

701—40.65(422) Section 179 expensing. For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, but beginning before January 1, 2006, the increase in the expensing allowance for qualifying property authorized in Section 179(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as enacted by Public Law No. 108-27, Section 202, may be taken for Iowa individual income tax. If the taxpayer elects to take the increased Section 179 expensing, the Section 179 expensing allowance on the Iowa individual income tax return is the same as the Section 179 expensing allowance on the federal income tax return for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, but beginning before January 1, 2006.

40.65(1) If the taxpayer elects to take the increased Section 179 expensing and had filed an Iowa return prior to February 24, 2005, which reflected the disallowance of increased Section 179 expensing, the taxpayer may choose between two options to reflect this change. Taxpayer may either file an amended return for the applicable tax year to reflect the increased Section 179 expensing, or taxpayer may reflect the change for increased Section 179 expensing on the next Iowa return filed subsequent to February 23, 2005. Taxpayer must choose only one of these two options. Regardless of the option chosen, taxpayer must complete and attach a revised Form IA 4562A to either the amended return or the return filed subsequent to February 23, 2005.

EXAMPLE 1: Taxpayer filed a 2003 Iowa individual income tax return on April 15, 2004, which reflected an adjustment of \$50,000 for the difference between the federal Section 179 expensing allowance and the Iowa Section 179 expensing allowance. Taxpayer now elects to take the increased Section 179 expensing allowance for Iowa tax purposes. Taxpayer may either amend the 2003 Iowa return to reflect a \$50,000 reduction in Iowa taxable income, or taxpayer may take the additional deduction of \$50,000 on taxpayer's 2004 Iowa return that is filed after February 23, 2005.

EXAMPLE 2: Assume the same facts as given in Example 1, and taxpayer filed a 2004 Iowa return prior to February 24, 2005. Taxpayer did not take an additional \$50,000 deduction on the 2004 Iowa return. Taxpayer may either amend the 2003 Iowa return to reflect a \$50,000 reduction in Iowa taxable income, or taxpayer may take the additional deduction of \$50,000 on taxpayer's 2005 Iowa return.

40.65(2) If the taxpayer elects not to take the increased Section 179 expensing, the expensing allowance is limited to \$25,000 for Iowa tax purposes. The difference between the federal Section 179 expensing allowance on such property, if in excess of \$25,000, and the Iowa expensing allowance of \$25,000 can be depreciated using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to the bonus depreciation provision in Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable Section 179 and related depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both the Section 179 expensing allowance and related depreciation, along with the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, but beginning before January 1, 2006, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

See 701—subrule 53.23(2) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 102.