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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxes; providing for certain mortgage tax forgiveness; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, sections 290.01, subdivisions 19, 31;
1.4 290A.03, subdivision 15.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 290.01, subdivision 19,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 19. **Net income.** The term "net income" means the federal taxable income,
1.9 as defined in section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through the
1.10 date named in this subdivision, incorporating the federal effective dates of changes to the
1.11 Internal Revenue Code and any elections made by the taxpayer in accordance with the
1.12 Internal Revenue Code in determining federal taxable income for federal income tax
1.13 purposes, and with the modifications provided in subdivisions 19a to 19f.

1.14 In the case of a regulated investment company or a fund thereof, as defined in section
1.15 851(a) or 851(g) of the Internal Revenue Code, federal taxable income means investment
1.16 company taxable income as defined in section 852(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code,
1.17 except that:

1.18 (1) the exclusion of net capital gain provided in section 852(b)(2)(A) of the Internal
1.19 Revenue Code does not apply;

1.20 (2) the deduction for dividends paid under section 852(b)(2)(D) of the Internal
1.21 Revenue Code must be applied by allowing a deduction for capital gain dividends and
1.22 exempt-interest dividends as defined in sections 852(b)(3)(C) and 852(b)(5) of the Internal
1.23 Revenue Code; and

2.1 (3) the deduction for dividends paid must also be applied in the amount of any
2.2 undistributed capital gains which the regulated investment company elects to have treated
2.3 as provided in section 852(b)(3)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2.4 The net income of a real estate investment trust as defined and limited by section
2.5 856(a), (b), and (c) of the Internal Revenue Code means the real estate investment trust
2.6 taxable income as defined in section 857(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2.7 The net income of a designated settlement fund as defined in section 468B(d) of
2.8 the Internal Revenue Code means the gross income as defined in section 468B(b) of the
2.9 Internal Revenue Code.

2.10 The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through May 18, 2006, and by
2.11 section 2 of the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007, Public Law 110-142, shall
2.12 be in effect for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1996, and before January 1,
2.13 2006, and for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006. The Internal Revenue
2.14 Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2006, is in effect for taxable years
2.15 beginning after December 31, 2005, and before January 1, 2007.

2.16 Except as otherwise provided, references to the Internal Revenue Code in
2.17 subdivisions 19 to 19f mean the code in effect for purposes of determining net income for
2.18 the applicable year.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
2.20 and at the same time the changes were effective for federal purposes.

2.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 290.01, subdivision 31, is
2.22 amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 31. **Internal Revenue Code.** Unless specifically defined otherwise, for
2.24 taxable years beginning before January 1, 2006, and after December 31, 2006, "Internal
2.25 Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through May 18,
2.26 2006, and by section 2 of the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007, Public Law
2.27 110-142; and for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005, and before January 1,
2.28 2007, "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
2.29 through December 31, 2006.

2.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
2.31 and at the same time the changes were effective for federal purposes.

2.32 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 290A.03, subdivision 15, is
2.33 amended to read:

3.1 Subd. 15. **Internal Revenue Code.** For taxable years beginning before January
3.2 1, 2006, and after December 31, 2006, "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal
3.3 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through May 18, 2006, and by section 2 of the
3.4 Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007, Public Law 110-142; and for taxable years
3.5 beginning after December 31, 2005, and before January 1, 2007, "Internal Revenue Code"
3.6 means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2006.

3.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
3.8 and at the same time the changes were effective for federal purposes.