) and the carryforward allowable under this paragraph) shall in no event exceed \$75,000.

(c) This subdivision shall apply to property acquired in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1977.

Subd. 9a. Feedlot pollution control equipment. A credit of ten percent of the net cost of pollution control and abatement equipment, including but not limited to, lagoons, concrete storage pits, slurry handling equipment, and other equipment and devices approved by the pollution control agency, purchased, installed and operated within the state by a feedlot operator to prevent pollution of air, land, or water in connection with the operation of a livestock feedlot, poultry lot or other animal lot, may be deducted from the tax due under this chapter in the taxable year in which such equipment is purchased; provided that no deduction shall be taken for any portion of the cost of the same equipment pursuant to subdivision 9.

If the amount of the credit provided by this subdivision exceeds the taxpayer's liability for taxes pursuant to chapter 290 in the taxable year, beginning after December 31, 1972, in which the equipment is purchased, the excess amount may be carried forward to the four taxable years following the year of purchase. The entire amount of the credit not used in the year purchased shall be carried to the earliest of the four taxable years to which the credit may be carried and then to each of the three successive taxable years.

[For text of subd 10, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 11. Contributions to political parties and candidates. In lieu of the credit against taxable net income provided by section 290.21, subdivision 3, clause (e), a taxpayer may take a credit against the tax due under this chapter of 50 percent but not more than \$50 of his contributions to a political party and candidate. A married couple, filing jointly, may take a similar credit of not more than \$100. No credit shall be allowed under this subdivision for a contribution to any candidate, other than a candidate for elective judicial office, who has not signed an agreement to limit his campaign expenditures as provided in section 10A.32, subdivision 3b. The commissioner of revenue shall provide in the tax instruction booklet language understandable to a person of average intelligence which states that the taxpayer may only claim a credit against his tax due for contributions to candidates for (a) judicial office or (b) statewide or legislative office who have agreed to limit their expenditures. For purposes of this subdivision, "candidate" means a candidate as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 5 other than a county court, probate court or county municipal court judgeship. The department of revenue shall provide on the first page of the Minnesota tax form an appropriate provision for the credit provided by this subdivision.

This credit shall be allowed only if the contribution is verified in the manner the commissioner of revenue shall prescribe.

Subd. 12. [Repealed, 1979 c 303 art 1 s 23]

Subd. 13. Gasoline and special fuel tax refund. Subject to the provisions of section 296.18, a credit equal to the amount paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year

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as excise tax on gasoline bought and used for any purpose other than use in motor vehicles or snowmobiles or on special fuel bought and used for any purpose other than use in licensed motor vehicles may be deducted from any tax due under this chapter. Any amount by which the credit exceeds the tax due shall be refunded.

Subd. 14. **Residential energy credit.** A credit of 20 percent of the first \$10,000 of renewable energy source expenditures, including the expenditures described in clauses (a), (b) and (d) if made by an individual taxpayer on a Minnesota building of six dwelling units or less and expenditures for biomass conversion equipment described in clause (c), may be deducted from the tax due under this chapter for the taxable year in which the expenditures were made. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "building" shall include a condominium or townhouse used by the taxpayer as a residence. In the case of qualifying expenditures incurred in connection with a building under construction by a contractor, the credit shall be deducted from the tax liability of the first individual to purchase the building for use as a principal residence or for residential rental purposes; the contractor shall not be eligible for the credit given pursuant to this subdivision for that expenditure.

A "renewable energy source expenditure" which qualifies shall include:

(a) Expenditures which qualify for the federal renewable energy credit, pursuant to Section 44C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto;

(b) Expenditures for earth sheltered dwelling units. For purposes of this credit, an "earth sheltered dwelling unit" shall mean a structure which complies with applicable building standards and which is constructed so that:

(1) 80 percent or more of the wall area is covered with a minimum depth of 12 inches of earth; and

(2) 50 percent or more of the wall area is covered with a minimum depth of 12 inches of earth; and

(3) Those portions of the structure not insulated with a minimum of seven feet of earth shall have additional insulation;

(c) Expenditures for biomass conversion equipment which produces ethanol, methane or methanol for use as a liquid fuel which is not offered for sale; and

(d) Expenditures for passive solar energy systems. For purposes of this credit, a "passive solar energy system" is defined to include systems which utilize elements of the building and its operable components to heat or cool a building unit the sun's energy by means of conduction, convection, radiation, or evaporation. A passive system shall include:

(1) Collection aperture, including glazing installed in south facing walls and roofs; and

(2) Storage element, including thermal mass in the form of water, masonry, rock, concrete, or other mediums which is designed to store heat collected from solar radiation.

