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A BILL FOR					
1 2		ct concerning regulatory, taxation, and statutory equirements affecting individuals and business relating to			
3		conomic development, workers' compensation, financial			
4		ervices, unemployment compensation employer surcharges,			
5		ncome taxation bonus depreciation and expensing allowances,			
6		nd civil action appeal bonds, and including effective date,			
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1	DIVISION I
2	LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS
3	Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. It is the finding of the
4	general assembly that the recent Iowa supreme court decision
5	of Rants and Iverson v. Vilsack, No. 60/03-1948, June 16,
6	2004, has invalidated the proper enactment of provisions
7	contained in 2003 Iowa Acts, First Extraordinary Session,
8	chapter 1 (House File 692). It is the intent of the general
9	assembly to reenact and reaffirm certain provisions of House
	File 692 that were published in the 2003 Iowa Code Supplement
ll	including provisions that were subsequently amended in the
	2004 regular session of the Eightieth General Assembly and
L3	validate contracts entered into in reliance on the enactment
L 4	of provisions published in the 2003 Code Supplement.
L5	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
	deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
17	DIVISION II
18	ENDOW IOWA GRANTS
19	Sec. 3. The following provisions, as published in Iowa
	Code Supplement 2003, pertaining to endow Iowa grants, are
	reaffirmed and reenacted:
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	PROVISIONS. This division of this Act, being deemed of
	immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and is
	retroactively applicable to January 1, 2003, for tax years
31	beginning on or after that date.
32	DIVISION III
33	CIVIL ACTION APPEAL BONDS
34	Sec. 5. Section 625A.9, as published in Iowa Code
35	Supplement 2003, pertaining to supersedeas bonds, is

- 1 reaffirmed and reenacted.
- 2 Sec. 6. Section 625A.9, subsection 2, Code Supplement
- 3 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division of this
- 4 Act, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 2. a. If Except as provided in paragraph "b", if the
- 6 judgment or order appealed from is for money, such bond shall
- 7 not exceed one hundred ten percent of the amount of the money
- 8 judgment.
- 9 The court may set a bond in an amount in excess of one
- 10 hundred ten percent of the amount of the money judgment upon
- 11 making specific findings justifying such an amount, and in
- 12 doing so, shall consider, but shall not be limited to
- 13 consideration of, the following criteria:
- 14 (1) The availability and cost of the bond or other form of
- 15 adequate security.
- 16 (2) The assets of the judgment debtor and of the judgment
- 17 debtor's insurer or indemnitor, if any.
- 18 (3) The potential adverse effects of the bond on the
- 19 judgment debtor, including, but not limited to, the potential
- 20 adverse effects on the judgment debtor's employees, financial
- 21 stability, and business operations.
- 22 (4) The potential adverse effects of the bond on the
- 23 judgment creditor and third parties, including public
- 24 entities.
- 25 (5) In a class action suit, the adequacy of the bond to
- 26 compensate all members of the class.
- 27 <u>b. Notwithstanding paragraph</u> "a", in no case shall a bond
- 28 exceed one hundred million dollars, regardless of the value of
- 29 the money judgment. This limitation shall not apply in cases
- 30 where the court finds that the defendant intentionally
- 31 dissipated the defendant's assets outside the ordinary course
- 32 of business for the purpose of evading payment of the
- 33 judgment.
- 34 Sec. 7. 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2306, is repealed.
- 35 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY

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1 PROVISIONS.

- 2 1. The section of this division of this Act reaffirming
- 3 and reenacting section 625A.9, being deemed of immediate
- 4 importance, takes effect upon enactment, and applies
- 5 retroactively to July 1, 2003.
- 6 2. The section of this division of this Act amending
- 7 section 625A.9, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
- 8 of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes
- 9 effect upon enactment of this Act, and applies retroactively
- 10 to cases pending and filed on or after April 20, 2004, and
- 11 through June 15, 2004, and to cases pending or filed on or
- 12 after June 16, 2004.
- 3. The section of this division of this Act repealing 2004
- 14 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2306, being deemed of immediate
- 15 importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 16 4. This section of this division of this Act, being deemed
- 17 of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 18 DIVISION IV
- 19 WORKERS' COMPENSATION
- Sec. 9. Section 85.27, subsection 4, Code 2003, is amended
- 21 to read as follows:
- 22 4. For purposes of this section, the employer is obliged
- 23 to furnish reasonable services and supplies to treat an
- 24 injured employee, and has the right to choose the care. If
- 25 the employer chooses the care, the employer shall hold the
- 26 employee harmless for the cost of care until the employer
- 27 notifies the employee that the employer is no longer
- 28 authorizing all or any part of the care and the reason for the
- 29 change in authorization. An employer is not liable for the
- 30 cost of care that the employer arranges in response to a
- 31 sudden emergency if the employee's condition, for which care
- 32 was arranged, is not related to the employment. The treatment
- 33 must be offered promptly and be reasonably suited to treat the
- 34 injury without undue inconvenience to the employee. If the
- 35 employee has reason to be dissatisfied with the care offered,

- 1 the employee should communicate the basis of such
- 2 dissatisfaction to the employer, in writing if requested,
- 3 following which the employer and the employee may agree to
- 4 alternate care reasonably suited to treat the injury. If the
- 5 employer and employee cannot agree on such alternate care, the
- 6 commissioner may, upon application and reasonable proofs of
- 7 the necessity therefor, allow and order other care. In an
- 8 emergency, the employee may choose the employee's care at the
- 9 employer's expense, provided the employer or the employer's
- 10 agent cannot be reached immediately. An application made
- ll under this subsection shall be considered an original
- 12 proceeding for purposes of commencement and contested case
- 13 proceedings under section 85.26. The hearing shall be
- 14 conducted pursuant to chapter 17A. Before a hearing is
- 15 scheduled, the parties may choose a telephone hearing or an
- 16 in-person hearing. A request for an in-person hearing shall
- 17 be approved unless the in-person hearing would be impractical
- 18 because of the distance between the parties to the hearing.
- 19 The workers' compensation commissioner shall issue a decision
- 20 within ten working days of receipt of an application for
- 21 alternate care made pursuant to a telephone hearing or within
- 22 fourteen working days of receipt of an application for
- 23 alternate care made pursuant to an in-person hearing. The
- 24 employer shall notify an injured employee of the employee's
- 25 ability to contest the employer's choice of care pursuant to
- 26 this subsection.
- 27 Sec. 10. Section 85.34, subsection 2, paragraph u, Code
- 28 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 u. In all cases of permanent partial disability other than
- 30 those hereinabove described or referred to in paragraphs "a"
- 31 through "t" hereof, the compensation shall be paid during the
- 32 number of weeks in relation to five hundred weeks as the
- 33 reduction in the employee's earning capacity caused by the
- 34 disability bears in relation to the body-of-the-injured
- 35 <u>earning capacity that</u> the employee as-a-whole possessed when

- 1 the injury occurred.
- 2 Sec. 11. Section 85.34, Code 2003, is amended by adding
- 3 the following new subsection:
- 4 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. SUCCESSIVE DISABILITIES.
- 5 a. An employer is fully liable for compensating all of an
- 6 employee's disability that arises out of and in the course of
- 7 the employee's employment with the employer. An employer is
- 8 not liable for compensating an employee's preexisting
- 9 disability that arose out of and in the course of employment
- 10 with a different employer or from causes unrelated to
- 11 employment.
- 12 b. If an injured employee has a preexisting disability
- 13 that was caused by a prior injury arising out of and in the
- 14 course of employment with the same employer, and the
- 15 preexisting disability was compensable under the same
- 16 paragraph of section 85.34, subsection 2, as the employee's
- 17 present injury, the employer is liable for the combined
- 18 disability that is caused by the injuries, measured in
- 19 relation to the employee's condition immediately prior to the
- 20 first injury. In this instance, the employer's liability for
- 21 the combined disability shall be considered to be already
- 22 partially satisfied to the extent of the percentage of
- 23 disability for which the employee was previously compensated
- 24 by the employer.
- 25 If, however, an employer is liable to an employee for a
- 26 combined disability that is payable under section 85.34,
- 27 subsection 2, paragraph "u", and the employee has a
- 28 preexisting disability that causes the employee's earnings to
- 29 be less at the time of the present injury than if the prior
- 30 injury had not occurred, the employer's liability for the
- 31 combined disability shall be considered to be already
- 32 partially satisfied to the extent of the percentage of
- 33 disability for which the employee was previously compensated
- 34 by the employer minus the percentage that the employee's
- 35 earnings are less at the time of the present injury than if

- 1 the prior injury had not occurred.
- 2 c. A successor employer shall be considered to be the same
- 3 employer if the employee became part of the successor
- 4 employer's workforce through a merger, purchase, or other
- 5 transaction that assumes the employee into the successor
- 6 employer's workforce without substantially changing the nature
- 7 of the employee's employment.
- 8 Sec. 12. Section 85.36, subsection 9, paragraph c, Code
- 9 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.
- 10 Sec. 13. Section 85.70, Code 2003, is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 85.70 ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR ATTENDANCE.
- An employee who has sustained an injury resulting in
- 14 permanent partial or permanent total disability, for which
- 15 compensation is payable under this chapter, and who cannot
- 16 return to gainful employment because of such disability, shall
- 17 upon application to and approval by the workers' compensation
- 18 commissioner be entitled to a twenty-dollar one hundred dollar
- 19 weekly payment from the employer in addition to any other
- 20 benefit payments, during each full week in which the employee
- 21 is actively participating in a vocational rehabilitation
- 22 program recognized by the vocational rehabilitation services
- 23 division of the department of education. The workers'
- 24 compensation commissioner's approval of such application for
- 25 payment may be given only after a careful evaluation of
- 26 available facts, and after consultation with the employer or
- 27 the employer's representative. Judicial review of the
- 28 decision of the workers' compensation commissioner may be
- 29 obtained in accordance with the terms of the Iowa
- 30 administrative procedure Act and in section 86.26. Such
- 31 additional benefit payment shall be paid for a period not to
- 32 exceed thirteen consecutive weeks except that the workers'
- 33 compensation commissioner may extend the period of payment not
- 34 to exceed an additional thirteen weeks if the circumstances
- 35 indicate that a continuation of training will in fact

