

**12E.9 Authorization of the sale of rights in the master settlement agreement.**

1. *a.* The governor or the governor's designee shall sell and assign all or a portion of the state's share to the authority pursuant to one or more sales agreements for the purpose of securitization as described in the program plan and as specified in section 12E.10. The attorney general shall assist the governor in the preparation and review of all necessary documentation to effect such a sale as soon as reasonably practicable.

*b.* Any sales agreement shall be consistent with the program plan and this chapter. The terms and conditions of the sale established in such sales agreement may include but are not limited to any of the following:

(1) A requirement that the state enforce, at the sole expense of the authority, the provisions of the master settlement agreement that require payment of the state's share that has been sold to the authority under a sales agreement.

(2) A requirement that the state not agree to any amendment of the master settlement agreement that materially and adversely affects the authority's ability to receive the state's share that has been sold to the authority.

(3) An agreement that the anticipated use by the state of bond proceeds received pursuant to the sales agreement shall be for capital projects, certain debt service on outstanding obligations that funded capital projects, payment of attorney fees related to the master settlement agreement, and to provide a secure and stable source of funding to the state for purposes designated by section 12E.3A and other provisions of this chapter.

(4) A statement that the net proceeds from the sale of bonds shall be deposited in the tobacco settlement trust fund established under section 12E.12 and that in no event shall the amounts in the trust fund be available or be applied for payment of bonds or any claim against the authority or any debt or obligation of the authority.

(5) A requirement that the net proceeds received by the authority from the sale of any tax-exempt bonds issued to provide funds for capital projects, certain debt service, and attorney fees related to the master settlement agreement be paid by the authority to the state as consideration for the sale of that portion of the state's share, that such net proceeds be deposited by the state upon receipt in the tax-exempt bond proceeds restricted capital funds account of the tobacco settlement trust fund, and that such proceeds are to be held by the authority solely for the benefit of the state, subject to annual appropriation by the state in accordance with section 12E.10, subsection 1, paragraph "b".

(6) A requirement that the net proceeds received by the authority from the sale of taxable bonds or tax-exempt bonds issued to provide funds for the purposes specified in section 12E.3A be deposited in the endowment for Iowa's health account of the tobacco settlement trust fund as moneys of the authority until transferred to the state pursuant to section 12E.12, subsection 1, paragraph "b", subparagraph (3). Each amount transferred shall be the consideration received by the state for that portion of the state's share.

(7) An agreement that the effective date of the sale is the date of receipt of the bond proceeds by the authority and the deposits of the net proceeds of the tax-exempt bonds and any taxable bonds in the respective accounts of the tobacco settlement trust fund.

2. The sale made under this section shall be irrevocable during the time when bonds are outstanding under this chapter, and shall be a part of the contractual obligation owed to the bondholders. The sale shall constitute and be treated as a true sale and absolute transfer of the property so transferred and not as a pledge or other security interest for any borrowing. The characterization of such a sale as an absolute transfer shall not be negated or adversely affected by the fact that only a portion of the state's share is being sold, or by the state's acquisition or retention of an ownership interest in the residual assets.

3. On or after the effective date of such sale, the state shall not have any right, title, or interest in the portion of the master settlement agreement sold and such portion shall be the property of the authority and not the state, and shall be owned, received, held, and disbursed by the authority or its trustee or assignee, and not the state.

4. On or before the effective date of the sale, the state shall notify the escrow agent under the master settlement agreement of the sale and shall instruct the escrow agent that subsequent to that date, all payments constituting the portion sold shall be made directly to the authority.

5. The authority, the treasurer of state, and the attorney general shall report to the legislative council and the executive council on or before the date of the sale, advising them of the status of the sale, its terms, and conditions.

2000 Acts, ch 1208, §9, 25; 2001 Acts, ch 164, §9, 10, 21; 2008 Acts, ch 1186, §13, 19  
[SP] Deposit of state's share in healthy lowans tobacco trust under §12.65 until effective date of sale; 2001 Acts, ch 164, §20