2026 MISCELLANEOUS TAXES
LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

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Agencies authorized to round cash transactions. Created Minn. Stat. §16A.402 allowing a state agency to round cash transactions. Subdivision 1 authorizes an agency to round cash transactions to the nearest nickel; except that transactions where the total is $0.01 or $0.02 must be rounded up to $0.05. The section does not apply to electronic transactions, checks, gift cards, money orders, credit cards or similar payment methods. A party authorized to act on behalf of an agency may round as directed by the agency consistent with the statutory rounding requirements. Subdivision 2 requires an agency that enters into cash transactions, to establish and publicly post a policy for rounding. Effective May 28, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 119, Art. 2, § 7.

Expired Job Opportunity Building Zone Program. Minn. Stat. §§ 123B.53, subd. 1; 123B.535, subd. 1; 268.19, subd. 1; 270B.14, subd. 3; 270B.15; 290.01, subd. 29; 290.0921, subd. 3; 290.0922, subds. 2 and 3; 297A.75, subds. 1-3; and 297B.03, were amended to remove references to the expired Job Opportunity Building Zone program. Minn. Stat. §§ 272.02, subd. 64; 272.029, subd. 7; 289A.12, subd. 15; 290.06, subd. 29; 297A.68, subd. 37; 469.310; 469.311; 469.312; 469.313; 469.314; 469.315; 469.316; 469.317; 469.318; 469.3181; 469.319; 469.3191; 469.3192; 469.3193; 469.320; and 469.3201, which referred to the expired Job Opportunity Building Zone program, were repealed. Effective May 28, 2026. Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 11, §§ 1-5, 7-10, 12-14, 16, and 18.

Interest on improperly paid medical assistance. Minn. Stat. § 256B.064, subd. 1c, was amended to clarify that medical assistance improperly paid and recovered by the state must be charged the interest rate set by the commissioner of revenue under section 270C.40, except when a recipient receives an overpayment due to error on the part of the Department of Human Services. Effective May 28, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 121, Art. 3, § 31.

Criminal offense consolidation of venue. Minn. Stat. § 270C.055 was amended by adding a new subdivision 4, generally allowing two or more criminal offenses under state revenue laws or chapter 349 (Lawful Gambling) that are committed by the same person in multiple counties to be prosecuted for all offenses in any county where one offense was committed. Effective for criminal offenses committed after July 31, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 11, § 6.

Claim for refund. Minn. Stat. § 289A.40, subd. 1, was amended to modify the statute of limitations under which a taxpayer may file a claim for refund for overpayment of state tax

(Claim). Paragraph (a) was amended to require that a Claim be filed within: (1) 3-1/2 years from the date prescribed for filing the return, plus any extension of time granted for filing the return (Extension), but only if filed within the Extension, or (2) 2 years from the date the tax, penalties, or interest (Tax) was paid, whichever period expires later. Paragraph (b) was added to limit the amount of refund in three situations: (1) if the taxpayer files the Claim within the 3-1/2 year period (including any Extension), the refund cannot exceed the Tax paid within the period immediately preceding the Claim; (2) if the taxpayer files the Claim outside the 3-1/2 year period, the refund cannot exceed the Tax paid during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the Claim; and (3) if no Claim is filed by the taxpayer, the refund cannot exceed the amounts allowable in the above two situations, if the Claim was filed on the date the refund was allowed. Paragraph (c) was added to consider withholding at the source or payment of estimated tax before the due date to be paid on the last day allowed by law for payment of tax by the taxpayer. A return filed before the last day prescribed for filing the return is considered to be filed on the last day. If an Extension is granted, a return filed before the extended due date is considered to be filed on the extended due date. Effective May 28, 2026, and applies to claims for refund filed on or after that date. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 8, § 4.

Repealer – obsolete civil penalty. Minn. Stat. § 289A.60, subd. 15, was repealed removing the underpayment penalty for June accelerated payments of sales tax because this subdivision expired in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16A.152, subd. 2, para. (a), cl. (6). Effective August 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 88, Art. 1, § 226, subd. 12.