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- 1 accomplish rehabilitation.
- 2 Sec. 14. Section 86.12, as published in Iowa Code
- 3 Supplement 2003, is reaffirmed and reenacted.
- 4 Sec. 15. Section 86.13A, as published in Iowa Code
- 5 Supplement 2003, is reaffirmed and reenacted.
- 6 Sec. 16. Section 86.13A, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
- 7 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this Act, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 If during any fiscal year commencing after June 30, 2005
- 10 2006, the general business practices of an employer or insurer
- ll result in the delay of the commencement of voluntary weekly
- 12 compensation payments after the date specified in section
- 13 85.30 more frequently and for a longer number of days than the
- 14 average number of days for the entire group of employers or
- 15 insurers, the commissioner may impose an assessment on the
- 16 employer or insurer payable to the second injury fund created
- 17 in section 85.66. The amount of the assessment shall be ten
- 18 dollars, multiplied by the average number of days that weekly
- 19 compensation payments were delayed after the date specified in
- 20 section 85.30, and multiplied by the number of injuries the
- 21 employer or insurer reported during the fiscal year.
- 22 Notwithstanding the foregoing, an assessment shall not be
- 23 imposed if the employer or insurer commenced voluntary weekly
- 24 compensation benefits within the time specified in section
- 25 85.30 for more than seventy-five percent of the injuries
- 26 reported by the employer or insurer.
- 27 Sec. 17. Section 85.55, Code 2003, is repealed.
- 28 Sec. 18. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS. The
- 29 sections of this division of this Act amending sections 85.27,
- 30 85.34, 85.36, and 85.70, and repealing section 85.55, being
- 31 deemed of immediate importance, take effect upon enactment and
- 32 apply to injuries occurring on or after that date.
- 33 Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY
- 34 PROVISIONS. The sections of this division of this Act
- 35 reaffirming and reenacting sections 86.12 and 86.13A and the

- 1 section of this division of this Act amending section 86.13A
- 2 as reaffirmed and reenacted, being deemed of immediate
- 3 importance, take effect upon enactment and are retroactively
- 4 applicable to injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2003.
- 5 Sec. 20. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the
- 6 general assembly that this division of this Act will prevent
- 7 all double recoveries and all double reductions in workers'
- 8 compensation benefits for permanent partial disability. This
- 9 division modifies the fresh start and full responsibility
- 10 rules of law announced by the Iowa supreme court in a series
- ll of judicial precedents.
- 12 The general assembly recognizes that the amount of
- 13 compensation a person receives for disability is directly
- 14 related to the person's earnings at the time of injury. The
- 15 competitive labor market determines the value of a person's
- 16 earning capacity through a strong correlation with the level
- 17 of earnings a person can achieve in the competitive labor
- 18 market. The market reevaluates a person as a working unit
- 19 each time the person competes in the competitive labor market,
- 20 causing a fresh start with each change of employment. The
- 21 market's determination effectively apportions any disability
- 22 through a reduced level of earnings. The market does not
- 23 reevaluate an employee's earning capacity while the employee
- 24 remains employed by the same employer.
- 25 The general assembly intends that an employer shall fully
- 26 compensate all of an injured employee's disability that is
- 27 caused by work-related injuries with the employer without
- 28 compensating the same disability more than once. This
- 29 division of this Act creates a formula that applies disability
- 30 payments made toward satisfaction of the combined disability
- 31 that the employer is liable for compensating, while taking
- 32 into account the impact of the employee's earnings on the
- 33 amount of compensation to be ultimately paid for the
- 34 disability.
- 35 The general assembly does not intend this division of this

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- 1 Act to change the character of any disability from scheduled
- 2 to unscheduled or vice versa or to combine disabilities that
- 3 are not otherwise combined under law existing on the effective
- 4 date of this section of this division of this Act.
- 5 Combination of successive scheduled disabilities in section
- 6 85.34, subsection 7, as enacted in this division of this Act,
- 7 is limited to disabilities affecting the same member, such as
- 8 successive disabilities to the right arm. A disability to the
- 9 left arm that is followed by a disability to the right arm is
- 10 governed by section 85.64 and is not a successive disability
- 11 under this division. This division does not alter benefits
- 12 under the second injury fund, benefits for permanent total
- 13 disability under section 85.34, subsection 3, the method of
- 14 determining the degree of unscheduled permanent partial
- 15 disability, the compensable character of aggravation injuries,
- 16 or an employer's right to choose the care an injured employee
- 17 receives, expand the fresh start rule to scheduled
- 18 disabilities, or change existing law in any way that is not
- 19 expressly provided in this division.
- 20 The general assembly intends that changes in the identity
- 21 of the employer that do not require the employee to reenter
- 22 the competitive labor market will be treated as if the
- 23 employee remained employed by the same employer.
- 24 Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATE. Unless otherwise provided, this
- 25 division of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
- 26 takes effect upon enactment.
- 27 DIVISION V
- 28 FINANCIAL SERVICES
- 29 Sec. 22. The following provisions, as published in Iowa
- 30 Code Supplement 2003, pertaining to financial services, are
- 31 reaffirmed and reenacted:
- 32 1. Section 537.2502, subsections 3 and 6.
- 33 2. Section 537.2601, subsection 1.
- 34 Sec. 23. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY
- 35 PROVISIONS. This division of this Act, being deemed of

- 1 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and is
- 2 retroactively applicable to July 1, 2003.
- 3 DIVISION VI
- 4 LOAN AND CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM
- 5 Sec. 24. The following provisions, as published in Iowa
- 6 Code Supplement 2003, pertaining to the economic development
- 7 loan and credit guarantee program, are reaffirmed and
- 8 reenacted:
- 9 1. Section 15E.221.
- 10 2. Section 15E.222.
- 11 3. Section 15E.223.
- 12 4. Section 15E.224.
- 13 5. Section 15E.225.
- 14 Sec. 25. Section 15E.223, subsection 4, Code Supplement
- 15 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division of this
- 16 Act, is amended to read as follows:
- 17 4. "Targeted industry business" means an existing or
- 18 proposed business entity, including an emerging small business
- 19 or qualified business which is operated for profit and which
- 20 has a primary business purpose of doing business in at least
- 21 one of the targeted industries designated by the department
- 22 which include life sciences, software and information
- 23 technology, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture,
- 24 and any other industry designated as a targeted industry by
- 25 the loan-and-credit-guarantee-advisory-board department.
- 26 Sec. 26. Section 15E.224, subsections 1, 3, 5, and 7, Code
- 27 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
- 28 of this Act, are amended to read as follows:
- 29 1. The department shall, -with-the-advice-of-the-loan-and
- 30 credit-guarantee-advisory-board, establish and administer a
- 31 loan and credit guarantee program. The department, pursuant
- 32 to agreements with financial institutions, shall provide loan
- 33 and credit guarantees, or other forms of credit guarantees for
- 34 qualified businesses and targeted industry businesses for
- 35 eligible project costs. A loan or credit guarantee provided

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- 1 under the program may stand alone or may be used in
- 2 conjunction with or to enhance other loans or credit
- 3 quarantees offered by private, state, or federal entities.
- 4 The department may purchase insurance to cover defaulted loans
- 5 meeting the requirements of the program. However, the
- 6 department shall not in any manner directly or indirectly
- 7 pledge the credit of the state. Eligible project costs
- 8 include expenditures for productive equipment and machinery,
- 9 working capital for operations and export transactions,
- 10 research and development, marketing, and such other costs as
- 11 the department may so designate.
- 12 3. In administering the program, the department shall
- 13 consult and cooperate with financial institutions in this
- 14 state and-with-the-loan-and-credit-guarantee-advisory-board.
- 15 Administrative procedures and application procedures, as
- 16 practicable, shall be responsive to the needs of qualified
- 17 businesses, targeted industry businesses, and financial
- 18 institutions, and shall be consistent with prudent investment
- 19 and lending practices and criteria.
- 20 5. The department,-with-the-advice-of-the-loan-and-credit
- 21 quarantee-advisory-board, shall adopt a loan or credit
- 22 guarantee application procedure for a financial institution on
- 23 behalf of a qualified business or targeted industry business.
- 7. The department,-with-the-advice-of-the-loan-and-credit
- 25 quarantee-advisory-board, may adopt loan and credit guarantee
- 26 application procedures that allow a qualified business or
- 27 targeted industry business to apply directly to the department
- 28 for a preliminary guarantee commitment. A preliminary
- 29 quarantee commitment may be issued by the department subject
- 30 to the qualified business or targeted industry business
- 31 securing a commitment for financing from a financial
- 32 institution. The application procedures shall specify the
- 33 process by which a financial institution may obtain a final
- 34 loan and credit guarantee.
- 35 Sec. 27. Section 15E.225, subsections 1 and 2, Code