A passive system may include:

(1) Control and distribution element, including fans, louvers, and air ducts; and/or

(2) Retention element, including movable insulation used to minimize heat loss caused by nocturnal radiation through areas used for direct solar heat gain during daylight hours.

Eligible passive expenditures shall be for equipment, materials or devices that are an integral part of the components listed above and essential to the functioning of a passive design which qualifies pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of revenue in cooperation with the director of the energy agency. Expenditures for equipment, materials, or devices which are a part of the normal heating, cooling, or insulation system of a building are not eligible for the credit.

If a credit was allowed to a taxpayer under this subdivision for any prior taxable year, the dollar amount of the maximum expenditure for which a taxpayer may qualify for a credit under this subdivision in subsequent years shall be \$10,000 reduced by the

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amount of expenditures which a credit was claimed pursuant to this subdivision in prior years.

The credit provided in this subdivision shall not be allowed in a taxable year if the amount of the credit would be less than \$10.

If the credit allowable under this subdivision exceeds the amount of tax due in a taxable year, the excess credit shall not be refunded but may be carried forward to the succeeding taxable year and added to the credit allowable for that year. No amount may be carried forward to a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1984.

A shareholder in a family farm corporation and each partner in a partnership operating a family farm shall be eligible for the credit provided by this subdivision in the same manner and to the same extent allowed a joint owner of property under clause (a). "Family farm corporation" and "family farm" have the meanings given in section 500.24.

The credit provided in this subdivision is subject to the provisions of Section 44C, (c) (7), (d) (1) to (3), and (e), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

The commissioner of revenue in cooperation with the director of the energy agency shall promulgate rules establishing additional qualifications and definitions for the credits provided in clauses (a) to (d).

This subdivision is effective for expenditures made during taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978 and before January 1, 1983.

[1979 c 59 s 7; 1979 c 303 art 1 s 5-10; art 4 s 1-3; art 5 s 1-3; art 10 s 6]

290.067 Dependent care credit.

Subdivision 1. **Amount of credit.** A taxpayer may take as a credit against the tax due from him and his spouse, if any, under this chapter an amount equal to 50 percent of the dependent care credit for which he is eligible pursuant to the provisions of section 44A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, subject to the limitations provided in subdivision 2.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 11]

290.081 Income of nonresidents, reciprocity.

(a) The compensation received for the performance of personal or professional services 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

(b) Whenever a nonresident taxpayer has become liable for income taxes to the state where he resides upon his net income for the taxable year derived from the performance of personal or professional services within this state and subject to taxation under this chapter, there shall be allowed as a credit against the amount of income tax payable by him under this chapter, such proportion of the tax so paid by him to the state where he resides as his gross income subject to taxation under this chapter bears to his entire gross income upon which the tax so paid to such other state was imposed; provided, that such credit shall be allowed only if the laws of such state grant a substantially similar credit to residents of this state subject to income tax under such laws, or

(c) If any taxpayer who is a resident of this state, or a domestic corporation or corporation commercially domiciled therein, has become liable for taxes on or measured by net income to another state or a province or territory of Canada upon, if the taxpayer is an individual or a resident estate or resident trust, any income, or if it is a corporation, upon income derived from the performance of personal or professional services within such other state or province or territory of Canada and subject to taxation under this chapter he or it shall be entitled to a credit against the amount of taxes payable

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under this chapter, of such proportion thereof, as such gross income subject to taxation in such state or province or territory of Canada bears to his entire gross income subject to taxation under this chapter; provided (1) that such credit shall in no event exceed the amount of tax so paid to such other state or province or territory of Canada on the gross income earned within such other state or province or territory of Canada and subject to taxation under this chapter, and (2) that such credit shall not be allowed if such other state or province or territory of Canada allows residents of this state a credit against the taxes imposed by such state or province or territory of Canada for taxes payable under this chapter substantially similar to the credit provided for by paragraph (b) of this section, and (3) the allowance of such credit shall not operate to reduce the taxes payable under this chapter to an amount less than would have been payable if the gross income earned in such other state or province or territory of Canada had been excluded in computing net income under this chapter.

