

a. If a purchaser fails to pay tax imposed by this division to the retailer required to collect the tax, then in addition to all of the rights, obligations, and remedies provided, the tax is payable by the purchaser directly to the department, and sections 422.50, 422.51, 422.52, 422.54, 422.55, 422.56, 422.57, 422.58, and 422.59 apply to the purchaser. For failure, the retailer and purchaser are liable, unless the circumstances described in section 421.60, subsection 2, paragraph "m", or section 422.47, subsection 3, paragraph "b" or "e", or subsection 4, paragraph "b" or "d", are applicable.

Sec. 31. Chapter 554C, Code Supplement 1999, is repealed.

Sec. 32. REPEAL — EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Section 554D.104, subsection 4, as enacted in this Act, is amended by striking the subsection.

2. This section of this Act takes effect July 1, 2001.

Sec. 33. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the general assembly that the general assembly consider the proposed uniform computer information transactions Act, as adopted by the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws, during the 2001 regular session.

Sec. 34. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 28, 29, and 30 of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, take effect upon enactment.

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CHAPTER 1190

RURAL IMPROVEMENT ZONES

H.F. 2541

AN ACT expanding the number of counties that may designate unincorporated areas containing private lakes as rural improvement zones and setting the limits for the standby taxes imposed in those zones.

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

Section 1. Section 357H.1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

357H.1 RURAL IMPROVEMENT ZONES.

The board of supervisors of a county with less than ~~eleven~~ eleven ~~eighteen~~ thousand five hundred residents ~~but more than ten thousand five hundred residents~~, based upon the 1990 certified federal census, and with a private lake development shall designate an area surrounding the lake, if it is an unincorporated area of the county, a rural improvement zone upon receipt of a petition pursuant to section 357H.2, and upon the board's determination that the area is in need of improvements. For purposes of this chapter, "improvements" means dredging, installation of erosion control measures, land acquisition, and related improvements, including soil conservation practices, within or outside of the boundaries of the zone.

For purposes of this chapter, "board" means the board of supervisors of the county.

Sec. 2. Section 357H.8, subsection 4, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

4. To further secure the payment of the certificates, the board of trustees shall, by resolution, provide for the assessment of an annual levy of a standby tax upon all taxable property

within the rural improvement zone. The rate of the standby tax shall be not less than fifty cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property and not more than two dollars and fifty cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property. A copy of the resolution shall be sent to the county auditor. The revenues from the standby tax shall be deposited in a special fund and shall be expended only for the payment of principal of and interest on the certificates issued as provided in this section, when the receipt of tax revenues pursuant to section 357H.9 is insufficient. If payments are necessary and made from the special fund, the amount of the payments shall be promptly repaid into the special fund from the first available payments received which are not required for the payment of principal of or interest on certificates due. No reserves may be built up in the special fund in anticipation of a projected default. The board of trustees shall adjust the annual standby tax levy for each year to reflect the amount of revenues in the special fund and the amount of principal and interest which is due in that year.

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CHAPTER 1191
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
H.F. 2557

AN ACT relating to the state's disposition of unclaimed property law by setting a limit on the retention of abandoned property records and requiring the filing of rules setting requirements and conditions for hiring independent auditors.

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

Section 1. Section 556.11, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection: **NEW SUBSECTION.** 8. a. A holder required to file a report under this section shall maintain its records containing the information required to be included in the report until the holder files the report and for four years after the date of filing, unless a shorter time is provided in paragraph "b" or by rule of the treasurer of state.

b. A business association that sells, issues, or provides to others for sale or issue in this state, travelers checks, money orders, or similar written instruments other than third-party bank checks, on which the business association is directly liable, shall maintain a record of the instruments while they remain outstanding, indicating the state and date of issue, for four years after the date of filing.

Sec. 2. The treasurer of state shall give notice of intended action, as required in section 17A.4, by December 31, 2000, to adopt rules providing for the conditions and requirements for entering into a contract with an independent auditor to conduct the examination allowed under section 556.23 on behalf of the treasurer. The proposed rules shall, at a minimum, contain the procedures and conduct of the independent auditor in making the examination, the method for payment, the requirement for confidentiality, procedures for appeals by the person whose records are examined, and conflict of issue provisions.

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