

(i) Schools and educational programs, or training programs, conducted by persons, firms, corporations, or associations, for the training of their own employees, for which no fee is charged the employee;

(j) Schools engaged exclusively in the teaching of purely avocational or recreational subjects as determined by the commissioner. Private schools teaching a method or procedure to increase the speed with which a student reads are not within this exemption;

(k) Driver training schools and instructors as defined in section 171.33, subdivisions 1 and 2;

(l) Classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership;

(m) Courses of instruction in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation pursuant to section 290.05 and registered with the Minnesota department of commerce pursuant to chapter 309. "Fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative expression rather than commercial sale or employment. In making this determination the commissioner may seek the advice and recommendation of the Minnesota board of the arts ;

(n) Classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education requirements for licensure or certification in a profession, which classes, courses, or programs have been approved by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the practice of the profession, and which are offered primarily to a person who currently practices the profession.

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#### CHAPTER 560—H.F.No. 1534

*An act relating to real estate; increasing certain fees charged by the county recorder and registrar of titles; providing that the county recorder be notified of deferred assessments; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 273.111, Subdivision 11; 357.18, Subdivision 1; 375.14; 429.061, Subdivision 2; 462.358, by adding a subdivision; and 508.82.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 357.18, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

357.18 COUNTY RECORDER. Subdivision 1. The fees to be charged by the county recorder shall be as follows:

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(1) For indexing and recording any deed or other instrument \$1 for each page of an instrument, with a minimum fee of ~~\$3~~ \$5;

(2) For certified copies of any records or papers, \$1 for each page of an instrument with a minimum fee of \$3;

(3) For an abstract of title, ~~75 cents~~ \$1.50 for every transfer, ~~\$6~~ \$15 for certificate, and \$1 per page for each exhibit included within an abstract as a part of an abstract entry; provided that county boards may, by resolution duly adopted, establish lower fees for such services rendered by the county recorder, at his request, in their respective counties;

(4) For a copy of an official plat filed pursuant to section 505.08, the fee shall be ~~\$7.50~~ \$9.50 and an additional 50 cents shall be charged for the certification of each plat;

(5) For filing a condominium floor plan in accordance with section 515.13, the fee shall be 50 cents per apartment with a minimum fee of \$15;

(6) For a copy of a condominium floor plan filed pursuant to section 515.13, the fee shall be \$1 for each page of the floor plan with a minimum fee of \$10 and an additional 50 cents shall be charged for the certification of each condominium floor plan.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 375.14, is amended to read:

**375.14 OFFICES AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED FOR COUNTY OFFICERS.** The county board shall provide offices at the county-seat for the auditor, treasurer, county recorder, sheriff, judge of probate, clerk of the district court, and county highway engineer, and shall provide an office for the county engineer at a site determined by the county board, with suitable furniture therefor, also safes and vaults for the security and preservation of the books and papers belonging thereto, and provide for the heating, lighting, and maintenance of such offices. The board shall furnish all county officers with all books, stationery, letter-heads, envelopes, postage, telephone service, office equipment, and supplies necessary to the discharge of their respective duties and make like provision for the judges of the district court so far as may be necessary to the discharge of their duties within the county or concerning matters arising therein; provided, that the board shall not be required to furnish any county officer with professional or technical books or instruments except in so far as the board may deem the same to be directly necessary to the discharge of his official duties as part of the permanent equipment of his office.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 508.82, is amended to read:

**508.82 REGISTRAR'S FEES.** The fees to be paid to the registrar shall be as follows:

(1) In addition to other fees provided herein, for the entry of each memorial upon a certificate of title, fifty cents, which shall be paid to the county treasurer and credited to the assurance fund;

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(2) For registering each original certificate of title, and issuing a duplicate thereof, ~~\$6~~ \$10;

(3) For registering each transfer, including the filing of all instruments connected therewith, and the issuance and registration of the new certificate of title, ~~\$7.50~~ \$10;

(4) For the entry of each memorial on the register, or the cancellation thereof, including the filing of all instruments and papers connected therewith and endorsements upon duplicate certificates, ~~\$3~~ \$5;

(5) For issuing each mortgagee's or lessee's duplicate, ~~\$3~~ \$5;

(6) For issuing each residue certificate, ~~\$6~~ \$10;

(7) For issuing separate certificates and duplicates thereof, in exchange for one certificate for two or more distinct parcels, for each exchange certificate, ~~\$3~~ \$5;

(8) For each certificate showing condition of the register, ~~\$4.50~~ \$5;

(9) For any certified copy of any instrument or writing on file in his office, the same fees allowed by law to county recorders for like services;

(10) For filing two copies of any plat in the office of the registrar, \$15;

(11) For any other service under this chapter, such fee as the court shall determine;

(12) For issuing a duplicate certificate of title pursuant to the directive of the examiner of titles in counties in which the compensation of the examiner is paid in the same manner as the compensation of other county employees, ~~\$35~~ \$50, plus \$5 to memorialize;