- 1 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
- 2 of this Act, are amended to read as follows:
- When entering into a loan or credit quarantee
- 4 agreement, the department, -with-the-advice-of-the-loan-and
- 5 credit-quarantee-advisory-board, shall establish fees and
- 6 other terms for participation in the program by qualified
- 7 businesses and targeted industry businesses.
- 8 2. The department, with due regard for the possibility of
- 9 losses and administrative costs and-with-the-advice-of-the
- 10 loan-and-credit-guarantee-advisory-board, shall set fees and
- 11 other terms at levels sufficient to assure that the program is
- 12 self-financing.
- 13 Sec. 28. Section 15E.227, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
- 14 Supplement 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.
- 15 Sec. 29. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY
- 16 PROVISIONS. This division of this Act, being deemed of
- 17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and is
- 18 retroactively applicable to July 1, 2003.
- 19 DIVISION VII
- 20 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTION SURCHARGE
- 21 Sec. 30. Section 96.9, subsection 8, paragraph e, Code
- 22 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 23 e. Moneys from interest earned on the unemployment
- 24 compensation reserve fund shall be used by the department only
- 25 upon appropriation by the general assembly and-only-for
- 26 purposes-contained-in-section-96:77-subsection-127-for
- 27 department-of-workforce-development-rural-satellite-offices,
- 28 and for administrative costs to collect the reserve
- 29 contributions.
- 30 Sec. 31. CODE EDITOR'S REMOVAL OF SECTION 96.7, SUBSECTION
- 31 12, FROM CODE. Consistent with the Iowa supreme court
- 32 decision of Rants and Iverson v. Vilsack, No. 60/03-1948, June
- 33 16, 2004, the general assembly acknowledges the Code editor's
- 34 removal of section 96.7, subsection 12, relating to the
- 35 administrative contribution surcharge and fund, from the Code,

- 1 due to the subsection's repeal effective July 1, 2003.
- 2 Sec. 32. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
- 3 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment
- 4 and applies retroactively to July 1, 2003.
- 5 DIVISION VIII
- 6 MARKETING
- 7 Sec. 33. Section 15G.109, as published in Iowa Code
- 8 Supplement 2003, pertaining to the economic development
- 9 marketing board, is reaffirmed and reenacted.
- 10 Sec. 34. Section 15G.109, subsections 1, 2, and 5, Code
- 11 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
- 12 of this Act, are amended by striking the subsections.
- 13 Sec. 35. Section 15G.109, subsections 3 and 4, Code
- 14 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
- 15 of this Act, are amended to read as follows:
- 16 3. The department of economic development marketing-board
- 17 shall accept proposals for marketing strategies for purposes
- 18 of selecting a strategy for the department to administer. The
- 19 marketing strategies shall be designed to market Iowa as a
- 20 lifestyle, increase the population of the state, increase the
- 21 wealth of Iowans, and expand and stimulate the state economy.
- 22 The-economic-development-marketing-board-shall-submit-a
- 23 recommendation-regarding-the-proposal-to-the-grow-lowa-values
- 24 board---In-selecting-a-marketing-strategy-for-recommendation7
- 25 the-economic-development-marketing-board-shall-base-the
- 26 selection-on-the-goals-and-performance-measures-provided-in
- 27 section-156-107---The-grow-Towa-values-board-shall-either
- 28 approve-or-deny-the-recommendation. The department shall
- 29 select and approve a proposal that meets the requirements of
- 30 this subsection.
- 31 4. The department shall implement and administer the
- 32 approved marketing strategy approved-by-the-grow-Yowa-values
- 33 board-as-provided-in-subsection-3. The-department-shall
- 34 provide-the-economic-development-marketing-board-with
- 35 assistance-in-implementing-administrative-functions-of-the

- 1 board-and-provide-technical-assistance-to-the-board-
- 2 Sec. 36. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.
- 3 This division of this Act, being deemed of immediate
- 4 importance, takes effect upon enactment. The section of this
- 5 division of this Act reaffirming and reenacting Code section
- 6 15G.109 is retroactively applicable to July 1, 2003.
- 7 DIVISION IX
- 8 INCOME TAXATION
- 9 BONUS DEPRECIATION AND EXPENSING ALLOWANCE
- 10 Sec. 37. Section 422.3, subsection 5, Code Supplement
- 11 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 12 5. "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code
- 13 of 1954, prior to the date of its redesignation as the
- 14 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by the Tax Reform Act of 1986,
- 15 or means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended to and
- 16 including January 1, 2003, and as amended by Pub. L. No. 108-
- 17 27, section 202, whichever is applicable.
- 18 Sec. 38. Section 422.7, subsection 39, Code Supplement
- 19 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 39. a. The additional first-year depreciation allowance
- 21 authorized in section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
- 22 enacted by Pub. L. No. 107-147, section 101, does not apply in
- 23 computing net income for state tax purposes. If the taxpayer
- 24 has taken such deduction in computing federal adjusted gross
- 25 income, the following adjustments shall be made:
- 26 ar (1) Add the total amount of depreciation taken on all
- 27 property for which the election under section 168(k) of the
- 28 Internal Revenue Code was made for the tax year.
- 29 b: (2) Subtract an amount equal to depreciation taken
- 30 allowed on such property for the tax year using the modified
- 31 accelerated cost recovery system depreciation method
- 32 applicable under section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code
- 33 without regard to section 168(k).
- 34 $e_{\overline{}}$ (3) Any other adjustments to gains or losses to
- 35 reflect the adjustments made in paragraphs-"a"-and-"b"

- 1 subparagraphs (1) and (2) pursuant to rules adopted by the
- 2 director.
- 3 b. The additional first-year depreciation allowance
- 4 authorized in section 168(k)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code,
- 5 as enacted by Pub. L. No. 108-27, shall apply in computing net
- 6 income for state tax purposes, for qualified property acquired
- 7 after May 5, 2003, and before January 1, 2005.
- 8 Sec. 39. Section 422.32, subsection 7, Code Supplement
- 9 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 7. "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code
- 11 of 1954, prior to the date of its redesignation as the
- 12 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by the Tax Reform Act of 1986,
- 13 or means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended to and
- 14 including January 1, 2003, and as amended by Pub. L. No. 108-
- 15 27, section 202, whichever is applicable.
- 16 Sec. 40. Section 422.35, subsection 19, Code Supplement
- 17 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 19. a. The additional first-year depreciation allowance
- 19 authorized in section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
- 20 enacted by Pub. L. No. 107-147, section 101, does not apply in
- 21 computing net income for state tax purposes. If the taxpayer
- 22 has taken such deduction in computing taxable income, the
- 23 following adjustments shall be made:
- 24 a. (1) Add the total amount of depreciation taken on all
- 25 property for which the election under section 168(k) of the
- 26 Internal Revenue Code was made for the tax year.
- 27 b. (2) Subtract an amount equal to depreciation taken
- 28 allowed on such property for the tax year using the modified
- 29 accelerated cost recovery system depreciation method
- 30 applicable under section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code
- 31 without regard to section 168(k).
- 32 c. (3) Any other adjustments to gains or losses to
- 33 reflect the adjustments made in paragraphs-"a"-and-"b"
- 34 subparagraphs (1) and (2) pursuant to rules adopted by the
- 35 director.

- 1 b. The additional first-year depreciation allowance
- 2 authorized in section 168(k)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code,
- 3 as enacted by Pub. L. No. 108-27, shall apply in computing net
- 4 income for state tax purposes, for qualified property acquired
- 5 after May 5, 2003, and before January 1, 2005.
- 6 Sec. 41. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.
- 7 l. The sections of this division of this Act amending
- 8 section 422.7, subsection 39, and section 422.35, subsection
- 9 19, apply retroactively to tax years ending after May 5, 2003.
- 10 2. The sections of this division of this Act amending
- 11 sections 422.3, subsection 5, and 422.32, subsection 7, apply
- 12 retroactively to January 1, 2003, for tax years beginning on
- 13 or after that date.
- 14 Sec. 42. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
- 15 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 16 DIVISION X
- 17 ADVISORY CAPACITY OF BOARDS
- 18 Sec. 43. ADVISORY CAPACITY OF BOARDS. For only the fiscal
- 19 year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, the
- 20 establishment and existence of the grow Iowa values board, the
- 21 economic development marketing board, and the loan and credit
- 22 guarantee advisory board, as provided for in 2003 Iowa Acts,
- 23 First Extraordinary Session, chapter 1 (House File 692), are
- 24 validated. However, the boards shall serve only in an
- 25 advisory capacity to the department of economic development.
- 26 The composition of the boards shall consist of the membership
- 27 in existence on June 15, 2004.
- 28 Sec. 44. EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISION. This division of this
- 29 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
- 30 enactment.
- 31 EXPLANATION
- 32 Unless provided otherwise, provisions take effect upon
- 33 enactment and are retroactively applicable to July 1, 2003.
- 34 The bill is organized into divisions.
- 35 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. This division states legislative