(d) The commissioner shall by regulation determine with respect to gross income earned in any other state the applicable clause of this section. When it is deemed to be in the best interests of the people of this state, the commissioner may determine that the provisions of clause (a) shall not apply.

(e) "Tax So Paid" as used in this section means taxes on or measured by net income payable to another state or province or territory of Canada on income earned within the taxable year for which the credit is claimed, provided that such tax is actually paid in that taxable year, or subsequent taxable years.

(f) For the purposes of clause (a), whenever the Wisconsin tax on Minnesota residents which would have been paid Wisconsin without clause (a) exceeds the Minnesota tax on Wisconsin residents which would have been paid Minnesota without clause (a), or vice versa, then the state with the net revenue loss resulting from clause (a) shall receive from the other state the amount of such loss. This provision shall be effective for all years beginning after December 31, 1972. The data used for computing the loss to either state shall be determined on or before September 30 of the year following the close of the previous calendar year.

If an agreement cannot be reached as to the amount of the loss, the commissioner of revenue and the taxing official of the state of Wisconsin shall each appoint a member of a board of arbitration and these members shall appoint the third member of the board. The board shall select one of its members as chairman. Such board may administer oaths, take testimony, subpoena witnesses, and require their attendance, require the production of books, papers and documents, and hold hearings at such places as are deemed necessary. The board shall then make a determination as to the amount to be paid the other state which determination shall be final and conclusive.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.61, the commissioner may furnish copies of returns, reports, or other information to the taxing official of the state of Wisconsin, a member of the board of arbitration, or a consultant under joint contract with the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin for the purpose of making a determination as to the amount to be paid the other state under the provisions of this section. Prior to the release of any information under the provisions of this section, the person to whom the information is to be released shall sign an agreement which provides that he will protect the confidentiality of the returns and information revealed thereby to the extent that it is protected under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 13]

290.09 Deductions from gross income.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. **Interest.** (a) All interest paid or accrued within the taxable year on indebtedness, except as hereinafter provided.

(b) Interest paid or accrued within the taxable year on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry obligations or securities the income from which is excludable from gross income under section 290.08, or on indebtedness incurred or continued in connection with the purchasing or carrying of a single premium life insurance, annuity, or endowment contract, shall not be allowed as a deduction. (For purposes of this

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paragraph, a contract shall be treated as a single premium contract if substantially all the premiums on the contract are paid within a period of four years from the date on which the contract is purchased, or if an amount is deposited after January 1, 1955 with the insurer for payment of a substantial number of future premiums on the contract.)

(c) If personal property or educational services are purchased under a contract which provides that payment of part or all of the purchase price is to be made in installments, and in which carrying charges are separately stated but the interest charge cannot be ascertained, then the payments made during the taxable year under the contract shall be treated for purposes of this paragraph as if they included interest equal to six percent of the average unpaid balance under the contract during the taxable year, and such interest shall be allowed as a deduction. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the average unpaid balance is the sum of the unpaid balance outstanding on the first day of each month beginning during the taxable year, divided by 12. In the case of any contract to which this paragraph applies, the amount treated as interest for any taxable year shall not exceed the aggregate carrying charges which are properly attributable to such taxable year.

For purposes of this subdivision the term "educational services" means any service including lodging which is purchased from an educational institution (as defined in section 151(e) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976) and which is provided for a student of such institution.

(d) A cash basis taxpayer may elect to deduct interest as it accrues on a reverse mortgage loan as defined in section 47.58, subdivision 1, rather than when it is actually paid. This election must be made, if at all, in the first taxable year in which it is available to the cash basis taxpayer and, if made, shall be binding on the taxpayer for each subsequent taxable year until maturity of the loan.