Health care provider. Minn. Stat. § 295.50, subd. 4, was amended to update the list of entities that are not included in the definition of a health care provider. First, it replaces chapter 144D housing with services establishments with chapter 144G assisted living facilities. Chapter 144D registrations were phased out, and establishments intending to continue to provide assisting living facilities must apply to be licensed under chapter 144G. Second, it replaces a repealed obsolete rule part defining "personal care services" with statutes that define the term. Effective August 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 88, Art. 1, § 173.

Volunteer ambulance services. Minn. Stat. § 295.52, subd. 5, was amended to correct the reference to "volunteer ambulance attendant" defined in Minn. Stat. § 144E.001, subd. 15. Effective May 28, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 11, § 11.

Contingent reduction in tax rate. Minn. Stat. § 295.52, subd. 8, was amended to require the commissioner of management and budget to consult with the commissioner of human services, in addition to the commissioner of revenue, when determining any contingent reduction in the Minnesota Care tax rate for the subsequent calendar year. Effective July 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 127, Art. 5, § 15.

Medical cannabis paraphernalia. Minn. Stat. § 295.81, subd. 1, was amended to update the paragraph (p) cross reference to the definition of "medical cannabis paraphernalia." Effective August 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 88, Art. 1, § 174.

Current ASTM fuel standards. Minn. Stat. § 296A.01, subds. 7, 8, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, and 35, were amended to include current ASTM fuel specifications. Effective August 1, 2026. Minn. Laws, Ch. 124, Art. 7, § 24-34.

Revocation of petroleum and other fuel licenses. Minn. Stat. § 296A.06, subd. 1, was amended to remove outdated language referencing permits and certificates, as they are no longer issued by the Department of Revenue. Effective August 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 88, Art. 1, § 175.

Championship golf tournaments admission and related events. Minn. Stat. § 297A.68 was amended by adding a new subdivision 9a, to provide a sales and use tax exemption for the granting of the privilege of admission to a world championship golf tournament sponsored by the Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA) and related events sponsored by the PGA. The exemption expires on July 1, 2030. Effective for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 3, § 1.

Deposit of revenues. Minn. Stat. § 297A.94 was amended to require the commissioner of revenue to update the estimated monthly deposit amount of revenues from taxes on the sale and purchase of motor vehicle repair and replacement parts following a change in the law. An updated deposit amount is required if a law changes the tax rate, or percentages, after the amount is determined and before July 1. The commissioner must update any change in the estimated deposit amount by July 15. Effective retroactively from January 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 11, § 15.

Revenue bonds. Minn. Stat. § 297A.9915, subd. 5, was amended to correct an incomplete cross-reference. Effective August 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 88, Art. 1, § 176.

Gambling tax collections. Minn. Stat. § 297E.02, subd. 3, was amended to clarify the use of revenues deposited into the gambling treatment and awareness program administered by the Department of Human Services. The change in paragraph (c) specifies the availability of unencumbered and unspent funds in the next fiscal year and the change in paragraph (d) requires that any rollover amounts from the previous fiscal year be included in the annual reconciliation. Effective July 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 121, Art. 6, § 22.

Repealer - Minnesota employees insurance program. Minn. Stat. § 297I.15, subd. 2, which exempted the Minnesota employees insurance program from chapter 297I tax to the extent the program operated as a self-insured group, was repealed because the program was repealed in the 2025 legislative session. Effective August 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 88, Art. 1, § 226, subd. 13.

Guaranty association assessment offsets. Minn. Stat. § 297I.20, subd. 1, was amended to replace "section" with "chapter." "Section" incorrectly suggests chapter 297I tax liability is under section 297I.20, which exclusively addresses offsets against premium tax liability. "Chapter" is appropriate because chapter 297I tax liability amounts are under other sections in chapter 297I. Effective August 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 88, Art. 1, § 177.

Historic structure rehabilitation and reinsurance credits. Minn. Stat. § 297I.20, subds. 3 and 7, were amended to replace "section" with "subdivision" because the refunds created by these credits are provided under these subdivisions. Effective August 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 88, Art. 1, §§ 178 and 179.