- 1 findings regarding the invalidity of provisions originally
- 2 contained in 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 692, due to the Iowa
- 3 supreme court decision of Rants and Iverson v. Vilsack.
- 4 Legislative intent is stated to reaffirm and reenact certain
- 5 invalidated provisions. The provisions affected were
- 6 published in the 2003 Iowa Code Supplement or amended in the
- 7 2004 regular legislative session.
- 8 ENDOW IOWA GRANTS. This division reaffirms and reenacts
- 9 provisions relating to endow Iowa grants.
- 10 CIVIL ACTION APPEAL BONDS. This division reaffirms and
- 11 reenacts provisions pertaining to supersedeas bonds, including
- 12 provisions contained in 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2306, that
- 13 were invalidated by the Iowa supreme court decision. Senate
- 14 File 2306 is repealed. The division provides that the
- 15 provision reenacting Senate File 2306 applies retroactively to
- 16 cases pending and filed on or after April 20, 2004, and
- 17 through June 15, 2004, and to cases pending or filed on or
- 18 after June 16, 2004.
- 19 WORKERS' COMPENSATION. This division relates to certain
- 20 benefits and procedures related to workers' compensation and
- 21 contains an expression of legislative intent concerning the
- 22 changes made.
- 23 Code section 85.27, subsection 4, is amended to provide
- 24 that if an employer chooses medical care, the employer shall
- 25 hold the employee harmless for the cost of care until the
- 26 employer notifies the employee that the employer is no longer
- 27 authorizing all or part of the care and the reason for the
- 28 change in authorization. Also, an employer is not liable for
- 29 the cost of care that the employer arranges in response to a
- 30 sudden emergency if the employee's condition, for which care
- 31 was arranged, is not related to the employment.
- 32 Code section 85.34, subsection 2, paragraph "u", is amended
- 33 to provide that compensation for permanent partial disability
- 34 for nonscheduled injuries shall be paid for the number of
- 35 weeks in relation to 500 weeks as the reduction in the

- l employee's earning capacity caused by the disability bears in
- 2 relation to the earning capacity that the employee possessed
- 3 when the injury occurred.
- 4 Code section 85.34 is also amended by adding a new
- 5 subsection concerning compensation for successive
- 6 disabilities. The new subsection provides that an employer is
- 7 fully liable for compensating all of an employee's disability
- 8 that arises out of and in the course of the employee's
- 9 employment with the employer. The new subsection provides
- 10 that an employer is not liable for compensating an employee's
- ll preexisting disability that arose out of and in the course of
- 12 employment with a different employer or from causes unrelated
- 13 to employment.
- 14 The amendment to Code section 85.34 also provides that if
- 15 an injured employee has a preexisting disability that was
- 16 caused by a prior injury arising out of and in the course of
- 17 employment with the same employer, and the preexisting
- 18 disability was compensable as a permanent partial disability
- 19 under the same paragraph of Code section 85.34, subsection 2,
- 20 as the employee's present injury, the employer is liable for
- 21 the combined disability that is caused by the injuries,
- 22 measured in relation to the employee's condition immediately
- 23 prior to the first injury. In this situation, the employer's
- 24 liability for the combined disability of the employee is
- 25 considered to be already partially satisfied to the extent of
- 26 the percentage of disability for which the employee was
- 27 previously paid by the employer.
- The amendment to Code section 85.34 also provides that if
- 29 an employer is liable to an employee for a combined disability
- 30 that is payable under Code section 85.34, subsection 2,
- 31 paragraph "u", as a nonscheduled permanent partial disability,
- 32 and the employee has a preexisting disability that causes the
- 33 employee's earnings to be less at the time of the present
- 34 injury than if the prior injury had not occurred, the
- 35 employer's liability for the combined disability shall be

1 considered to be already partially satisfied to the extent of 2 the percentage of disability for which the employee was 3 previously compensated by the employer minus the percentage 4 that the employee's earning capacity is less at the time of 5 the present injury than if the prior injury had not occurred. The amendment to Code section 85.34 also provides that a 7 successor employer is considered to be the same employer for 8 the purposes of Code section 85.34 if the employee became part 9 of the successor employer's workforce through a merger, 10 purchase, or other transaction that assumes the employee into 11 the successor employer's workforce without substantially 12 changing the nature of the employee's employment. Code section 85.36, subsection 9, paragraph "c", which 14 deals with apportionment of liability for successive 15 disabilities, is stricken. 16 Code section 85.70 is amended to provide that an injured 17 employee with a permanent disability who actively participates 18 in a vocational rehabilitation program shall be paid \$100 19 instead of \$20 each week by the employer during each week of 20 participation in addition to any other benefit payments. Code section 86.12 is reaffirmed and reenacted, after being 22 held to be invalid by the Iowa supreme court. This provision 23 allows the workers' compensation commissioner to subject 24 employers to assessments for failure to report certain 25 information to the commissioner. The division makes this 26 provision effective upon enactment and retroactively 27 applicable to injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2003. Code section 86.13A is reaffirmed and reenacted, after 29 being held to be invalid by the Iowa supreme court. 30 provision requires the workers' compensation commissioner to 31 monitor the rate of compliance of employers and insurers in 32 timely commencing benefit payments to injured employees. 33 this division, the provision is amended to provide that after 34 June 30, 2006, the commissioner may impose assessments against

35 employers and insurers for certain delays in commencing

- 1 benefit payments. The division makes this provision effective
- 2 upon enactment and retroactively applicable to injuries
- 3 occurring on or after July 1, 2003.
- 4 Code section 85.55, which allows an employee with a
- 5 physical defect that increases the risk of injury to waive
- 6 workers' compensation for injuries occurring directly or
- 7 indirectly because of such defect, is repealed.
- 8 With the exception of the provisions concerning Code
- 9 sections 86.12 and 86.13A, the bill takes effect upon
- 10 enactment and is applicable to injuries occurring on or after
- 11 that date. The provisions concerning Code sections 86.12 and
- 12 86.13A take effect upon enactment and are retroactively
- 13 applicable to injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2003.
- 14 FINANCIAL SERVICES. This division reaffirms and reenacts
- 15 requirements involving the delinquency charges collectible
- 16 relative to certain consumer credit transactions and authority
- 17 to contract for debt payment under credit transactions other
- 18 than consumer credit transactions.
- 19 LOAN AND CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM. This division reaffirms
- 20 and reenacts provisions relating to the loan and credit
- 21 guarantee program directed to relatively small businesses and
- 22 industries targeted to particular areas of commerce. The
- 23 division does not reenact the loan and credit quarantee
- 24 advisory board and makes conforming amendments.
- 25 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTION SURCHARGE. This division
- 26 acknowledges the Iowa Code editor's removal of references from
- 27 the Iowa Code to the administrative contribution surcharge and
- 28 fund due to their repeal effective July 1, 2003. This repeal
- 29 results from the Iowa supreme court decision making House File
- 30 692, dealing with the grow Iowa values fund, invalid, which
- 31 also made the extension of the surcharge and fund invalid.
- 32 The division takes effect upon enactment and applies
- 33 retroactively to July 1, 2003.
- 34 MARKETING. This division reaffirms and reenacts the
- 35 economic development marketing board and its approval process

- 1 for marketing strategies. However, the division amends the
- 2 reaffirmed and reenacted provisions by providing that the
- 3 department of economic development, rather than the marketing
- 4 board which is not reestablished, shall accept proposals for
- 5 marketing strategies for purposes of selecting a strategy for
- 6 the department to administer. The division provides that the
- 7 department shall select and approve a proposal that meets
- 8 certain criteria and that the department shall implement and
- 9 administer the approved marketing strategy. The provisions
- 10 amending the economic development marketing board do not apply
- ll retroactively.
- 12 INCOME TAXATION BONUS DEPRECIATION AND EXPENSING ALLOWANCE.
- 13 This division includes in the references to the Internal
- 14 Revenue Code the federal income tax revisions enacted by
- 15 Congress in regard to expensing certain depreciable assets and
- 16 making these changes applicable for Iowa income tax purposes.
- 17 The division amends Code sections 422.7 and 422.35 to
- 18 couple with the changes to the bonus depreciation deduction
- 19 enacted in the federal Jobs and Growth Tax Relief
- 20 Reconciliation Act of 2003 (Pub. L. No. 108-27). The bonus
- 21 depreciation of 50 percent allowed in that law is allowed for
- 22 state income tax purposes for qualified property acquired
- 23 after May 5, 2003, and before January 1, 2005.
- 24 The provisions of the division coupling with federal
- 25 expensing changes are retroactively applicable to January 1,
- 26 2003, for tax years beginning on or after that date. The
- 27 provisions of the division coupling with the changes to the
- 28 federal bonus depreciation apply retroactively to tax years
- 29 ending after May 5, 2003.
- 30 The division takes effect upon enactment.
- 31 ADVISORY CAPACITY OF BOARDS. This division provides that,
- 32 for only the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending
- 33 June 30, 2005, the grow Iowa values board, the establishment
- 34 and existence of the economic development marketing board, and
- 35 the loan and credit guarantee advisory board, as provided for

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2 (House File 692), are validated. However, the boards shall
3 serve only in an advisory capacity to the department of
4 economic development. The composition of the boards shall
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PAG LIN PAG LIN 1 1 DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS 1 2 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. It is the finding of the 1 4 general assembly that the recent Iowa supreme court decision 5 of Rants and Iverson v. Vilsack, No. 60/03≈1948, June 16, 6 2004, has invalidated the proper enactment of provisions 1 7 contained in 2003 Iowa Acts, First Extraordinary Session, 8 chapter 1 (House File 692). It is the intent of the general 9 assembly to reenact and reaffirm certain provisions of House 1 10 File 692 that were published in the 2003 Iowa Code Supplement, I 11 including provisions that were subsequently amended in the 1 12 2004 regular session of the Eightieth General Assembly and 1 13 validate contracts entered into in reliance on the enactment 1 14 of provisions published in the 2003 Code Supplement. Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being 1 16 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment. 1 17 DIVISION II 1 18 ENDOW IOWA GRANTS 1 19 Sec. 3. The following provisions, as published in Iowa 1 20 Code Supplement 2003, pertaining to endow Iowa grants, are 1 21 reaffirmed and reenacted: 1 22 1. Section 15E.301. 2. Section 15E.302. 1 24 3. Section 15E.303. 1 25 4. Section 15E.304. 5. Section 15E.306. 1 26 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY 1 28 PROVISIONS. This division of this Act, being deemed of 1 29 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and is 1 30 retroactively applicable to January 1, 2003, for tax years 1 31 beginning on or after that date. DIVISION III 1 33 CIVIL ACTION APPEAL BONDS 1 34 Sec. 5. Section 625A.9, as published in Iowa Code 1 35 Supplement 2003, pertaining to supersedeas bonds, is 2 1 reaffirmed and reenacted. Sec. 6. Section 625A.9, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2 3 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division of this 2 4 Act, is amended to read as follows: 2. a. If Except as provided in paragraph "b", if the 6 judgment or order appealed from is for money, such bond shall 7 not exceed one hundred ten percent of the amount of the money 8 judgment. The court may set a bond in an amount in excess of one

