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Overview

Provides a retroactive sales tax exemption for construction materials, supplies, and equipment used to rebuild or replace buildings affected by the February 3, 2016 fire in the city of Madelia. The exemption is for purchases made between December 2015 and July 1, 2018.

Also provides onetime appropriations to the city of Madelia and Watonwan County in fiscal year 2017. Effective the day after final enactment.

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Property destroyed in the fire. Provides a sales tax exemption for construction materials, equipment, and supplies used to construct or replace property affected by the February 2016 fire in Madelia. The exemption applies to purchases by the property owner or by a contractor, subcontractor, or builder. The tax must be paid at the time the material is purchased and the owner of the property must apply for a refund of the tax.

Effective for purchases made after December 31, 2015 and before July 1, 2018.

- **Tax collected.** Provides that taxes paid on materials exempt under section 1 are eligible for a refund.
- **Refund; eligible persons.** Requires that the owner or developer of the projects exempt under section 1 apply for the sales tax refund.
- **Application.** Requires the contractor, subcontractor, or builder to provide the owner or developer with the information needed to apply for the sales tax refund.

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Appropriation. Provides for onetime appropriations in FY 2017 of \$1.4 million to the city of Madelia and \$296,000 to Watonwan County.

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