

## S.F. No. 2657 – St. Paul local sales tax modifications (as proposed to be amended by the A-4 amendment)

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**Section 1. Bonds.** Increases the bonding authority for the 0.5% St. Paul local sales tax initially authorized to finance construction of Xcel Energy Center from \$65 million to \$400 million. Also increases the amount of additional bonds that may be issued for construction of the Xcel Energy Center. Under current law, additional bonds may be issued as long as the total principal amount of additional bonds and previously issued bonds does not exceed \$130 million. That amount is increased to \$500 million. Effective the day after filing of local approval with the Secretary of State.

**Section 2. Expiration of taxing authority.** Extends the expiration date of the tax from the later of December 31, 2042, to December 31, 2060. Effective the day after filing of local approval with the Secretary of State.

**Section 3. City of St. Paul; use of sales tax revenues.** Strikes language requiring specific distribution of sales tax revenue for the Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program. Under the bill, tax revenues may be used for grants or loans for capital improvements for projects throughout the city. Effective the day after filing of local approval with the Secretary of State.

**Section 4. Appointment of members.** Strikes the requirement regarding makeup of the STAR citizen review panel. Effective the day after filing of local approval with the Secretary of State.



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