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2 10 hundred ten percent of the amount of the money judgment upon 2 11 making specific findings justifying such an amount, and in 2 12 doing so, shall consider, but shall not be limited to
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_ 2 13 consideration of, the following criteria:

- 2 14 (1) The availability and cost of the bond or other form of 2.15 adequate security.
 - 2 16 (2) The assets of the judgment debtor and of the judgment
 - 2 17 debtor's insurer or indemnitor, if any.
 - 2 18 (3) The potential adverse effects of the bond on the
- 2 19 judgment debtor, including, but not limited to, the potential
- __2 20 adverse effects on the judgment debtor's employees, financial
 - 2 21 stability, and business operations.
 - 2 22 (4) The potential adverse effects of the bond on the
- 2 23 judgment creditor and third parties, including public
 - 2 24 entities.
 - 2 25 (5) In a class action suit, the adequacy of the bond to
 - 2 26 compensate all members of the class.
- 2 27 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", in no case shall a bond
- 2 28 exceed one hundred million dollars, regardless of the value of
- 2 29 the money judgment. This limitation shall not apply in cases
 - 2 30 where the court finds that the defendant intentionally
 - 2 31 dissipated the defendant's assets outside the ordinary course
 - 2 32 of business for the purpose of evading payment of the
 - 2 33 judgment.
 - 2 34 Sec. 7. 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2306, is repealed.
 - 2 35 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY
 - 3 1 PROVISIONS.
 - 3 2 1. The section of this division of this Act reaffirming
 - 3 3 and reenacting section 625A.9, being deemed of immediate
 - β 4 importance, takes effect upon enactment, and applies
 - 3 5 retroactively to July 1, 2003.
 - 3 6 2. The section of this division of this Act amending
 - 3 7 section 625A.9, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
 - 3 8 of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes
 - 3 9 effect upon enactment of this Act, and applies retroactively
 - 3 10 to cases pending and filed on or after April 20, 2004, and
 - 3 11 through June 15, 2004, and to cases pending or filed on or
 - 3 12 after June 16, 2004.
 - 3 13 3. The section of this division of this Act repealing 2004
 - 3 14 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2306, being deemed of immediate
 - 3 15 importance, takes effect upon enacument.
 - 3 16 4. This section of this division of this Act, being deemed
 - 3 17 of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
 - 3 18 DIVISION IV
 - 3 19 WORKERS' COMPENSATION
 - 3 20 Sec. 9. Section 85.27, subsection 4, Code 2003, is amended
 - 3 21 to read as follows:
 - 3 22 4. For purposes of this section, the employer is obliged
 - 3 23 to furnish reasonable services and supplies to treat an
- 3 24 injured employee, and has the right to choose the care. If
- _3_25 the employer chooses the care, the employer shall hold the
- _3 26 employee narmless for the cost of care until the employer
- 3 27 notifies the employee that the employer is no longer
- 3 28 authorizing all or any part of the care and the reason for the

- 3 29 change in authorization. An employer is not liable for the
- 3 30 cost of care that the employer arranges in response to a
- 3 31 sudden emergency if the employee's condition, for which care
- 3 32 was arranged, is not related to the employment. The treatment 3 33 must be offered promptly and be reasonably suited to treat the

 - 3 34 injury without undue inconvenience to the employee. If the
 - 3 35 employee has reason to be dissatisfied with the care offered.
 - 4 1 the employee should communicate the basis of such
 - 2 dissatisfaction to the employer, in writing if requested,
 - 3 following which the employer and the employee may agree to
 - 4 alternate care reasonably suited to treat the injury. If the
 - 4 5 employer and employee cannot agree on such alternate care, the
 - 4 6 commissioner may, upon application and reasonable proofs of
 - 7 the necessity therefor, allow and order other care. In an
 - 4 8 emergency, the employee may choose the employee's care at the
 - 4 9 employer's expense, provided the employer or the employer's
 - 4 10 agent cannot be reached immediately. An application made
 - 4 11 under this subsection shall be considered an original
 - 4 12 proceeding for purposes of commencement and contested case
 - 4 13 proceedings under section 85.26. The hearing shall be
 - 4 14 conducted pursuant to chapter 17A. Before a hearing is
 - 4 15 scheduled, the parties may choose a telephone hearing or an
 - 4 16 in-person hearing. A request for an in-person hearing shall
 - 4 17 be approved unless the in-person hearing would be impractical
 - 4 18 because of the distance between the parties to the hearing.
 - 4 19 The workers' compensation commissioner shall issue a decision
 - 4 20 within ten working days of receipt of an application for
 - 4 21 diternate care made pursuant to a telephone hearing or within
 - 4 22 fourteen working days of receipt of an application for
 - 4 23 alternate care made pursuant to an in=person hearing. The
 - 4 24 employer shall notify an injured employee of the employee's
 - 4 25 ability to contest the employer's choice of care pursuant to
 - 4 26 this subsection.
 - Sec. 10. Section 85.34, subsection 2, paragraph u, Code
 - 4 28 2003, is amended to read as follows:
 - u. In all cases of permanent partial disability other than
 - 4 30 those hereinabove described or referred to in paragraphs "a"
 - 4 31 through ":" hereof, the compensation shall be paid during the
 - 4 32 number of weeks in relation to five hundred weeks as the
 - 4 33 reduction in the employee's earning capacity caused by the
 - 4 34 disability bears in relation to the body of the injured
 - 4 35 earning capacity that the employee as a whole possessed when
- 5 1 the injury occurred.
 - Sec. 11. Section 85.34, Code 2003, is amended by adding
 - 5 3 the following new subsection:
 - NEW SUBSECTION. 7. SUCCESSIVE DISABILITIES.
 - a. An employer is fully liable for compensating all of an
 - 6 employee's disability that arises out of and in the course of
 - 7 the employee's employment with the employer. An employer is
 - 5 8 not liable for compensating an employee's preexisting
 - 5 9 disability that arose out of and in the course of employment
 - 5 10 with a different employer or from causes unrelated to
 - 5 11 employment.

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- 5 12 b. If an injured employee has a preexisting disability 5 13 that was caused by a prior injury arising out of and in the 5 14 course of employment with the same employer, and the
- $5\,$ 16 paragraph of section 85.34, subsection 2, as the employee's $5\,$ 17 present injury, the employer is liable for the combined

5 15 preexisting disability was compensable under the same

- 5 18 disability that is caused by the injuries, measured in
- 5 19 relation to the employee's condition immediately prior to the
- 5 20 first injury. In this instance, the employer's liability for
- 5 21 the combined disability shall be considered to be already
- 5 22 partially satisfied to the extent of the percentage of
- 5 23 disability for which the employee was previously compensated 5 24 by the employer.
- 5 24 by the employer. 5 25 If, however, an employer is liable to an employee for a 5 26 combined disability that is payable under section 85.34,
- 5 27 subsection 2, paragraph "u", and the employee has a
- 5 28 preexisting disability that causes the employee's earnings to
- 5 29 be less at the time of the present injury than if the prior
- 5 30 injury had not occurred, the employer's liability for the
- 5 3! combined disability shall be considered to be already
- 5 32 partially satisfied to the extent of the percentage of
- b 33 disability for which the employee was previously compensated
- 5 34 by the employer minus the percentage that the employee's
- 5 35 earnings are less at the time of the present injury than if
- 6 1 the prior injury had not occurred.
- 6 2 c. A successor employer shall be considered to be the same
- 6 3 employer if the employee became part of the successor
- 6 4 employer's workforce through a merger, purchase, or other
- 6 5 transaction that assumes the employee into the successor
- 6 6 employer's work:orce without substantially changing the nature
- 6 7 of the employee's employment.
- 6 8 Sec. 12. Section 85.36, subsection 9, paragraph c, Code
- 6 9 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.
- 6 10 Sec. 13. Section 85.70, Code 2003, is amended to read as
- 6 11 follows:
- 6 12 85.70 ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR ATTENDANCE.
- 6 13 An employee who has sustained an injury resulting in
- 6 14 permanent partial or permanent total disability, for which
- 6 15 compensation is payable under this chapter, and who cannot
- 6 16 return to gainful employment because of such disability, shall
- 6 17 upon application to and approval by the workers' compensation
- 6 18 commissioner be entitled to a twenty-dollar one hundred dollar
- 6 19 weekly payment from the employer in addition to any other
- 6 20 benefit payments, during each full week in which the employee
- 6 21 is actively participating in a vocational rehabilitation
- 6 22 program recognized by the vocational rehabilitation services
- 6 23 division of the department of education. The workers'
- 6 24 compensation commissioner's approval of such application for
- 6 25 payment may be given only after a careful evaluation of
- 6 26 available facts, and after consultation with the employer or
- 6 27 the employer's representative. Judicial review of the
- 6 28 decision of the workers' compensation commissioner may be
- 6 29 obtained in accordance with the terms of the Iowa
- 6 30 administrative procedure Act and in section 86.26. Such

