

**REVENUE DEPARTMENT[701]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to securing payment of deferred inheritance tax and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Revenue Department hereby proposes to amend Chapter 86, “Inheritance Tax,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 421.17.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 450.48 as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2303.

*Purpose and Summary*

Prior to July 1, 2018, estates containing personal property, real property, or a mix of both were required to provide a bond security to secure payment of deferred inheritance tax. During the 2018 Legislative Session, the Legislature amended Iowa Code section 450.48 to add other options, in lieu of a bond, for securing deferred payment. These proposed amendments reflect the statutory change.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa. The Fiscal Note for 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2303, also identified no fiscal impact.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to rule 701—7.28(17A).

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 8, 2019. Comments should be directed to:

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### *Public Hearing*

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

### *Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 86.14(9) as follows:

**86.14(9)** *Deferred life estates and remainder interest.*

a. A deferred estate generally occurs as the result of a decedent granting a life estate in property to one person with remainder of the property to another. In such cases, the determination of the tax on the remainder interest to be received by the remainderman may be deferred until the determination of the previous life estate pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.46. Tax on a remainder interest that has been deferred is valued pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.37, with no reduction based on the previous life estate. Tax due on a deferred interest must be paid before the last day of the ninth month from the date of the death of life tenant pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.46. Penalty and interest is not imposed if the tax is paid before the last day of the ninth month from the date of the death of life tenant. If the death of the decedent occurred before July 1, 1981, the tax due on a deferred interest must be paid before the last day of the twelfth month from the date of the death of life tenant. Deferment may be elected due to the fact that the remainder interest is contingent and because the value of the remainder interest may be significantly altered from the time of the decedent’s death until the death of the life tenant. A request for deferment may be made on a completed department form and the completed form, with any required documentation, may be filed with the department on or before the due date of the inheritance tax return. Failure to file a completed department form requesting a deferral of tax on the remainder interest with the inheritance tax return will allow the department to provide an automatic deferral for qualifying remainder interests.

b. If deferral is chosen, an inheritance tax clearance cannot be issued for the estate. Expenses cannot be used to offset the value of the deferred remainder interest. Based upon Iowa Code section 450.12, deductible expenses must be expenses paid by the estate. Expenses incurred by a deferred remainder interest would not qualify based on Iowa Code section 450.12 as deductible expenses. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.52, the owner of a deferred remainder interest may choose to pay the tax on the present value of the remainder interest and have the lien on such an interest removed prior to the termination of the previous life estate. If early termination of the deferred remainder interest occurs, the value of the remainder interest will be reduced by the value of remaining previous life estate.

c. If the tax on an estate is deferred, a bond may have to be filed with the proper clerk of the district court. This bond must remain effective until the tax on the deferred estate is paid. Failure to maintain or properly renew the bond will result in the bond’s being declared forfeited, and the amount collected. For additional details regarding obtaining a bond, see Iowa Code sections 450.49 and 450.50. The estate may secure payment of the deferred tax by providing other security in lieu of a bond, including but not

limited to securities named in Iowa Code section 450.48(2) and securities deemed satisfactory by the department.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **701—86.14(450)**, implementation sentence, as follows:

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code ~~chapter~~ chapters 450, Iowa Code Supplement ~~chapter~~ and 633E, and 2005 Iowa Acts, ~~chapter~~ 38.