

# ACM Legislative Update 6.9.10

## Governor Signs Omnibus Tax Bill

On Thursday, May 27, 2010 Governor Tim Pawlenty signed into law **Chapter 389 - HF 3729, the 2010 Omnibus Tax Bill** which contains the charitable gambling language from SF 2476/HF 2422 that can be found in Article 10, Section 4 of **Chapter 389 - HF 3729** as printed below. **This section is effective as of Friday, May 28, 2010.** A **SPECIAL THANKS** to **Senator Kathy Saltzman** and **Representative Julie Bunn** for working to ensure that the language from SF 2476/HF 2422 was added to **Chapter 389 - HF 3729, the 2010 Omnibus Tax Bill.**

*Prior law only allowed for payment of water, fuel for heating, electricity, and sewer costs for a structure wholly owned or leased by a fraternal or veteran's organization. The new law allows for proportional payments of water, fuel for heating, electricity, and sewer costs based on the portion of a building used as the primary headquarters with the approval of the Director of the Gambling Control Board.*

If you have questions about the new law pertaining to utilities or how to get approval of the GCB Director please contact your GCB Compliance Specialist.

SF 2676 was authored by Senators **Kathy Saltzman** of Woodbury, **Dan Skogen** of Hewitt, **Kathy Sheran** of Mankato, **Sharon Erickson Ropes** of Winona, and **Ron Latz** of St. Louis Park. HF 2422 was authored by Representatives **Julie Bunn** of Lake Elmo, **Dave Olin** of Thief River Falls, **Steve Drazkowski** of Mazeppa, **Greg Davids** of Preston, **Matt Dean** of Dellwood, **Robin Brown** of Moscow Township, **Lyndon Carlson** of Crystal, and **Paul Torkelson** of Nelson Township.

### CHAPTER 389 -- H.F. No. 3729 - ARTICLE 10 MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section subdivision 25, is amended to read:

Subd. 25. **Lawful purpose.** (a) "Lawful purpose" means one or more of the following:

...

(16) an expenditure by a licensed fraternal organization or a licensed veterans organization for payment of water, fuel for heating, electricity, and sewer costs for a building wholly owned or wholly leased by and used as the primary headquarters of the licensed veterans organization or fraternal organization;

(i) up to 100 percent for a building wholly owned or wholly leased by and used as the primary headquarters of the licensed veteran or fraternal organization; or

(ii) a proportional amount subject to approval by the director and based on the portion of a building used as the primary headquarters of the licensed veteran or fraternal organization;

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**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.



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