6 31 additional benefit payment shall be paid for a period not to 6 32 exceed thirteen consecutive weeks except that the workers' 6 33 compensation commissioner may extend the period of payment not 6 34 to exceed an additional thirteen weeks if the circumstances 6 35 indicate that a continuation of training will in fact 1 accomplish rehabilitation. Sec. 14. Section 86.12, as published in Iowa Code 3 Supplement 2003, is reaffirmed and reenacted. Sec. 15. Section 86.13A, as published in Iowa Code 5 Supplement 2003, is reaffirmed and reenacted. Sec. 16. Section 86.13A, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 7 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this Act, is 8 amended to read as follows: If during any fiscal year commencing after June 30, 2005 7 10 2006, the general business practices of an employer or insurer 7 11 result in the delay of the commencement of voluntary weekly 7 12 compensation payments after the date specified in section 7 13 85.30 more frequently and for a longer number of days than the 7 14 average number of days for the entire group of employers or 7 15 insurers, the commissioner may impose an assessment on the ${\mathbb T}$ 16 employer or insurer payable to the second injury fund created 7 17 in section 85.66. The amount of the assessment shall be ten 7 18 dollars, multiplied by the average number of days that weekly 7 19 compensation payments were delayed after the date specified in 7 20 section 85.30, and multiplied by the number of injuries the 7 21 employer or insurer reported during the fiscal year. ${\mathbb Z}$ 22 Notwithstanding the foregoing, an assessment shall not be 7 23 imposed if the employer or insurer commenced voluntary weekly 7 24 compensation benefits within the time specified in section 7 25 85.30 for more than seventy=five percent of the injuries 7 26 reported by the employer or insurer. Sec. 17. Section 85.55, Code 2003, is repealed. Sec. 18. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS. $ilde{ imes}$ 29 sections of this division of this Act amending sections 85.27, 7 30 85.34, 85.36, and 85.70, and repealing section 85.55, being 7 31 deemed of immediate importance, take effect upon enactment and 7 32 apply to injuries occurring on or after that date. Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY $7\,$ 34 PROVISIONS. The sections of this division of this Act 7 35 reaffirming and reenacting sections 86.12 and 86.13A and the 1 section of this division of this Act amending section 86.13A 2 as reaffirmed and reenacted, being deemed of immediate 3 importance, take effect upon enactment and are retroactively 4 applicable to injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2003. Sec. 20. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the 6 general assembly that this division of this Act will prevent 7 all double recoveries and all double reductions in workers' 8 8 compensation benefits for permanent partial disability. This 8 9 division modifies the fresh start and full responsibility 8 10 rules of law announced by the Iowa supreme court in a series 8 11 of judicial precedents. 8 12 The general assembly recognizes that the amount of

8 13 compensation a person receives for disability is directly

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8 14 related to the person's earnings at the time of injury. The
8 15 competitive labor market determines the value of a person's
8 16 earning capacity through a strong correlation with the level
8 17 of earnings a person can achieve in the competitive labor
8 18 market. The market reevaluates a person as a working unit
8 19 each time the person competes in the competitive labor market,
8 20 causing a fresh start with each change of employment. The
8 21 market's determination effectively apportions any disability
8 22 through a reduced level of earnings. The market does not
8 23 reevaluate an employee's earning capacity while the employee
8 24 remains employed by the same employer.
        The general assembly intends that an employer shall fully
8 26 compensate all of an injured employee's disability that is
8 27 caused by work=related injuries with the employer without
8 28 compensating the same disability more than once. This
8 29 division of this Act creates a formula that applies disability
§ 30 payments made toward satisfaction of the combined disability
8 31 that the employer is liable for compensating, while taking
8 32 into account the impact of the employee's earnings on the
8 33 amount of compensation to be ultimately paid for the
8 34 disability.
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        The general assembly does not intend this division of this
9 1 Act to change the character of any disability from scheduled
9 2 to unscheduled or vice versa or to combine disabilities that
  eta are not otherwise combined under law existing on the effective
  4 date of this section of this division of this Act.
  5 Combination of successive scheduled disabilities in section
  6 85.34, subsection 7, as enacted in this division of this Act,
  7 is limited to disabilities affecting the same member, such as
9 8 successive disabilities to the right arm. A disability to the
  9 left arm that is followed by a disability to the right arm is
9 10 governed by section 85.64 and is not a successive disability
9 11 under this division. This division does not alter benefits
9 12 under the second injury fund, benefits for permanent total
9 13 disability under section 85.34, subsection 3, the method of
9 14 determining the degree of unscheduled permanent partial
9 15 disability, the compensable character of aggravation injuries,
9 16 or an employer's right to choose the care an injured employee
9 17 receives, expand the fresh start rule to scheduled
9 18 disabilities, or change existing law in any way that is not
9 19 expressly provided in this division.
        The general assembly intends that changes in the identity
9 21 of the employer that do not require the employee to reenter
9 22 the competitive labor market will be treated as if the
9 23 employee remained employed by the same employer.
       Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATE. Unless otherwise provided, this
9 25 division of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
9 26 takes effect upon enactment.
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                               DIVISION V
                           FINANCIAL SERVICES
        Sec. 22. The following provisions, as published in Iowa
9 30 Code Supplement 2003, pertaining to financial services, are
9 31 reaffirmed and reenacted:
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1. Section 537.2502, subsections 3 and 6.

- 2. Section 537.2601, subsection 1. Sec. 23. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY 9 35 PROVISIONS. This division of this Act, being deemed of 10 1 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and is 10 2 retroactively applicable to July 1, 2003. 10 3 DIVISION VI 10 4 LOAN AND CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM 10 5 The following provisions, as published in Iowa 10 6 Code Supplement 2003, pertaining to the economic development 10 7 loan and credit guarantee program, are reaffirmed and 10 8 reenacted: 10 9 1. Section 15E.221. 2. Section 15E.222. 10 10 3. Section 15E.223. 10 11 10 12 4. Section 15E.224. 10 13 5. Section 15E.225. Sec. 25. Section 15E.223, subsection 4, Code Supplement 10 14 10 15 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division of this 10 16 Act, is amended to read as follows: 4. "Targeted industry business" means an existing or 10 18 proposed business entity, including an emerging small business 10 19 or qualified business which is operated for profit and which 10 20 has a primary business purpose of doing business in at least 10 21 one of the targeted industries designated by the department 10 22 which include life sciences, software and information 10 23 technology, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture, 10 24 and any other industry designated as a targeted industry by 10 25 the loan and credit guarantee advisory heard department.
 10 26 Sec. 26. Section 15E.224, subsections 1, 3, 5, and 7, Code 10 27 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division 10 28 of this Act, are amended to read as follows: 10 29 1. The department shall, with the 10 30 credit quarantee advisory board, establish and administer a 10 31 loan and credit guarantee program. The department, pursuant 10 32 to agreements with financial institutions, shall provide loan 10 33 and credit guarantees, or other forms of credit guarantees for 10 34 qualified businesses and targeted industry businesses for 10 35 eligible project costs. A loan or credit guarantee provided 11 1 under the program may stand alone or may be used in 2 conjunction with or to enhance other loans or credit 11 3 guarantees offered by private, state, or federal entities. 11 4 The department may purchase insurance to cover defaulted loans 11 5 meeting the requirements of the program. However, the 11 6 department shall not in any manner directly or indirectly 11 7 pledge the credit of the state. Eligible project costs 11 8 include expenditures for productive equipment and machinery, 11 9 working capital for operations and export transactions, 11 10 research and development, marketing, and such other costs as 11 11 the department may so designate.
- 3. In administering the program, the department shall 11 13 consult and cooperate with financial institutions in this
- 11 14 state and with the loan and gredit quarantee advisory board.
- 11 15 Administrative procedures and application procedures, as
- 11 16 practicable, shall be responsive to the needs of qualified

