

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 473B.5 AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

A council of governments shall be considered a public agency for the purpose of chapter 28E. A council of governments may enter into an agreement under chapter 28E with another council of governments, merged area school, or other public agency for the purpose of community development and planning.

Sec. 6.

The counties of Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Marion, Polk, Story, and Warren, within six months of the effective date of this Act, may petition the department of economic development to form a council of governments. The petition may be filed by a county or a group of contiguous counties not currently in a council of governments. If a county named in this section has not formed or joined a new council of governments within six months of the effective date of this Act the department shall assign any unserved county to a council of governments or designate the unserved county as a single county council of governments.

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CHAPTER 1158

DISHONORED INSTRUMENT SURCHARGE

H.F. 2475

AN ACT relating to the surcharge for dishonored instruments.

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

Section 1. Section 554.3507, subsection 5, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

5. The holder of a dishonored instrument may assess against the maker of that instrument a surcharge of not more than ~~ten~~ fifteen dollars for each dishonored instrument. The surcharge authorized by this section shall not be assessed unless the holder clearly and conspicuously posts a notice at the usual place of payment, or in the billing statement of the holder, stating that a surcharge will be assessed and the amount of the surcharge. However, ~~such a~~ the surcharge shall not be assessed against the maker if the reason for the dishonor of the instrument is that the maker has stopped payment pursuant to section 554.4403.

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CHAPTER 1159

GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS INSURANCE DISCLOSURE

H.F. 2496

AN ACT requiring a group health benefits insurer to disclose certain information relating to claims experience and costs of those claims.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 509.19 DISCLOSURE OF CLAIMS AND RELATED COSTS.

1. A person issuing a policy or contract providing group health benefit coverages to a group of one hundred or more persons shall provide to the policyholder, contract holder, or sponsor

of the group health benefit plan, upon request, once in a twelve-month period, all of the following information:

- a. Number of claims submitted to date.
- b. Costs of claims submitted to date.
- c. Average cost per claim, and average annual cost per covered individual.

The information shall be presented in the aggregate, and shall not disclose any confidential information or otherwise disclose the identity of an individual insured, subscriber, or enrollee, who has submitted a claim within the time frame of the report.

2. For purposes of this section, "person issuing a policy or contract providing group health benefit coverages" includes all of the following:

- a. A person issuing a group policy of accident or health insurance pursuant to this chapter.
- b. A person issuing a group contract of a nonprofit health service corporation pursuant to chapter 514.
- c. A person issuing a group contract of a health maintenance organization pursuant to chapter 514B.

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CHAPTER 1160

HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

H.F. 2540

AN ACT relating to and providing a temporary property tax exemption for certain increased valuation of historic property, providing a phase-in of increased valuation, and providing an applicability date.

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

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 441.22A HISTORIC PROPERTY – REHABILITATION TAX EXEMPTION – APPLICATION.**

1. The board of supervisors shall annually designate real property in the county for a historic property tax exemption.

2. Application for the exemption shall be filed with the assessor, not later than March 1 of the assessment year, on forms provided by the department of revenue and finance. The exemption application shall include an approved application for certified substantial rehabilitation from the state historic preservation officer and documentation of additional property tax relief or financial assistance currently allowed for the real property. Upon receipt of the application, the assessor shall certify whether or not the property is eligible to receive the exemption and shall forward the application to the board.

3. Before the board may designate real property for the exemption, the board shall establish priorities for which an exemption may be granted. The priorities shall be based upon financial assistance or property tax relief the owner is receiving for the property or for which the property is eligible. A public hearing shall be held with notice given as provided in section 23.2 at which the proposed priority list shall be presented. However, a public hearing is not required if the proposed priorities are the same as those established for the previous year. After the public hearing, the board shall adopt by resolution the proposed priority list or another priority list.

4. After receipt from the assessor of an exemption application with an accompanying approved application from the state historic preservation officer, and the establishment of a priority list, the board shall grant a tax exemption under this section using the adopted