

b. That if a participant does not complete the certified program contemplated by the agreement prior to entering a postsecondary education program, one-half of the moneys being held in trust for the participant's postsecondary education shall be paid either to a postsecondary education institution as defined in section 261C.3 of the participant's choice or, notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, to an apprenticeship program of the participant's choice which has been approved under 29 C.F.R., subtit. A, pt. 29, to pay tuition or expenses of the participant. The other one-half of the trust moneys shall be paid back to the employer. Any moneys to be transferred for the benefit of the participant which are not transferred within five years for purposes of education at the designated postsecondary institution, shall be paid back to the employer.

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## CHAPTER 25

### TAXPAYER COMMUNICATIONS — CONFIDENTIALITY

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AN ACT relating to confidentiality for certain taxpayer communications.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 622.10A TAX ADVICE — CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

1. With respect to communications involving tax advice between a taxpayer and a federally authorized tax practitioner, the same protections of confidentiality which apply to a communication between a taxpayer and an attorney shall also apply to that communication to the extent the communication would be considered a privileged communication if it were between a taxpayer and an attorney.

2. The confidentiality privilege under this section applies to either of the following:

a. A noncriminal tax matter before the Iowa department of revenue and finance.

b. A noncriminal tax proceeding in federal or state court brought by or against the state of Iowa.

3. As used in this section:

a. "Federally authorized tax practitioner" means an individual who is authorized under federal law to practice before the Internal Revenue Service if such practice is subject to federal regulation under 31 U.S.C. § 330.

b. "Tax advice" means advice given by an individual with respect to a matter which is within the scope of the individual's authority to practice described in paragraph "a".

4. The confidentiality privilege under this section shall not apply to a written communication between a federally authorized tax practitioner and a director, shareholder, officer, employee, agent, or representative of a corporation in connection with the promotion of the direct or indirect participation of that corporation in a tax shelter as defined in section 6662(d)(2)(C)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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