- 11 17 businesses, targeted industry businesses, and financial
- 11 18 institutions, and shall be consistent with prudent investment
- 11 19 and lending practices and criteria.
- 11 20 5. The department, with the savice of the loan and credit
- 11 21 quaranton advisory board, shall adopt a loan or credit
- 11 22 guarantee application procedure for a financial institution on
- 11 23 behalf of a qualified business or targeted industry business.
- 11 24 7. The department, with the advice of the lean and credit
- 11 25 quarantee advisory board, may adopt loan and credit guarantee
- 11 26 application procedures that allow a qualified business or
- 11 27 targeted industry business to apply directly to the department
- 11 28 for a preliminary guarantee commitment. A preliminary
- 11 29 guarantee commitment may be issued by the department subject
- 11 30 to the qualified business or targeted industry business
- 11 31 securing a commitment for financing from a financial
- 11 32 institution. The application procedures shall specify the
- 11 33 process by which a financial institution may obtain a final
- 11 34 loan and credit guarantee.
- 11 35 Sec. 27. Section 15E.225, subsections 1 and 2, Code
- 12 1 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
- 12 2 of this Act, are amended to read as follows:
- 12 3 1. When entering into a loan or credit guarantee
- 12 4 agreement, the department, with the advice of the loan and
- 12 5 bredit guarantee advisory board, shall establish tees and
- 12 6 other terms for participation in the program by qualified
- 12 7 businesses and targeted industry businesses.
- 12 8 2. The department, with due regard for the possibility of
- 12 9 losses and administrative costs and with the advice of the
- 12 10 loan and credit quarantee advisory beard, shall set fees and
- $12\ 11\ \mathrm{other}$ terms at levels sufficient to assure that the program is
- 12 12 self=financing.
- 12 13 Sec. 28. Section 15E.227, subsection 2, paragraph o, Code
- 12 14 Supplement 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.
- 12 15 Sec. 29. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY
- 12 16 PROVISIONS. This division of this Act, being deemed of
- 12 17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and is
- 12 18 retroactively applicable to July 1, 2003.
- 12 19 DIVISION VII
- 12 20 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTION SURCHARGE
- 12 21 Sec. 30. Section 96.9, subsection 8, paragraph e, Code
- 12 22 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 12 23 e. Moneys from interest earned on the unemployment
- 12 24 compensation reserve fund shall be used by the department only
- 12 25 upon appropriation by the general assembly and only for
- 12 26 purposes contained in section 96.7, subsection 12, for
- 12 27 department of workforce development rural ratellite offices,
- 12 28 and for administrative costs to collect the reservo
- 12 29 contributions.
- 12 30 Sec. 31. CODE EDITOR'S REMOVAL OF SECTION 96.7, SUBSECTION
- 12 31 12, FROM CODE. Consistent with the Iowa supreme court
- 12 32 decision of Rants and Iverson v. Vilsack, No. 60/03=1948, June
- 12 33 16, 2004, the general assembly acknowledges the Code editor's
- 12 34 removal of section 96.7, subsection 12, relating to the

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12 35 administrative contribution surcharge and fund, from the Code,
13 1 due to the subsection's repeal effective July 1, 2003.
         Sec. 32. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
13 3 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment
13 4 and applies retroactively to July 1, 2003.
13 5
                               DIVISION VIII
13 6
                                 MARKETING
        Sec. 33. Section 15G.109, as published in Iowa Code
13 8 Supplement 2003, pertaining to the economic development
13 9 marketing board, is reaffirmed and reenacted.
13 10 Sec. 34. Section 15G.109, subsections 1, 2, and 5, Code
13 11 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
13 12 of this Act, are amended by striking the subsections.
         Sec. 35. Section 15G.109, subsections 3 and 4, Code
13 14 Supplement 2003, as reaffirmed and reenacted by this division
13 15 of this Act, are amended to read as follows:
13 16 3. The department of economic development marketing board
13 17 shall accept proposals for marketing strategies for purposes
13 18 of selecting a strategy for the department to administer. The
13 19 marketing strategies shall be designed to market Iowa as a
13 20 lifestyle, increase the population of the state, increase the
13 21 wealth of Iowans, and expand and stimulate the state economy.
 13 22 The economic development marketing board shall submit a
      recommendation regarding the proposal to
13 25 the aconomic development marketing board shall base t
           ition on the woals and performance
      section The 187. The grow Town values
13 28 approve or dony the recommendation. The department shall
13 29 select and approve a proposal that meets the requirements of
13 30 this subsection.
13 31 4- The department shall implement and administer the
13 32 approved marketing strategy approved by the grow Iowa
          ed as provided in subsection 3. The department shall
1. 34 provide the economic development marketing beard with
                rravido teaminal assistance
14 2 Sec. 36. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.
14 3 This division of this Act, being deemed of immediate
    4 importance, takes effect upon enactment. The section of this
    5 division of this Act reaffirming and reenacting Code section
14 6 15G.109 is retroactively applicable to July 1, 2003.
14 7
                                DIVISION IX
                              INCOME TAXATION
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14 9
                BONUS DEPRECIATION AND EXPENSING ALLOWANCE
        Sec. 37. Section 422.3, subsection 5, Code Supplement
14 11 2003, is amended to read as follows:
       5. "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code
14 13 of 1954, prior to the date of its redesignation as the
14 14 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by the Tax Reform Act of 1986,
14 15 or means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended to and
14 16 including January 1, 2003, and as amended by Pub. L. No. 108=
14 17 27, section 202, whichever is applicable.
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- 14 18 Sec. 38. Section 422.7, subsection 39, Code Supplement
- 14 19 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 14 20 39. a. The additional first=year depreciation allowance
- 14 21 authorized in section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
- 14 22 enacted by Pub. L. No. 107=147, section 101, does not apply in
- 14 23 computing net income for state tax purposes. If the taxpayer
- 14 24 has taken such deduction in computing federal adjusted gross
- 14 25 income, the following adjustments shall be made:
- 14 26 \rightarrow (1) Add the total amount of depreciation taken on all
- 14 27 property for which the election under section 168(k) of the
- 14 28 Internal Revenue Code was made for the tax year.
- 14 29 b- (2) Subtract an amount equal to depreciation taken
- 14 30 allowed on such property for the tax year using the modified
- 14 31 accelerated cost recovery system depreciation method
- 14 32 applicable under section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code
- 14 33 without regard to section 168(k).
- 14 34 (3) Any other adjustments to gains or losses to
- 14 35 reflect the adjustments made in paragraphs "a" and "b"
- 15 1 subparagraphs (1) and (2) pursuant to rules adopted by the
- 15 2 director.
- 15 3 b. The additional first=year depreciation allowance
- 15 4 authorized in section 168(k)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code,
- 15 5 as enacted by Pub. L. No. 108=27, shall apply in computing net
- 15 6 income for state tax purposes, for qualified property acquired
- 15 7 after May 5, 2003, and before January 1, 2005.
- 15 8 Sec. 39. Section 422.32, subsection 7, Code Supplement
- 15 9 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 10 7. "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code
- 15 11 of 1954, prior to the date of its redesignation as the
- 15 12 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by the Tax Reform Act of 1986,
- 15 13 or means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended to and
- 15 14 including January 1, 2003, and as amended by Pub. L. No. 108=
- 15 15 27, section 202, whichever is applicable.
- 15 16 Sec. 40. Section 422.35, subsection 19, Code Supplement
- 15 17 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 18 19. a. The additional first=year depreciation allowance
- 15 19 authorized in section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
- 15 20 enacted by Pub. I. No. 107=147, section 101, does not apply in
- 15 21 computing net income for state tax purposes. If the taxpayer
- 15 22 has taken such deduction in computing taxable income, the
- 15 23 following adjustments shall be made:
- 15 24 are (1) Add the total amount of depreciation taken on all
- 15 25 property for which the election under section 168(k) of the
- 15 26 Internal Revenue Code was made for the tax year.
- 15 27 b- (2) Subtract an amount equal to depreciation taken
- 15 28 allowed on such property for the tax year using the modified
- 15 29 accelerated cost recovery system depreciation method
- 15 30 applicable under section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code
- 15 31 without regard to section 168(k).
- 15 32 Games (3) Amy other adjustments to gains or losses to
- 15 33 reflect the adjustments made in paragraphs "a" and "b"