Subd. 4. Taxes. Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable year, except (a) income or franchise taxes imposed by this chapter and income or franchise taxes paid to any other state or to any province or territory of Canada for which a credit is allowed under section 290.081; (b) taxes assessed against local benefits of a kind deemed in law to increase the value of the property assessed; (c) inheritance, gift and estate taxes except as provided in section 290.077, subdivision 4; (d) cigarette and tobacco products excise tax imposed on the consumer; (e) that part of Minnesota property taxes for which a credit or refund is claimed and allowed under chapter 290A; (f) federal income taxes, by corporations, national and state banks except as provided in section 290.18; (g) mortgage registry tax; (h) real estate transfer tax; (i) federal telephone tax; (j) federal transportation tax; and (k) tax paid by any corporation or national or state bank to any foreign country or possession of the United States to the extent that a credit against federal income taxes is allowed under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976. If the taxpayer's foreign tax credit consists of both foreign taxes deemed paid and foreign taxes actually paid or withheld, it will be conclusively presumed that foreign taxes deemed paid were first used by the taxpayer in its foreign tax credit. Minnesota gross income shall include the amount of foreign tax paid which had been allowed as a deduction in a previous year, provided such foreign tax is later allowed as a credit against federal income tax. 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.

[For text of subs 5 to 13, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 15. Standard deduction. 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, subdivision 3, an individual may claim or be allowed a standard deduction as follows:

(a) Subject to modification pursuant to clause (b), the standard deduction shall be an amount equal to ten percent of the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer, up to a maximum deduction of \$2,000; in the case in which a standard deduction tax table is provided by the commissioner of revenue pursuant to the provisions of section 290.06,

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subdivision 2, the standard deduction shall be available to individuals with adjusted gross income of less than \$20,000 only through the use of such table.

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.

(b) For each taxable year beginning after December 31, 1980, the maximum amount of the standard deduction shall be adjusted for inflation. That amount shall be multiplied each year by a figure equal to the percentage increase in the revised consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area used for purposes of section 290.06, subdivision 3g. The product of the calculation shall be added to the dollar amount of the maximum standard deduction established in clause (a) to produce the inflation-adjusted maximum standard deduction for each succeeding year.

(c) The commissioner of revenue may establish a standard deduction tax table incorporating the rates set forth in section 290.06, subdivision 2c, and the standard deduction. The tax of any individual taxpayer whose adjusted gross income is less than \$20,000 shall, if an election is made not to itemize nonbusiness deductions, be computed in accordance with tables prepared and issued by the commissioner of revenue. The tables shall be prepared to reflect the allowance of the standard deduction and the personal and dependent credits.

[For text of subs 16 to 29, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 265 s 3; 1979 c 303 art 1 s 12,14]

290.091 Minimum tax on preference items.

(a) In addition to all other taxes imposed by this chapter there is hereby imposed, a tax which, in the case of a resident individual, estate or trust, shall be equal to 40 percent of the amount of the taxpayer's minimum tax liability for tax preference items pursuant to the provisions of sections 56 to 58 and 443(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended through December 31, 1976 except that for purposes of the tax imposed by this section, excess itemized deductions as defined in section 57(b) shall not include any deduction taken for Minnesota income tax paid and capital gain as defined in section 57(a) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not include that portion of any gain occasioned by sale, transfer or the granting of a perpetual easement pursuant to any eminent domain proceeding or threat thereof as described in section 290.13, subdivision 5. This modification shall apply to the years in which the gain or reduction in loss is actually included in federal adjusted gross income even though amounts received pursuant to the eminent domain proceedings were received in prior years. In the case of a resident individual, estate or trust having preference items which could not be taken to reduce income from sources outside the state pursuant to section 290.17, subdivision 1, or any other taxpayer the tax shall equal 40 percent of that federal liability, multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount of the taxpayer's preference item income allocated to this state pursuant to the provisions of sections 290.17, subdivision 1, to 290.20, and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total preference item income for federal purposes.

(b) In the case of a resident individual, estate or trust having preference items in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976, and before January 1, 1978, which are not allocable to Minnesota under the provisions of sections 290.17 to 290.20 in effect for such years, the tax shall equal 40 percent of the taxpayer's federal minimum tax liability, multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount of the taxpayer's preference items allocable to Minnesota under the provisions of sections 290.17 to 290.20 in effect for such years and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total preference items for federal purposes.

(c) The preference items for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978 shall not include the portion of the sale of residence excluded under section 121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended through December 31, 1978.

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 15]

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290.095 Operating loss deduction.

Subdivision 1. **Allowance of deduction.** (a) There shall be allowed as a deduction for the taxable year the amount of any net operating loss deduction as defined in subdivision 2, clause (b); provided, however, that the modifications specified in subdivision 4 shall be made in computing the taxable net income for the taxable year before the net operating loss deduction shall be allowed.

