

**701—39.14(422) Tax benefits for persons serving in support of the Bosnia-Herzegovina hazardous duty area.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, a number of state tax benefits are authorized for individuals serving in a location designated by the President and Congress as a qualified hazardous duty area or other persons serving in support of the individuals in the hazardous duty area. Public Law No. 104-117 was enacted by Congress on March 20, 1996, and designated Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia as a qualified hazardous duty area so that troops performing peacekeeping duties in the area would be eligible for tax benefits for federal income tax purposes on the same basis they would have been eligible for the same benefits if they had served in a combat zone under prior law.

For Iowa tax purposes, persons serving peacekeeping duties in the hazardous duty area or other persons serving overseas in support of the persons in the hazardous duty area will be eligible for the same tax benefits that were previously only available to persons serving military duties in a combat zone. The tax benefits that are available for persons serving in the hazardous duty area or persons serving overseas in support of the persons in the hazardous duty area are described in rule 39.12(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.3 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2168.