(13) For issuing a duplicate certificate of title pursuant to the directive of the examiner of titles in counties in which the compensation of the examiner is not paid by the county or pursuant to an order of the court, ~~\$3-~~ \$5;

(14) For filing a condominium floor plan in accordance with section 515.13, \$15;

(15) For a copy of a condominium floor plan filed pursuant to section 515.13, the fee shall be \$1 for each page of the floor plan with a minimum fee of \$10.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.111, Subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. The payment of special local assessments levied after the date of Extra Session Laws 1967, Chapter 60, for improvements made to any real property described in subdivision 3 together with the interest thereon shall, on timely application as provided in subdivision 8, be deferred as long as such property meets the conditions contained in subdivisions 3 and 6. If special assessments against the property have been deferred pursuant to this subdivision, the govern-

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mental unit shall file with the county recorder in the county in which the property is located a certificate containing the legal description of the affected property and of the amount deferred. When such property is sold or no longer qualifies under subdivisions 3 and 6, all deferred special assessments plus interest shall be payable within 90 days. Penalty shall not be levied on any such special assessments if timely paid. If not paid within such 90 days, the county auditor shall include such deferred special assessments plus a ten percent penalty on the tax list for the current year.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 429.061, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **ADOPTION; INTEREST.** At such meeting or at any adjournment thereof the council shall hear and pass upon all objections to the proposed assessment, whether presented orally or in writing. The council may amend the proposed assessment as to any parcel and by resolution adopt the same as the special assessment against the lands named in the assessment roll. Notice of any adjournment of the hearing shall be adequate if the minutes of the meeting so adjourned show the time and place when and where the hearing is to be continued, or if three days notice thereof be published in the newspaper. The assessment, with accruing interest, shall be a lien upon all private and public property included therein, from the date of the resolution adopting the assessment, concurrent with general taxes; but the lien shall not be enforceable against public property as long as it is publicly owned, and during such period the assessment shall be recoverable from the owner of such property only in the manner and to the extent provided in section 435.19. Except as provided below, all assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over such period, not exceeding 30 years, as the resolution determines, payable on the first Monday in January in each year, but the number of installments need not be uniform for all assessments included in a single assessment roll if a uniform criterion for determining the number of installments is provided by the resolution. The first installment of each assessment shall be included in the first tax rolls completed after its adoption and shall be payable in the same year as the taxes contained therein; except that the payment of the first installment of any assessment levied upon unimproved property may be deferred until a designated future year, or until the platting of the property or the construction of improvements thereon, upon such terms and conditions and based upon such standards and criteria as may be provided by resolution of the council. If special assessments against the property have been deferred pursuant to this subdivision, the governmental unit shall file with the county recorder in the county in which the property is located a certificate containing the legal description of the affected property and of the amount deferred. In any event, every assessment the payment of which is so deferred, when it becomes payable, shall be divided into a number of installments such that the last installment thereof will be payable not more than 30 years after the levy of the assessment. All assessments shall bear interest at such rate as the resolution determines, not exceeding eight percent per annum, except that the rate may in any event equal the average annual interest rate on bonds issued to finance the improvement for which the assessments are levied. To the first installment of each

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assessment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from a date specified in the resolution levying the assessment, not earlier than the date of the resolution, until December 31 of the year in which the first installment is payable, and to each subsequent installment shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments; or alternatively, any assessment may be made payable in equal annual installments including principal and interest, each in the amount annually required to pay the principal over such period with interest at such rate as the resolution determines, not exceeding the maximum period and rate specified above. In the latter event no prepayment shall be accepted under subdivision 3 without payment of all installments due to and including December 31 of the year of prepayment, together with the original principal amount reduced only by the amounts of principal included in such installments, computed on an annual amortization basis. When payment of an assessment is deferred, as authorized in this subdivision, interest thereon for the period of deferment may be made payable annually at the same times as the principal installments of the assessment would have been payable if not deferred; or interest for this period may be added to the principal amount of the assessment when it becomes payable; or, if so provided in the resolution levying the assessment, interest thereon to December 31 of the year before the first installment is payable may be forgiven.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 462.358, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. UNPLATTED PARCELS. Subdivision regulations adopted by municipalities may apply to parcels which are taken from existing parcels of record by metes and bounds descriptions, and the governing body or building authority may deny the issuance of building permits to any parcels so divided, pending compliance with subdivision regulations.

Sec. 7. PRIOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS DEFERRED; NOTICE. In the case of special assessments deferred prior to the effective date of this act, the governmental unit shall file with the county recorder prior to January 1, 1982 a certified list of the affected properties and the amount of the unpaid deferment on each property.

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#### CHAPTER 561—H.F.No. 1727

*An act relating to family; providing that natural parents may obtain a copy of an adopted child's original birth certificate; authorizing a multi-purpose declaration of parentage; providing counsel for certain minor parents; allowing parents ten days to revoke consent to adoption; providing a pre-adoption residency of three months; changing certain procedures and criteria for termination of parental rights; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 144.218, Subdivision 1; 144.225, Subdivision 2; 259.24, Subdivisions 2 and 5, and by adding a subdivision; 259.25, Subdivision 1, and*

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