(b) A net operating loss deduction shall be available under this section only to corporate taxpayers except as provided in subdivisions 6, 7 and 9 hereof, and, with respect to individuals, estates and trusts, no deduction shall be allowed for or with respect to losses which constitute tax preference items as set forth in section 290.17, subdivision 1.

[For text of subds 2 to 9, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 16]

290.14 Gain or loss on disposition of property, basis.

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) Except as otherwise provided in this clause, the basis of property in the hands of a person acquiring the property from a decedent or to whom the property passed from a decedent shall, if not sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of before the decedent's death by such person, be the fair market value of the property at the date of decedent's death.

For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the following property shall be considered to have been acquired from or to have passed from the decedent:

(a) Property acquired by bequest, devise, or inheritance, or by the decedent's estate from the decedent;

(b) Property transferred by the decedent during his lifetime in trust to pay the income for life to or on the order or direction of the decedent, with the right reserved to the decedent at all times before his death to revoke the trust;

(c) Property transferred by the decedent during his lifetime in trust to pay the income for life to or on the order or direction of the decedent with the right reserved to the decedent at all times before his death to make any change in the enjoyment thereof through the exercise of a power to alter, amend, or terminate the trust;

(d) Property passing without full and adequate consideration under a general power of appointment exercised by the decedent by will;

(e) In the case of a decedent's dying after December 31, 1956, property acquired from the decedent by reason of death, form of ownership, or other conditions (including property acquired through the exercise or non-exercise of a power of appointment), if by reason thereof the property is required to be included in determining the value of the decedent's gross estate for Minnesota inheritance tax purposes. In such case, if the property is acquired before the death of the decedent, the basis shall be the amount determined under the first paragraph of this clause reduced by the amount allowed to the taxpayer as deductions in computing taxable net income under this chapter or prior Minnesota in-

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come tax laws for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization, and depletion on such property before the death of the decedent. Such basis shall be applicable to the property commencing on the death of the decedent. This paragraph shall not apply to annuities described in section 290.08; and property described in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this clause.

This clause shall not apply to property which constitutes a right to receive an item of income in respect of a decedent under section 290.077. Nor shall it apply to restricted stock options described in section 290.078 which the employee has not exercised at death.

(5) If the property was acquired after December 31, 1932, upon an exchange described in section 290.13, subdivision 1, the basis 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 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, subdivision 5, 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;

(7) 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.

(8) 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 excludable from gross income under section 290.08, subdivision 14.

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.

(9) If the property was acquired by the taxpayer as a transfer of property in exchange for the release of the taxpayer's marital rights, the basis of the property shall be the same as it would be if it were being sold or otherwise disposed of by the person who transferred the property to the taxpayer.

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 17]

290.165 Interest on reverse mortgage loans; how taken into account in computing net income.

Irrespective of the accounting basis used for tax computation purposes, any lender as defined in section 47.58, subdivision 1, who enters into a reverse mortgage loan or purchases an obligation representing a reverse mortgage loan may elect to include as part of its yearly earned income any accrued interest charged to the outstanding loan

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balance of its borrower pursuant to section 47.58, subdivision 5. This election must be made, if at all, in the first taxable year in which interest is charged by the lender on the outstanding loan balance and, if made, shall be binding on the lender for each subsequent taxable year until the loan is repaid in full. When accrued interest is charged to the outstanding loan balance pursuant to this section it shall be recognized as earned income to the lender on a monthly basis.

[1979 c 265 s 4]

290.17 Gross income, allocation to state.

Subdivision 1. Income of resident individuals, estates and trusts. The gross income of individuals during the period of time when they are residents of Minnesota and the gross income of resident estates and trusts shall be their gross income as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 20, except that the amount of otherwise deductible losses incurred in connection with income derived from sources outside the state shall be reduced by the sum of the taxpayer's items of tax preference as defined in section 57 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, which are attributable to losses incurred in connection with sources of income outside the state.

