

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

Section 1. Laws 1971, Chapter 573, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Subdivision 1. The total tax that may be levied otherwise in accordance with ~~this act sections 1 and 2, subdivision 2,~~ may be increased by one percent for each point of increase of the revised consumer price index, referred to in Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.11, above its amount on, in the case of the tax levied pursuant to section 1, January 15, 1971, and, in the case of the tax levied pursuant to section 2, subdivision 2, January 1, 1981. A fractional increase shall be disregarded if less than one half point and treated as one point if it is one half point or more.

Subd. 2. In addition to the tax authorized by section 1 and section 2, subdivision 1, the board, subject to approval by resolution of the city and school district, may also levy a tax on property in the city of 51 cents times the population of the city to be used exclusively to operate and maintain the Carey Lake recreation area, which was maintained and operated by the town of Stuntz prior to its annexation by the city.

Sec. 2. **LOCAL APPROVAL.**

This act is effective the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, Subdivision 3, by both of the governing bodies of the city of Hibbing and Independent School District 701.

Approved May 8, 1981

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CHAPTER 142 — H.F.No. 775

*An act relating to public utilities; removing municipal utilities from public utilities commission jurisdiction and granting an option in regard thereto; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 216B.11; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1980, Sections 216B.10, Subdivision 6; 216B.12, Subdivision 2; and 216B.13, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. **[216B.025] MUNICIPAL REGULATION OPTION.**

A municipality may elect to become subject to regulation by the commission pursuant to sections 216B.10 and 216B.11. An election for regulation may be effected by resolution of the governing body requesting regulation and filed with the commission.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 216B.11, is amended to read:

**216B.11 DEPRECIATION RATES AND PRACTICES.**

The commission shall fix proper and adequate rates and methods of depreciation, amortization, or depletion in respect of utility property, ~~including~~

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utility property owned by a municipally owned gas or electric utility, and every public and every municipally owned gas and electric utility shall conform its depreciation, amortization or depletion accounts to the rates and methods fixed by the commission.

Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1980, Sections 216B.10, Subdivision 6; 216B.12, Subdivision 2; and 216B.13, Subdivision 2, are repealed.

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**CHAPTER 143 — H.F.No. 893**

*An act relating to transportation; authorizing the purchase of the closed combination railroad and highway bridge connecting St. Paul Park in Washington County and Inver Grove Heights in Dakota County, and authorizing its operation as a toll bridge by a private business entity; providing for the regulation of the operation and maintenance of the bridge and the establishment of maximum toll charges by the counties of Washington and Dakota.*

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

**Section 1. CLOSED COMBINATION RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE, WASHINGTON AND DAKOTA COUNTIES; OPERATION AS TOLL BRIDGE.**

Any natural person, corporation, partnership or other business entity may purchase or lease the closed combination railroad and highway bridge connecting St. Paul Park in Washington County and Inver Grove Heights in Dakota County for the purpose of operating and maintaining the bridge as a toll bridge. The use and operation of the bridge shall conform to and be compatible with the existing land uses on both sides of the bridge. The counties of Washington and Dakota, by agreement pursuant to the joint powers act, Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59, shall regulate the operation and maintenance and establish the maximum tolls that may be charged for vehicular use of the bridge.

**Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.023, Subdivision 1, Clause (a), section 1 is effective without local approval on the day following its final enactment.

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