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15 34 subparagraphs (1) and (2) pursuant to rules adopted by the
15 35 director.
        b. The additional first=year depreciation allowance
16 2 authorized in section 168(k)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code,
16 3 as enacted by Pub. L. No. 108:27, shall apply in computing net
16 4 income for state tax purposes, for qualified property acquired
16 5 after May 5, 2003, and before January 1, 2005.
        Sec. 41. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.
        The sections of this division of this Act amending
16 8 section 422.7, subsection 39, and section 422.35, subsection
16 9 19, apply retroactively to tax years ending after May 5, 2003.
         2. The sections of this division of this Act amending
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16 11 sections 422.3, subsection 5, and 422.32, subsection 7, apply
16 12 retroactively to January 1, 2003, for tax years beginning on
16 13 or after that date.
        Sec. 42. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
16 15 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enacument.
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                                DIVISION X
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                        ADVISORY CAPACITY OF BOARDS
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        Sec. 43. ADVISORY CAPACITY OF BOARDS. For only the fiscal
16 19 year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, the
16 20 establishment and existence of the grow Iowa values board, the
16 21 economic development marketing board, and the loan and credit
16 22 guarantee advisory board, as provided for in 2003 Iowa Acts,
16 23 First Extraordinary Session, chapter 1 (House File 692), are
16 24 validated. However, the boards shall serve only in an
16 25 advisory capacity to the department of economic development.
16 26 The composition of the boards shall consist of the membership
16 27 in existence on June 15, 2004.
        Sec. 44. EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISION. This division of this
16 29 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
16 30 enactment.
16 31
                                EXPLANATION
16 32
        Unless provided otherwise, provisions take effect upon
16 33 enactment and are retroactively applicable to July 1, 2003.
16 34 The bill is organized into divisions.
        LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. This division states legislative
17 I findings regarding the invalidity of provisions originally
   2 contained in 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 692, due to the Iowa
17 3 supreme court decision of Rants and Iverson v. Vilsack.
17 4 Degislative intent is stated to reaffirm and reenact certain
17 b invalidated provisions. The provisions affected were
   6 published in the 2003 Iowa Code Supplement or amended in the
17 7 2004 regular legislative session.
17 8
         ENDOW IOWA GRANTS. This division reaffirms and reenacts
17 9 provisions relating to endow Iowa grants.
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       CIVIL ACTION APPEAL BONDS. This division reaffirms and
17 11 reenacts provisions pertaining to supersedeas bonds, including
17 12 provisions contained in 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2306, that
17 13 were invalidated by the Iowa supreme court decision. Senate
17 14 File 2306 is repealed. The division provides that the
17 15 provision reenacting Senate File 2306 applies retroactively to
17 16 cases pending and filed on or after April 20, 2004, and
17 17 through June 15, 2004, and to cases pending or filed on or
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- 17 18 after June 16, 2004.
- 17 19 WORKERS' COMPENSATION. This division relates to certain
- 17 20 benefits and procedures related to workers' compensation and
- 17 21 contains an expression of legislative intent concerning the
- 17 22 changes made.
- 17 23 Code section 85.27, subsection 4, is amended to provide
- 17 24 that if an employer chooses medical care, the employer shall
- 17 25 hold the employee harmless for the cost of care until the
- 17 26 employer notifies the employee that the employer is no longer
- 17 27 authorizing all or part of the care and the reason for the
- 17 28 change in authorization. Also, an employer is not liable for
- 17 29 the cost of care that the employer arranges in response to a
- 17 30 sudder emergency if the employee's condition, for which care
- 17 31 was arranged, is not related to the employment.
- 17 32 Code section 85.34, subsection 2, paragraph "u", is amended
- 17 33 to provide that compensation for permanent partial disability
- 17 34 for nonscheduled injuries shall be paid for the number of
- 17 35 weeks in relation to 500 weeks as the reduction in the
- 18 1 employee's earning capacity caused by the disability bears in
- 18 2 relation to the earning capacity that the employee possessed
- 18 3 when the injury occurred.
- 18 4 Code section 85.34 is also amended by adding a new
- 18 5 subsection concerning compensation for successive
- 18 6 disabilities. The new subsection provides that an employer is
- 18 7 fully liable for compensating all of an employee's disability
- 18 8 that arises out of and in the course of the employee's
- 18 9 employment with the employer. The new subsection provides
- 18 10 that an employer is not liable for compensating an employee's
- 18 11 preexisting disability that arose out of and in the course of
- 18 12 employment with a different employer or from causes unrelated
- 18 13 to employment.
- 18 14 The amendment to Code section 85.34 also provides that if
- 18 15 an injured employee has a preexisting disability that was
- 18 16 caused by a prior injury arising out of and in the course of
- 18 17 employment with the same employer, and the preexisting
- 18 18 disability was compensable as a permanent partial disability
- 18 19 under the same paragraph of Code section 85.34, subsection 2,
- 18 20 as the employee's present injury, the employer is liable for
- 18 21 the combined disability that is caused by the injuries,
- 18 22 measured in relation to the employee's condition immediately
- 18 23 prior to the first injury. In this situation, the employer's
- 18 24 liability for the combined disability of the employee is
- 18 25 considered to be already partially satisfied to the extent of
- 18 26 the percentage of disability for which the employee was
- 18 27 previously paid by the employer.
- 18 28 The amendment to Code section 85.34 also provides that if
- 18 29 an employer is liable to an employee for a combined disability
- 18 30 that is payable under Code section 85.34, subsection 2,
- 18 31 paragraph "u", as a nonscheduled permanent partial disability,
- 18 32 and the employee has a preexisting disability that causes the
- 18 33 employee's earnings to be less at the time of the present
- 18 34 injury than if the prior injury had not occurred, the
- 18 35 employer's liability for the combined disability shall be
- 19 1 considered to be already partially satisfied to the extent of

- 19 2 the percentage of disability for which the employee was
- 19 3 previously compensated by the employer minus the percentage
- 19 4 that the employee's carning capacity is less at the time of
- 19 5 the present injury than if the prior injury had not occurred.
- 19 6 The amendment to Code section 85.34 also provides that a
- 19 7 successor employer is considered to be the same employer for
- 19 8 the purposes of Code section 85.34 if the employee became part
- 19 9 of the successor employer's workforce through a merger,
- 19 10 purchase, or other transaction that assumes the employee into
- 19 11 the successor employer's workforce without substantially
- 19 12 changing the nature of the employee's employment.
- 19 13 Code section 85.36, subsection 9, paragraph "c", which
- 19 14 deals with apportionment of liability for successive
- 19 15 disabilities, is stricken.
- 19 16 Code section 85.70 is amended to provide that an injured
- 19 17 employee with a permanent disability who actively participates
- 19 18 in a vocational renabilitation program shall be paid \$100
- 19 19 instead of \$20 each week by the employer during each week of
- 19 20 participation in addition to any other benefit payments.
- 19 21 Code section 86.12 is reaffirmed and reenacted, after being
- 19 22 held to be invalid by the Iowa supreme court. This provision
- 19 23 allows the workers' compensation commissioner to subject
- 19 24 employers to assessments for failure to report certain
- 19 25 information to the commissioner. The division makes this
- 19 26 provision effective upon enactment and retroactively
- 19 27 applicable to injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2003.
- 19 28 Code section 86.13A is reaffirmed and reenacted, after
- 19 29 being held to be invalid by the Iowa supreme court. This
- 19 30 provision requires the workers' compensation commissioner to
- 19 31 monitor the rate of compliance of employers and insurers in
- 19 32 timely commencing benefit payments to injured employees. In
- 19 33 this division, the provision is amended to provide that after
- 19 34 June 30, 2006, the commissioner may impose assessments against
- 19 35 employers and insurers for certain delays in commencing
- 20 1 benefit payments. The division makes this provision effective
- 20 2 upon enactment and retroactively applicable to injuries
- 20 3 occurring on or after July 1, 2003.
- 20 4 Code section 85.55, which allows an employee with a
- 20 5 physical defect that increases the risk of injury to waive
- 20 6 workers' compensation for injuries occurring directly or
- 20 7 indirectly because of such defect, is repealed.
- 20 8 With the exception of the provisions concerning Code
- 20 9 sections 86.12 and 86.13A, the bill takes effect upon
- 20 10 enactment and is applicable to injuries occurring on or after
- 20 11 that date. The provisions concerning Code sections 86.12 and
- 20 12 86.13A take effect upon enactment and are retroactively
- 20 13 applicable to injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2003.
- 20 14 FINANCIAL SERVICES. This division reaffirms and reenacts
- 20 15 requirements involving the delinquency charges collectible
- 20 16 relative to certain consumer credit transactions and authority
- 20 17 to contract for debt payment under credit transactions other
- 20 18 than consumer credit transactions.
- 20 19 LOAN AND CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM. This division reaffirms
- 20 20 and reenacts provisions relating to the loan and credit

- 20 21 guarantee program directed to relatively small businesses and
- 20 22 industries targeted to particular areas of commerce. The
- 20 23 division does not reenact the loan and credit quarantee
- 20 24 advisory board and makes conforming amendments.
- 20 25 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTION SURCHARGE. This division
- 20 26 acknowledges the Iowa Code editor's removal of references from
- 20 27 the Iowa Code to the administrative contribution surcharge and
- 20 28 fund due to their repeal effective July 1, 2003. This repeal
- 20 29 results from the Iowa supreme court decision making House File
- 20 30 692, dealing with the grow Towa values fund, invalid, which
- 20 31 also made the extension of the surcharge and fund invalid.
- 20 32 The division takes effect upon enactment and applies
- 20 33 retroactively to July 1, 2003.
- 20 34 MARKETING. This division reaffirms and reenacts the
- 20 35 economic development marketing board and its approval process
- 21 ! for marketing strategies. However, the division amends the
- 21 2 reaffirmed and reenacted provisions by providing that the
- 21 3 department of economic development, rather than the marketing
- 21 4 board which is not reestablished, shall accept proposals for 21 5 marketing strategies for purposes of selecting a strategy for
- 21 6 the department to administer. The division provides that the
- 21 7 department shall select and approve a proposal that meets
- 21 8 certain criteria and that the department shall implement and
- 21 9 administer the approved marketing strategy. The provisions
- 21 10 amending the economic development marketing board do not apply
- 21 11 retroactively.
- 21 12 INCOME TAXATION BONUS DEPRECIATION AND EXPENSING ALLOWANCE.
- 21 13 This division includes in the references to the Internal
- 21 14 Revenue Code the federal income tax revisions enacted by
- 21 15 Congress in regard to expensing certain depreciable assets and
- 21 16 making these changes applicable for lowa income tax purposes.
- 21 17 The division amends Code sections 422.7 and 422.35 to
- 21 18 couple with the changes to the bonus depreciation deduction
- 21 19 enacted in the federal Jobs and Growth Tax Relief
- 21 20 Reconciliation Act of 2003 (Pub. L. No. 108=27). The bonus
- 21 21 depreciation of 50 percent allowed in that law is allowed for
- 21 22 state income tax purposes for qualified property acquired
- 21 23 after May 5, 2003, and before January 1, 2005.
- 21 24 The provisions of the division coupling with federal
- 21 25 expensing changes are retroactively applicable to January 1,
- 21 26 2003, for tax years beginning on or after that date. The
- 21 27 provisions of the division coupling with the changes to the
- 21 28 federal bonus depreciation apply retroactively to tax years
- 21 29 ending after May 5, 2003.
- 21 30 The division takes effect upon enactment.
- 21 31 ADVISORY CAPACITY OF BOARDS. This division provides that,
- 21 32 for only the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending
- 21 33 June 30, 2005, the grow Iowa values board, the establishment
- 21 34 and existence of the economic development marketing board, and
- 21 35 the loan and credit guarantee advisory board, as provided for
- 22 1 in 2003 Iowa Acts, First Extraordinary Session, chapter 1
- 22 2 (House File 692), are validated. However, the boards shall
- 22 3 serve only in an advisory capacity to the department of
- 22 4 economic development. The composition of the boards shall

- 22 5 consist of the membership in existence on June 15, 2004. This
- 22 6 division takes effect upon enactment.
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