Subd. 2. Other taxpayers. In the case of taxpayers not subject to the provisions of subdivision 1, 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 nonresident 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, whether in trust, or otherwise, shall be assigned to this state if the recipient thereof is domiciled within this state; income or gains from intangible personal property wherever held, whether in trust or otherwise shall be assigned to this state if the recipient of such income or gains is domiciled within this state, or if the grantor of any trust is domiciled within this state and such income or gains would be taxable to such grantor under section 290.28 or 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). For the purposes of this clause, a trade or business located in Minnesota is carried on partly within and partly without this state if tangible personal property

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is sold by such trade or business and delivered or shipped to a purchaser located outside the state of Minnesota.

In determining whether or not intangible property is employed in a unitary business carried on partly within and partly without this state so that income derived therefrom is subject to apportionment under section 290.19 the following rules and guidelines shall apply.

(a) Intangible property is employed in a business if the business entity owning intangible property holds it as a means of furthering the business operation of which a part is located within the territorial confines of this state.

(b) Where a business operation conducted in Minnesota, is owned by a business entity which carries on business activity outside of the state different in kind from that conducted within this state, and such other business is conducted entirely outside the state, it will be presumed that the two business operations are unitary in nature, interrelated, connected and interdependent unless it can be shown to the contrary.

(5) All other items of gross income shall be assigned to the taxpayer's domicile.

(6) For purposes of this section, amounts received by a non-resident from the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, the Federal Reserve Bank, the state of Minnesota or any of its political or governmental subdivisions, or a Minnesota volunteer fireman's relief association, by way of payment as a pension, public employee retirement benefit, or any combination thereof, or as a retirement or survivor's benefit made from a plan qualifying under section 401, 403, 404, 405, 408 or 409 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1978, are not considered income derived from carrying on a trade or business or from performing personal or professional services in Minnesota, and are not taxable under this chapter.

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 18,19]

290.21 Credits against taxable net income.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. An amount for contribution 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 located in and carrying on substantially all of its activities within this state, organized and operating exclusively for religious, charitable, public cemetery, scientific, literary, artistic, or 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 located in and carrying on substantially all of their activities within this state if such contributions or gifts are to be used exclusively for the purposes specified in subdivision 3(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, or to an employee stock ownership trust as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 25. Where the beneficiaries of a stock ownership trust include the transferor, his spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings or their children, the amount of the deduction shall be reduced by the product of multiplying said amount by their percentage interest in the trust,

(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 subdivision 3(b) and (c) no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, but not carrying on substantially all of their activities within this state, in an amount equal to the ratio of Minnesota taxable net income to total net income, provided, however, that for an individual taxpayer, the credit shall be allowed in an amount equal to the ratio of the taxpayer's gross income assignable to Minnesota to the taxpayer's gross income from all sources,

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(e) to a political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, or a political candidate, as defined in section 210A.01, or a political cause when sponsored by any party or association or committee, as defined in section 210A.01, in a maximum amount not to exceed the following:

(1) contributions made by individual natural persons, \$100,

(2) contributions made by a national committeeman, national committeewoman, state chairman, or state chairwoman of a political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, \$1,000,

(3) contributions made by a congressional district committeeman or committeewoman of a political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, \$350,

(4) contributions made by a county chairman or a county chairwoman of a political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, \$150;

(f) in the case of an individual, the total credit against taxable net income allowable hereunder shall not exceed 30 percent of the taxpayer's Minnesota gross income as follows:

(i) the aggregate of contributions made to organizations specified in (a), (b) and (d) shall not exceed ten percent of the taxpayer's Minnesota gross income,

(ii) the total credits under this subparagraph for any taxable year shall not exceed 20 percent of the taxpayer's Minnesota gross income. For purposes of this subparagraph, the credits under this section shall be computed without regard to any deduction allowed under subparagraph (i) but shall take into account any contributions described in subparagraph (i) which are in excess of the amount allowable as a credit under subparagraph (i);

(g) in the case of a corporation, the total credit against net income hereunder shall not exceed 15 percent of the taxpayer's taxable net income less the credits allowable under this section other than those for contributions or gifts,

(h) in the case of a corporation reporting its taxable income on the accrual basis, if: (A) the board of directors authorizes a charitable contribution during any taxable year, and (B) payment of such contribution is made after the close of such taxable year and on or before the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of such taxable year; then the taxpayer may elect to treat such contribution as paid during such taxable year. The election may be made only at the time of the filing of the return for such taxable year, and shall be signified in such manner as the commissioner shall by regulations prescribe;

(i) in the case of a contribution or property placed in trust as described in section 170(f)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, a credit shall be allowed under this subdivision to the extent that a deduction is allowable for federal income tax purposes.

