

fire safety association, and Iowa chapter of the international association of arson investigators. The advisory committee shall be appointed by the president of Iowa state university of science and technology. The president shall appoint the chairperson of the advisory committee.

The executive officer of the institute shall not serve on the advisory committee but may designate a member of the institute staff to serve as a secretary for the advisory committee. The members of the advisory committee shall not receive per diem, but may be reimbursed by the institute for reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.

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CHAPTER 1189

SEMITRAILER AND WATERCRAFT USE TAX EXEMPTION

S.F. 2284

AN ACT exempting trailers and semitrailers registered under chapter 326 and ships, barges, and waterborne vessels used primarily for transporting property or cargo for hire from the state use tax.

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

Section 1. Section 423.4, subsection 10, Code Supplement 1985, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. For purposes of this subsection, trailers and semitrailers registered under chapter 326 are deemed to be used substantially in interstate commerce and to be registered for a gross weight of thirteen tons or more.

Sec. 2. Section 423.4, Code Supplement 1985, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Tangible personal property used or to be used as a ship, barge, or waterborne vessel which is used or to be used primarily in or for the transportation of property or cargo for hire on the rivers bordering the state or as materials or parts of such ship, barge, or waterborne vessel.

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CHAPTER 1190

IOWA CONSERVATION CORPS

H.F. 2443

AN ACT to establish the Iowa conservation corps and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Section 7A.2, Code 1985, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 9. "Corps" means the Iowa conservation corps.

NEW SUBSECTION. 10. "Account" means the Iowa conservation corps account.

NEW SUBSECTION. 11. "Regulating authority" means the office for planning and programming or its successor agency or department.

Sec. 2. **NEW SECTION. 7A.14 IOWA CONSERVATION CORPS ESTABLISHED.**

1. The Iowa conservation corps is established in this state. The objectives of the corps are to provide meaningful and productive public service jobs for the young, the unemployed, the

handicapped, and the elderly. The corps shall provide opportunities in the areas of park maintenance and restoration, soil conservation, wildlife and land management, energy savings, community improvement projects, tourism, economic development, and work benefiting human service programs. The general assembly intends that participation in the corps will provide the participants with an opportunity to explore careers, gain work experience, and contribute to the general welfare of their communities and state. The corps shall provide the following programs:

- a. A full-time public service employment and training program for young adults with a program emphasis on resource and wildlife conservation, public recreation, or related areas to be known as the "young adult program".
- b. A public service employment program for disadvantaged and handicapped youth attending school to be known as the "in-school program".
- c. A summer employment program for youth of all economic classifications to be known as the "summer youth program".
- d. A youth volunteer program to be known as the "volunteer program".
- e. A program to encourage and promote meaningful and respectable employment of the elderly in conservation and outdoor recreation related fields to be known as the "green thumb program".

2. The office for planning and programming or its successor agency or department shall give priority to enrolling participants in the corps programs from areas of the state which will likely receive the greatest benefit from the employment and training activities of the corps. Work activities of the corps shall not replace existing maintenance or other full-time employment provided by a participating agency or private organization.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 7A.15 ADMINISTRATION.

The office for planning and programming or its successor agency or department shall administer the corps and shall adopt rules governing its operation and eligibility for participation. The regulating authority shall cooperate with the conservation commission, the commission on aging, and the governor's committee on employment of the handicapped, or their successor agencies in delivering corps programs. The programs of the corps shall be open to both sexes. A person must be at least fourteen years of age at the time of enrollment to receive wages or stipends through the corps. Corps projects shall be funded by appropriations to the Iowa conservation corps account and cash, services, and material contributions made by other state agencies or local public and private agencies. The regulating authority shall submit an annual report on the activities of the corps to the general assembly by January 15 of each year.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 7A.16 PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.

1. To be eligible for participation in a corps program a person shall be a resident of this state. In addition, each corps program shall have its own eligibility requirements as follows:

a. A person participating in the "young adult program" shall be between the ages of nineteen and twenty-four at the time of entry into the program, possess work skills at or above a minimum level prescribed by the regulating authority, and be an unemployed resident of a county which is classified as economically distressed in accordance with standards adopted by the regulating authority.

b. A person participating in the "in-school program", the "summer youth program", or the "volunteer program" shall be enrolled in a secondary school or have been graduated from one no more than sixty days prior to entry into a corps program.

c. A person participating in the "green thumb program" shall be sixty years of age or older to be eligible for employment. A lower income person shall be preferred for employment. "Lower income" means a person who meets the requirements for "lower income families" described in section 8, subsection "f", of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), section 201, subsection "a".

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 19A, 96 and 97B, persons employed through any of the corps programs shall be exempt from merit system requirements, shall not be eligible for membership in the Iowa public employees' retirement system, and shall not be eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 7A.17 EMPHASIS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

The regulating authority shall require participating state agencies and other public and private entities which would benefit from a corps project under consideration to contribute at least thirty-five percent of the total project budget. The contribution may be in the form of cash, materials, or services. Materials and services shall be intended for the project and acceptable to the regulating authority. Minimum cash contributions shall be:

1. Not less than twenty-five percent of the total project budget for the "young adult program". Cash contributions may be used to provide participation incentives described in section 7A.19.

2. Not less than fifteen percent of the total project budget for the "in-school", "summer youth", "volunteer", and "green thumb" programs.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 7A.18 ACCOUNT CREATED.

The Iowa conservation corps account is established within the office of the state treasurer to be administered by the director of the regulating authority. The account shall include all appropriations made to the programs administered by the corps, and may also include moneys contributed by a private individual or organization, or a public entity for the purpose of implementing corps programs and projects.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 7A.19 INCENTIVES FOR THE YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM.

The regulating authority shall cooperate with colleges and universities and lending institutions throughout the state on the development of a system of academic credit, tuition grant, and deferred loan repayment incentives for young adults to enroll and complete one year's participation in the "young adult program" of the corps. The regulating authority shall adopt rules under chapter 17A designed to implement any such incentive programs agreed upon.

Sec. 8. Iowa Acts 1985, chapter 33, section 302, subsection 1, paragraph b, is amended to read as follows:

b. In each of the four fiscal years after the allotment in paragraph "a", ten million dollars to the community economic betterment account, ~~eight~~ nine million five hundred thousand dollars to the jobs now account, and twelve million five hundred thousand dollars to the education and agriculture research and development account.

Sec. 9. Iowa Acts 1985, chapter 33, section 302, subsection 3, is amended by adding the following new lettered paragraph:

NEW LETTERED PARAGRAPH. e. To the office for planning and programming or its successor agency or department, one million dollars for purposes of administration of the "young adult program" of the Iowa conservation corps, established in section 7A.14.

Sec. 10. If one million (1,000,000) dollars are appropriated to the Iowa conservation corps account for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986 pursuant to enactment of section 7, paragraph "b", and section 9 of House File 2412, as amended, passed, and reprinted by the House, then the appropriations made pursuant to sections 8 and 9 of this Act shall apply only to the fiscal years beginning on July 1, 1987, July 1, 1988, and July 1, 1989.

Sec. 11. Sections 7A.11, 7A.12, and 7A.13, Code 1985, are repealed.

Sec. 12. Chapter 601H, Code 1985, is repealed.

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