

2. The department of economic development shall amend existing administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A for projects under the community economic betterment program to include a rating factor for remediation or redevelopment of a brownfield site.

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**CHAPTER 1102**  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
*H.F. 2442*

**AN ACT** relating to international relations including the creation of an international relations advisory council and the designation of legislative and executive branch protocol officers.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2D.1 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

1. An international relations advisory council is created to provide coordination of state and local international relations activities, through both the public and private sectors, and to provide recommendations to the governor and to the general assembly relating to international relations activities.

2. The international relations advisory council shall consist of all of the following members:

a. The co-chairpersons of the international relations committee established by the legislative council, or their designees.

b. Two members of the senate who are members of the international relations committee of the legislative council, appointed by the majority leader of the senate, after consultation with the president of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate, and two members of the house of representatives who are members of the international relations committee of the legislative council, appointed by the speaker of the house, after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the house of representatives.

c. The director of the department of economic development, or the director's designee.

d. The secretary of agriculture, or the secretary's designee.

e. The director of the department of general services, or the director's designee.

f. The director of the department of workforce development, or the director's designee.

g. The director of the department of cultural affairs, or the director's designee.

h. The director of the department of education, or the director's designee.

i. The director of the department of public health, or the director's designee.

j. Representatives of agriculture, private business and industry, international programs provided through universities and colleges located in this state, Iowa sister states, the refugee services center of the department of human services, and others, selected by the legislative council, based upon recommendations made by the international relations committee of the legislative council.

3. The co-chairpersons of the international relations committee of the legislative council shall serve as co-chairpersons of the advisory council.

4. The executive branch protocol officer and the legislative branch protocol officer shall act in a consultative capacity to the advisory council. The legislative branch protocol officer shall provide staff support to the advisory council.

5. The advisory council shall do all of the following:

a. Create a statewide network to coordinate international relations activities involving the executive and legislative branches, business and industry, public and private educational institutions, and other entities involved in promoting international relations. The network shall include provision of information to the public via electronic access utilizing the most advanced and cost-effective and efficient technology.

b. Coordinate existing resources, provided through state agencies and other entities with international relations expertise, to facilitate international relations activities. Resources shall be utilized in a manner which is most appropriate to the type of international relations activity involved.

c. Provide continuity, over time, at the state level in the development and enhancement of partnerships with international colleagues.

d. Develop a comprehensive, state international relations policy and define the state's role in the international relations arena.

e. Coordinate efforts with the executive branch and legislative branch protocol officers.

f. Sponsor an annual state summit on international relations capacity to promote international relations activities in a variety of arenas including but not limited to international market development and civic, cultural, and educational opportunities. The summit should incorporate input from city, county, and state entities from both the public and private sectors.

g. Inform and educate the public, workforce, students, businesses, and state policymakers regarding the importance of international involvement in both economic and noneconomic international relations activities.

h. Compile reference materials and a listing of resources to be available to policymakers and the public in preparing for international relations activities and travel. The compiled materials and listing of resources shall be provided via electronic access utilizing the most advanced and cost-effective and efficient technology.

**Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 2D.2 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE — PROTOCOL.**

1. The international relations committee of the legislative council shall establish and utilize protocol for visitors to the capitol, who may include state, national, or international visitors. The protocol established shall include provisions relating to transportation of visitors to and from the capitol, the designation of an official point of entry and a receiving area for visitors, security provisions, official introduction of visitors to the general assembly while the general assembly is in session, the provision of gifts to visitors, and other provisions appropriate to the visitor's position.

2. The international relations committee shall work with the executive branch protocol officer and with the legislative branch protocol officer in developing the protocol and in coordinating the visits of state, national, and international visitors to the capitol.

**Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 2D.3 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH PROTOCOL OFFICER.**

The legislative service bureau shall employ a legislative branch protocol officer to coordinate activities related to state, national, and international visitors to the state capitol or with an interest in the general assembly, and related to travel of members of the general assembly abroad. The protocol officer shall serve in a consultative capacity and shall provide staff support to the international<sup>1</sup> advisory council. The protocol officer shall also work with the executive branch protocol officer to coordinate state, national, and international relations activities. The legislative branch protocol officer shall submit periodic reports to the international relations committee of the legislative council regarding the visits of state, national, and international visitors and regarding international activities.

**Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 2D.4 EXECUTIVE BRANCH PROTOCOL OFFICER.**

The lieutenant governor, or the lieutenant governor's designee, shall be the executive branch protocol officer. The protocol officer shall serve in a consultative capacity to the international relations advisory council. The protocol officer shall work with the interna-

<sup>1</sup> See chapter 1232, §41 herein

tional relations committee of the legislative council and the legislative branch protocol officer in developing and implementing protocol for state, national, and international visitors to the state capitol and in improving coordination between the legislative and executive branches in international relations activities.

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## CHAPTER 1103

### WORLD WAR II VICTIM PROPERTY REPARATIONS

*H.F. 2542*

**AN ACT** relating to distributions made to and income from missing property of certain persecuted victims of World War II and their heirs, including effective and retroactive applicability dates.

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

Section 1. **NEW SECTION.** 217.39 PERSECUTED VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II AND THEIR HEIRS.

Notwithstanding any other law of this state, payments paid to and income from lost property of a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime or as an heir of such victim which is exempt from state income tax as provided in section 422.7, subsection 35, shall not be considered as income or an asset for determining the eligibility for state or local government benefit or entitlement programs. The proceeds are not subject to recoupment for the receipt of governmental benefits or entitlements and liens, except liens for child support, are not enforceable against these sums for any reason.

Sec. 2. Section 422.7, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection: **NEW SUBSECTION.** 35. Subtract, to the extent included, the following:

a. Payments made to the taxpayer because of his or her status as a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime or as an heir of such victim.

b. Items of income attributable to, derived from, or in any way related to assets stolen from, hidden from, or otherwise lost to a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime immediately prior to, during, and immediately after World War II, including, but not limited to, interest on the proceeds receivable as insurance under policies issued to a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime by European insurance companies immediately prior to and during World War II. However, income from assets acquired with such assets or with the proceeds from the sale of such assets shall not be subtracted. This paragraph shall only apply to a taxpayer who was the first recipient of such assets after recovery of the assets and who is a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime or is an heir of such victim.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment. Section 2 of this Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2000, for tax years beginning on or after that date.

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