[For text of subs 3a to 7, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 20]

290.23 Estates and trusts; computation of net income, credits; deductions.

[For text of subs 1 to 15, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 16. **Income from out-of-state property.** There shall be allowed as a deduction in computing the taxable net income of a trust or an estate the amount of income or gains from tangible personal or real property having a situs outside this state allocated to this state according to the provisions of section 290.17, subdivision 1.

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 21]

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290.37 Filing requirements for individuals.

Subdivision 1. **Persons making returns.** The commissioner of revenue shall annually determine the gross income levels at which individuals shall be required to file a return for each taxable year.

The trustee or other fiduciary of property held in trust shall file a return 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 \$750, if in either case such trust belongs to the class of taxable persons.

Every corporation shall file a return 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 an officer of the corporation.

The receivers, trustees in bankruptcy, or assignees operating the business or property of a taxpayer shall file a return 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.

Such return shall (a) be verified or contain a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of criminal liability for wilfully making a false return, and (b) shall contain a confession of judgment for the amount of the tax shown due thereon to the extent not timely paid.

For purposes of this subdivision the term "gross income" shall mean gross income as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1976, modified and adjusted in accordance with the provisions of sections 290.08, 290.17 and 290.65.

[For text of subs 2 and 3, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 303 art 1 s 22]

290.61 Publicity of returns, information.

It shall be unlawful for the commissioner 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 or to comply with the provisions of section 290.612. 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. Prior to the release of any information to any official of the United States or any other state under the provisions of this section, the person to whom the information is to be released shall sign an agreement which provides that he will protect the confidentiality of the returns and information revealed thereby to the extent that it is protected under the laws of the state of Minnesota. 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. Upon request of a majority of the members of the senate tax committee or of the house tax committee or the tax study commission, the commissioner shall furnish abstracted financial information to those committees for research purposes from returns or reports filed pursuant to this chapter, provided that he shall not disclose the name, address, social security number, business identification number or any other item of information associated with any return or report which the commissioner

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believes is likely to identify the taxpayer. The commissioner shall not furnish the actual return, or a portion thereof, or a reproduction or copy of any return or portion thereof. "Abstracted financial information" means only the dollar amounts set forth on each line on the form including the filing status.

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

In order to locate the named payee on state warrants issued pursuant to this chapter or chapter 290A and undeliverable by the United States postal service, the commissioner may publish in any English language newspaper of general circulation in this state a list of the name and last known address of the payee as shown on the reports or returns filed with the commissioner. The commissioner may exclude the names of payees whose refunds are in an amount which is less than a minimal amount to be determined by the commissioner. The published list shall not contain any particulars set forth on any report or return. The publication shall include instructions on claiming the warrants.

[1979 c 14 s 1]

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[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. **Income.** "Income" means the sum of the following:

(a) federal adjusted gross income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended through December 31, 1976; and

(b) the sum of the following amounts to the extent not included in clause (a):

(i) additions to federal adjusted gross income as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 290.01, Subdivision 20, Clause (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(10), (a)(14), and (a)(15);

(ii) all nontaxable income;

(iii) recognized net long term capital gains;

(iv) dividends excluded from federal adjusted gross income under section 116 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

(v) cash public assistance and relief;

(vi) any pension or annuity (including railroad retirement benefits, all payments received under the federal social security act, supplemental security income, and veterans disability pensions), which was not exclusively funded by the claimant or spouse, or which was funded exclusively by the claimant or spouse and which funding payments were excluded from federal adjusted gross income in the years when the payments were made;

(vii) nontaxable interest received from the state or federal government or any instrumentality or political subdivision thereof;

(viii) workers' compensation;

(ix) unemployment benefits;

(x) nontaxable strike benefits; and

(xi) the gross amounts of payments received in the nature of disability income or sick pay as a result of accident, sickness, or other disability, whether funded through insurance or otherwise. In the case of an individual who files an income tax return on a fiscal year basis, the term "federal adjusted gross income" shall mean federal adjusted gross income reflected in the fiscal year ending in the calendar year. "Income" does not include

(a) amounts excluded pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, Sections 101(a), 102, 117, and 121 as amended through December 31, 1978;