Reinsurance credit. Minn. Stat. § 297I.20, subd. 7, as amended by Laws 2026, chapter 88, article 1, section 179 (summarized above), was amended to clarify that any chapter 297I taxpayer (*e.g.*, any insurance company or health maintenance organization), and not just any insurance company, must receive the refund if the amount of the taxpayer's credit exceeds the chapter 297I tax liability. Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2028. 2026. Minn. Laws, Ch. 124, Art. 4, § 4.

Medical cannabis flower. Minn. Stat. § 342.01, subd. 54, was amended to remove language that expressly excluded adult-use cannabis flower from the definition of "medical cannabis flower." The definition for "adult-use cannabis flower" in Minn. Stat. § 342.01, subd. 3, continues to expressly exclude medical cannabis flower. Effective January 1, 2027. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 123, § 6.

Medical cannabis macrobusinesses. Minn. Stat. § 342.515 was amended to convert the medical cannabis combination business license to the cannabis macrobusiness license. Conforming changes were made throughout chapter 342 to reflect this change. Effective January 1, 2027. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 123, §§ 1, 3, 10-15, 24, 33, 34, 36, 40, 46, 47, 52, 54, 56, 65, 80, 83, 84, 87, 88, 96-101, 103-105, 108, 109, 112, 115, and 119.

Deed and mortgage registry tax. Minn. Stat. §§ 383A.80, subd. 4 and 383B.80, subd. 4, were amended to extend the expiration of authority for Ramsey County and Hennepin County to charge mortgage registry tax and deed tax from January 1, 2028 to January 1, 2036. Effective May 28, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 8, §§ 8 and 9.

Service charges for tourism improvement districts. Minn. Stat. § 428B.02, subd. 4, was amended to allow a business to collect the tourism improvement district service charge from the purchaser. For purposes of sales and use tax, the service charge is excluded from the sales price when separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser. Effective retroactively for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2025. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 3, § 2.

Return of unused tax-forfeited settlement appropriation. This uncodified provision directs the claims administrator of the tax-forfeited settlement appropriation established by Laws 2024, chapter 113, section 1, subdivision 5, to return to the commissioner of management and budget $7,000,000 of unspent money in accordance with the settlement and final judgment filed on December 16, 2024. The amount is to be returned on June 29, 2026, and cancelled to the general fund. Effective May 28, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 121, Art. 13, § 6.

Nuclear energy study. This uncodified provision appropriates $500,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the commissioner of commerce to contract with the Great Plains Institute to conduct a study regarding the potential impact of new nuclear generation and provides requirements for the study. The study must be completed by January 30, 2027, and submitted to specified members of the legislature by February 1, 2027. Effective July 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 8, § 11.

Minnesota forward fund. These sections are uncodified. Section 12 cancels $15,000,000 of the fiscal year 2024 Minnesota forward fund account appropriation enacted in 2023 Minn. Laws, Ch. 53, Art. 21, § 7, para. (c). Section 13 makes a onetime transfer of $15,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the Minnesota forward fund account established in Minn. Stat. § 116J.8752, subd. 3, to the general fund. The effective date for Section 12 is May 28, 2026, and the effective date for Section 13 is July 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 8, §§ 12 and 13.

Transfer; driver and vehicle services. This uncodified provision provides a onetime transfer in fiscal year 2027 in the amount of $75 million from the driver and vehicle services operating account to the general fund. Effective July 1, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 8, § 14.

Cancellation and return of unused tax-forfeited settlement appropriation. This uncodified provision directs the claims administrator responsible for settling litigation related to the state's retention of tax-forfeited lands, surplus proceeds, and mineral rights, to return to the commissioner of management and budget on June 29, 2026, the lesser of $40,000,000 or the amount of the original appropriation that constitutes unspent funds in the net settlement fund. The commissioner of management of budget must cancel the amount received to the general fund within one day of receipt of the funds. Effective May 28, 2026. 2026 Minn. Laws, Ch. 128, Art. 8, § 15.