

CHAPTER 1216
COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT STATE TAXES
S.F. 2191

AN ACT relating to the employment of collection agencies for the collection of delinquent taxes administered by the department of revenue, and making an appropriation, effective upon publication.

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

Section 1. Section 421.17, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. To employ collection agencies, within or without the state, to collect delinquent taxes, including penalties and interest, administered by the department where the director finds that departmental personnel are unable to collect the delinquent accounts because of a taxpayer's location outside the state or for any other reason. Fees for services, reimbursement, or other remuneration, including attorney fees, paid to collection agencies shall be based upon the amount of tax, penalty, and interest actually collected and shall be paid only after the amount of tax, penalty, and interest is collected. All funds collected must be remitted in full to the department within thirty days from the date of collection from a taxpayer or in a lesser time as the director prescribes. The funds shall be applied toward the taxpayer's account and handled as are funds received by other means. An amount is appropriated from the amount of tax, penalty, and interest actually collected by the collection agency sufficient to pay all fees for services, reimbursement, or other remuneration pursuant to a contract with a collection agency under this subsection. A collection agency entering into a contract with the department for the collection of delinquent taxes pursuant to this subsection is subject to the requirements and penalties of tax information confidentiality laws of this state. All contracts and fees provided for in this subsection are subject to the approval of the governor.

Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect from and after its publication in the Creston News-Advertiser, a newspaper published in Creston, Iowa, and in The Titonka Topic, a newspaper published in Titonka, Iowa.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 2191 was published in the Creston News-Advertiser, Creston, Iowa on May 14, 1982 and in The Titonka Topic, Titonka, Iowa, on May 20, 1982.

MARY JANE ODELL, *Secretary of State*