

S.F. No. 251 – Establishing Agricultural Riparian Buffer Property Tax Credit

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SF 251 establishes a new agricultural riparian buffer property tax credit for eligible properties.

Section 1 – Agricultural Riparian Buffer Credit

Subdivision 1. Eligibility. Provides that agricultural and rural vacant land that is required to be maintained as a riparian protection buffer is eligible for a property tax credit, provided that the landowner is in compliance with the requirements of the riparian buffer law under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.48.

Subdivision 2. Credit amount. Sets the amount of the property tax credit equal to the amount of net tax capacity-based property taxes attributable to the portion of the property subject to the buffer law requirements.

Subdivision 3. Credit reimbursement. Requires the county auditor to determine the tax reductions allowed under this section and certify the amounts to the commissioner of revenue.

Subdivision 4. Payment. Requires the commissioners of education and revenue to reimburse school districts and each local taxing jurisdictions for the tax reductions under this section.

Subdivision 5. Appropriation. Annually appropriates a sufficient amount from the general fund to the commissioners of education and revenue to make the payments required under this section.

Effective beginning with taxes payable in 2022.

Section 2. Payment; school districts. Adds the agricultural riparian buffer property tax credit to the list of school district reimbursable credits. Effective July 1, 2022.

Section 3. Computation of net property taxes. Adds the agricultural riparian buffer property tax credit to the list of credits used in calculating net property taxes. Effective beginning with taxes payable in 2022.

Section 4. Notice of proposed property taxes. Adds the agricultural riparian buffer property tax credit to the proposed property tax statement. Effective beginning with taxes payable in 2022.

Section 5. Contents of tax statements. Adds the agricultural riparian buffer property tax credit to the property tax statement. Effective beginning with taxes payable in 2022.